



FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
July 17, 2022

Worship Online at 11:00am Sunday Mornings

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ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Holy God, we come to you this morning in this silent, safe, holy place seeking your peace. Our Maker, you know our thoughts before they are even in our minds. Your Word made flesh redeems us, and as we receive your Word we are transformed into your likeness. Send your Spirit to challenge and sustain us, to correct and guide us, and to stir us to action, so your kingdom may be fully realized on earth, as it already is in heaven. Amen.

WELCOME

PRELUDE "You Are My Calm"

F. Schubert

*CALL TO WORSHIP

There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens.

For us time is a precious commodity; it seems we are always running.

We are like Martha, with our long to-do lists, going from task to task: work, play, business, pleasure, sorrow, joy, worship, service.

Slow us down, Lord, and show us what we truly need, to be still in awe before you and know that you are God.

*HYMN OF PRAISE – No. 324 "For All the Faithful Women"

For all the faithful women who served in days of old, to you shall thanks be given; to all, their story told. They served with strength and gladness in tasks your wisdom gave. To you their lives bore witness, proclaimed your power to save.

We praise your name for Miriam, who sang triumphantly while Pharaoh's vaunted army lay drowned beneath the sea; for Ruth, who left her homeland and ventured forth in faith, who pledged to serve and worship Naomi's God till death.

We sing of busy Martha, who toiled with pot and pan while Mary sat in silence to hear the word again. We praise the other Mary, who hastened to the tomb and found her Lord arisen, dispelling doubt and gloom.

Lord, hear our praise of Dorcas, who served the sick and poor. Her hands were cups of kindness, her heart an open door. O God, for saints and servants, our fervent prayer we raise, that, faithful in your service, our lives may sing your praise.

(Please be seated.)

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, forgive us when we rush through life, barely noticing your blessings. Forgive us when we rush through life, failing to pause and listen. Forgive us when we rush through life, looking away from those in need. Restore our wonder. Secure our attention. Allow us to see and hear as you do, O God, and to respond as you desire.

KYRIE

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI – NO. 581

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from The French Confession of 1559

We believe and confess only one God, who can do all things, is all-wise, all-good, all-just, and all-merciful.

We believe that everything required for our salvation has been offered and communicated to us in Jesus Christ, the wisdom of God and God's eternal Son. Jesus Christ clothed himself in our flesh: God and human in one person.

We believe that we are illuminated in faith by the unfathomable grace of the Holy Spirit. God imparts this gracious gift. By faith we receive grace to live holy lives in awe and reverence for God, for we receive what the gospel promises when God gives us the Holy Spirit.

Faith does not cool our desire for good and holy living, but rather engenders and excites it in us, leading naturally to good works.

THROUGH CHILDREN'S EYES

Jennifer Young

All children are invited to come to the Chancel steps.

Afterward, young children may remain or proceed to the nursery.

Worship bags are available beside the entrance to the Sanctuary.

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Colossians 1:15-28

The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation—if you continue in your faith, established and firm, and do not move from the hope held out in the gospel. This is the gospel that you heard and that has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven, and of which I, Paul, have become a servant.

Now I rejoice in what I am suffering for you, and I fill up in my flesh what is still lacking in regard to Christ's afflictions, for the sake of his body, which is the church. I have become its servant by the commission God gave me to present to you the word of God in its fullness—the mystery that has been kept hidden for ages and

generations, but is now disclosed to the Lord's people. To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

He is the one we proclaim, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone fully mature in Christ.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SECOND READING

Luke 10:38-42

As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said. But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!"

"Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, but few things are needed—or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

SERMON

"The Better Part"

Courtney Veazey

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Please remember those on our prayer list.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

RESPOND TO GOD

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "Heaven Shall not Wait"

John Bell

Heaven shall not wait for the poor to love their patience, the scorned to smile, the despised to find a friend; Jesus is Lord; he has championed the unwanted; in him injustice confronts its timely end. Heaven shall not wait for the rich to share their fortunes, the proud to fall, the elite to tend the least: Jesus is Lord; he has shown the master's privilege; to kneel and wash servants' feet before they feast. Heaven shall not wait for triumphant Hallelujahs, when earth has passed and we reach another shore: Jesus is Lord in our present imperfection; his power and love are for now and then for evermore.

***DOXOLOGY**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise him all creatures here below.
Praise him above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

God of transformation, send your Holy Spirit to fill us with your power. Open our eyes and hearts to the vision you have for us. Dedicate our tithes and offerings and our lives to being Christ's partners in service, building your beloved community of justice, mercy, and hope. For we seek to live as Christ's body and pray in his name, Amen.

***HYMN No. 771 "What Is the World Like" Verses 1, 3, & 4**

What is the world like when God's will is done? Mustard seeds grow more than we can conceive: roots thread the soil; branches reach for the sun. This is how God moves us each to believe.

What is the world like when God's will is done? No more is neighbor just ally or friend; peace thrives in places where once there was none. This is how God works when rivalries end.

What is the world like when God's will is done? Ready for feasting, we watch through the night, tending our lamps till the new day's begun. This is how God readies us for the light.

***BENEDICTION**

***SENDING FORTH HYMN No. 744 Verses 1 & 4**

"Arise, Your Light Is Come!"

Arise, your light is come! The Spirit's call obey; show forth the glory of your God, which shines on you today.

Arise, your light is come! The mountains burst in song! Rise up like eagles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.

*POSTLUDE “Festival March”

Handel

*Stand as able.

Bold Type – congregation in unison

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Participating in the service today:

Rev. Rebecca Luter, Pastor
Courtney Veazey, Guest Speaker
Doug Barr, Director of Christian Education
Jim Thrash, Director of Music
Tom Bryant, Accompanist
Jackie Hall, Liturgist
Jennifer Young, Children’s Moment
Billy & Sandy Wann, Ushers
Chancel Choir



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AND RECORDED. ATTENDEES
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ANY CHILDREN ACCOMPANYING
THEM, MAY BE ON CAMERA.

Welcome IN THE NAME OF JESUS, THE CHRIST

We hope that you will sense the presence of the Holy Spirit in this place and find here a place that feels like home. We are grateful for the visitors and friends of the Farmington family who add to our community each week.

Curious to know what church membership means? Wonder why a person would want to join or how a person joins? Our pastor, Rev. Rebecca Luter, would love to talk with you. You may reach her by email at rluter@farmingtonpres.org or by phone in the church office, 901-754-2794. She’ll answer questions you may have about Farmington or Presbyterianism and walk you through meeting our leadership and making your spot in our family official. Just let us know if this feels like the right step for you, or if you are curious to learn more.

Need more information? Want to sign up for something? Looking for the livestream of worship? Go to our website: www.farmingtonpres.org

Need to give us information? Want to ask a question? Looking for assistance with signing up? Email us at: church@farmingtonpres.org

Happenings AT FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN

Guest Preacher We welcome Courtney Veazey to the pulpit this Sunday, July 17th. Courtney earned a Master of Divinity in May 2022 from Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, where she attended as a Vannie E. Cook Jr. Fellow. Under care of the Presbytery of the Mid-South, Courtney is a candidate for the ministry of the Word and Sacrament. Prior to attending Austin Seminary, she worked as a National Certified Counselor in both residential treatment and school settings. Courtney is married to Kyle Veazey, who is a Senior Vice President at ALSAC and a member of Idlewild Presbyterian Church.

Join us for Fellowship Coffee immediately following the service in the Fellowship Hall. Refreshments provided by Ann Erickson. Sign up to host Fellowship Coffee on our website to provide refreshments following worship, www.farmingtonpres.org Please keep it simple-something sweet and something salty.

Children's Sunday School is on Summer Break! Mark your calendars for our Fall Kickoff Weekend August 13-14! We will have a pool party on the 13th and return to Sunday School on the 14th.

Summer Sunday School Class All are invited to meet Sundays at 9:30am in the Fellowship Hall to study Adam Hamilton's *John: The Gospel of Light and Life*. Any who are interested are encouraged to attend – even youth! This group will be led by Cooper Patterson.

No Youth Fellowship. We will meet again in August.

Montreat Youth Conference Our High School youth are attending Montreat this week. Please consider ordering "Stock". Email doug@farmingtonpres.org. Those who make donations of any amount will receive daily updates from the retreat via email as well as a postcard from the youth attending the trip. Many prayers for Doug Barr and all those attending this week.

Nacho Average Tuesday at the Redbirds Stadium The Farmington family is invited to enjoy a summer evening at the baseball park on Tuesday, July 26th. We have reserved the Cardinals Suite, right behind home plate with space inside with air conditioning, a private restroom, and seats outside to watch the game. Everyone will receive a Memphis Redbirds hat and a free order of nachos with your ticket purchase. Doug Barr will be chauffeuring us on the Farmington bus, so that those who have difficulty walking distances can be dropped off at the entrance. Tickets are \$15. Go to www.farmingtonpres.org to signup for tickets. You can still go, the deadline has been extended to order tickets.

Flowers for Worship It is a time-honored tradition to give flowers to grace the Sanctuary in honor or memory of our loved ones. The cost for the flowers is \$60. The Flower Calendar is located on our website and is posted on the bulletin board near Fellowship Hall.

Wednesday Night Dinner Scott and Becky Hutchins (Firehutch Fine Foods) will continue catering to-go orders for dinner to be picked up on Wednesday

evenings at the church between 5:00-5:30pm. They are donating 10% back to Farmington. If you would like to order, please contact them at hutchinsathome@gmail.com.

Bulletin Mailing List While we were all worshipping on YouTube Premier, we sent a bulletin weekly to every household. If you are returning to worship in the Sanctuary and would like to be removed from the weekly mailing, please email us at church@farmingtonpres.org and let us know.

Communications from the Church If you do not get the Happenings email each week and would like to, please email and let us know. We also send text reminders about upcoming Farmington events. You can get those by texting “@farmpres” to “81010.”

Gathered to Worship...Sent to Serve In response to God’s blessings and to support what God is doing through the Farmington family, you can make your offering through the website, using a checking account, or mail your offering to Farmington Presbyterian Church, 8245 Farmington Boulevard, Germantown, TN 38139.

Pastor’s Schedule Rev. Luter will be out of the office until July 21.

This week at Farmington... was all about animals. The Lichterman Nature Center came in for a reptile visit. The big kids went to their center and were able to see and touch several different reptiles and animals. The Botanic Gardens also came in and provided a wiggly worm and diggity-dirt in house field trip to our preschool-1st grade campers.

Remember in Prayer...Our Farmington Family, Session and Staff; Those impacted by war, Jack Arendt, Bruce Bennett, Bill Brown, Renee Canter, Martha Carr, Ralph Carr, Jelena Colasurdo, Mary Lou Collins, Pat Rush Davis, Jamecka Donley, Bill Dyer, Bill Harrington, Juanice Hooker, Vanessa Howard, Gary Hutchins, Louise Jacobson, Julia Lively, Virginia Lively, Sue Odom, Meredith Oest, Nancy & Dennis Palmer, Bob Pointer, Bill Renfrow, Jonathan Riley, Jack Scherer, JoAnne Simpkins, Patti Simpkins, Mary Elizabeth Simpson, Williams Stevens, Susan St. John, Joan Wallace, Jim Waller, Frank Whited, Faye Woods, and from our Presbytery: Evergreen Presbyterian Church, Memphis, TN.

Sympathies...to the family and friends of Mary Ashley Churchwell and to the family and friends of Bonnie Abraham-Mikami, friend of Kirsten King.

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