



FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 11, 2022

Worship Online at 11:00am Sunday Mornings

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ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Holy God, you are near. Therefore, we will not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with gratitude, we will lift our prayers to you. We center our minds on what is true, what is honorable, what is just and pure, what is pleasing and commendable, on what is excellent and worthy of praise. May your gentleness be known to everyone through our actions. From our brokenness, bring forth hope as your peace, which defies explanation or description, guards our faith in Christ Jesus. Amen.

WELCOME

PRELUDE "Adagio" from Sonata in F Major

Mozart

*CALL TO WORSHIP

When the tomb looms large before our eyes, remind us, Lord, whose we are:

We are children of the God of resurrection; death will not hold us.

We are people of the God of rainbows; the shadow of death will not daunt us.

We are followers of the God of compassion; the brokenness of this world will not define us.

God is our refuge and our strength, present to help in times of trouble.

We gather with hope in the power and sure promises of God to worship and to offer our praise.

“Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies”

Christ, whose glory fills the skies; Christ, the true, the only light; Sun of Righteousness, arise; triumph o’er the shades of night; Dayspring from on high, be near; Daystar, in my heart appear.

(Please be seated.)

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Mercy, amidst the violence and tears, the sickness and anger of our world, we confess our fears. We confess that sometimes we fear the power of evil and wonder where you are. We confess sometimes we want revenge and to punish and hate those who have hurt us deeply and wonder when you will judge. We confess that even as we struggle to keep from being immersed in news coverage of tragedies, and we are quick to post our sympathy, we are becoming calloused to feeling, to truly caring, to responding, to changing. Forgive us God. Redirect our attention to all that you provide for life abundant that is positive and good. Remind us that our hope is in you and in following your way shown to us in Jesus. Forgive us – and help us to forgive – for your love and mercy are without end.

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 Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God’s image male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community.

But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God’s commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature,

and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation.

Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

THROUGH CHILDREN'S EYES

Liv Palmer

*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

2 Timothy 1:1-14

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, in keeping with the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

To Timothy, my dear son:

Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

I thank God, whom I serve, as my ancestors did, with a clear conscience, as night and day I constantly remember you in my prayers. Recalling your tears, I long to see you, so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also.

For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands. For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline. So do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner. Rather, join with me in suffering for the gospel, by the power of God. He has saved us and called us to a holy life—not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior, Christ Jesus, who has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. And of

this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher. That is why I am suffering as I am. Yet this is no cause for shame, because I know whom I have believed, and am convinced that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him until that day. What you heard from me, keep as the pattern of sound teaching, with faith and love in Christ Jesus. Guard the good deposit that was entrusted to you—guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SECOND READING

Lamentations 1

Oh! The city sits alone, that was great with a people. She became like a widow, she who was great among the nations. She who was a queen among states became a slave.

She weeps and weeps in the night; there are tears on her cheeks. She has no comforter from all her allies. All her friends broke faith with her; they became her enemies.

Judah went into exile after affliction and hard servitude. Even when she dwelt among the nations she didn't find a resting place. All her pursuers caught her amid her distresses.

The roads to Zion mourn, because of the lack of people coming for the set occasions. All her gateways are deserted, her priests are groaning. Her girls are suffering, and her – it's hard for her.

Her foes became her head, her enemies are at ease. Because Yahweh made her suffer on account of the great number of her rebellions. Her infants went into exile in front of the foe.

All her glory went away from Ms. Zion. Her officials became like deer that had found no pasture. They walked without strength before the pursuer.

Jerusalem's been mindful, in her days of affliction and wandering, of all the delightful things she had, which there were from days before. When her people fell into the hand of the foe and there was no one helping her, as the foes saw her, they laughed at her coming to an end.

Jerusalem offended and offended; therefore, she became taboo. All the people who honored her treated her as wretched because they saw her exposure. Yes, she groaned and turned away.

Though her uncleanness was in her skirts, she hadn't been mindful of her future. She went down astonishingly; she had no comforter. "Yahweh, look at my affliction, because the enemy's triumphed."

The foe laid his hand on all things in which she delighted. Because she saw the nations come to her sanctuary, who you commanded should not come into your congregation.

All her people are groaning, searching for bread. They gave the things in which they delighted for food to bring life back. "Look, Yahweh, pay heed, because I've become wretched."

It's nothing to you, all you who pass along the road; pay heed and look. Is there any pain like my pain, which was dealt out to me, when Yahweh made me suffer on the day of his angry blazing?

From above he sent fire, into my bones, and it overwhelmed them. He spread a net for my feet; he turned me back. He made me a desolation, faint all day long.

The yoke of my rebellions was bound on, they interweave by his hand. They came up onto my neck; he made my strength fail. The Lord gave me into the hands of people before whom I cannot stand.

The Lord in my midst threw aside all my strong men. He proclaimed a date against me for breaking my young men. The Lord trod in a press young Ms. Judah.

On account of these things I'm weeping; both my eyes are flowing with water. Because a comforter is far from me, someone bringing my life back. My children became desolate, because an enemy's prevailed.

Zion spread out her hands; there's no one comforting her. Yahweh commanded against Jacob his foes all around him. Jerusalem became something taboo among them.

Yahweh is in the right, because I rebelled against his word. Do listen, all you peoples, see my pain. My girls and my young men went into captivity.

I called to my friends; those people deceived me. My priests and my elders perished in the city, when they searched for food for themselves so that they might bring their life back.

See, Yahweh, how I had distress, my insides churned. My heart turned over within me, because I rebelled and rebelled. Outside, the sword destroyed; at home, simply death.

Though people heard when I was groaning, I had no comforter. When all my enemies heard of the evil that's happened to me, they

rejoiced. Because you yourself acted, you brought about the day you proclaimed – they should be like me.

All their evil should come before you – deal with them, as you dealt with me on account of all my rebellions. Because my groans are many, and my heart is faint.

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

Rev. Rebecca Luter

From Brokenness to Hope:
How Do You Pray When Disaster Strikes?

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 “There’s a Time for Tears” Hargreaves
Elizabeth Luter, soloist

There’s a time for tears, and a time for pain, time to hurt while the grief remains. There’s a time when peace seems so far away, yet still God holds us on that day. There’s a time to weep from the ache inside, time to show what we’ve tried to hide. There’s a time to doubt and to wonder why, and hold each other as we cry.

God of comfort, God of the cross, joining us here to weep, stand beside us, grieving our loss, and be for us the hope of peace.

There is time to smile at the memories, time for thanks as we meet to grieve. It takes time to heal, so we pause today to mourn, remember and to pray.

*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

Faithful God, with gratitude we offer you our lives and the fruits of our labor, for you have brought us from death to life! You hear the cries of pain of our world, the heavy burdens of injustice and grief, and call us to respond with help and hope. Dedicate us and our offerings to be witnesses to your Spirit's gracious, healing power. In the name of Christ we pray, Amen.

*HYMN – NO. 435 “There's a Wideness in God's Mercy”

There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea. There's a kindness in God's justice, which is more than liberty. There is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt than up in heaven. There is no place where earth's failings have such kindly judgment given.

For the love of God is broader than the measures of the mind. And the heart of the Eternal is more wonderfully kind. If our love were but more faithful, we would gladly trust in God's Word, and our lives reflect thanksgiving for the goodness of our Lord.

*BENEDICTION

*SENDING FORTH HYMN - NO. 769 “For Everyone Born” Verse 5

For everyone born, a place at the table, to live without fear, and simply to be, to work, to speak out, to witness and worship, for everyone born, the right to be free, and God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy, compassion and peace: yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice, justice and joy!

*POSTLUDE Prelude and Fugue in Bb minor Fischer

*Stand as able. **Bold Type** – congregation in unison

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THEM, MAY BE ON CAMERA.

Participating in the service today:

Rev. Rebecca Luter, Pastor
Doug Barr, Director of Christian Education
Jim Thrash, Director of Music
Tom Bryant, Accompanist
Mike Schneider, Liturgist
Liv Palmer, Children's Moment
Tom and Elizabeth Moots, Ushers
Charlotte Moots, Acolyte
Elizabeth Luter, soloist

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

Flowers this morning are given to the glory of God by Nadine Oest in loving memory of her parents, Alice & Ernest Bertalot.

Join us for Fellowship Coffee immediately following the service in the Fellowship Hall. Refreshments provided by Pat Rush Davis and Catherine Johnson. 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 & Youth Sunday School Children will explore the Hebrews escape from Egypt from 10-10:45am. Youth Sunday school will put Isaiah 6:8 back in its place. 10-10:45am.

Adult Sunday School Classes Cooper Patterson is leading a study of the book of Acts for men in the Fellowship Hall from 9:30-10:30am. Rev. Rebecca is facilitating discussion based on *Gleanings: Old Testament Stories of Hospitality, Welcome and Hunger* in the East Room from 10-10:45am. Anyone interested in hunger concerns is encouraged to attend.

Youth Fellowship will gather in the youth room to explore a hypothetical parable! Come find out more 2-4pm.

Wednesday Night Dinner and Program Rev. Ruth Lovell Bradham will begin a 4-week study of who we are as Presbyterians with a look at how we are related to other Christian denominations. Dinner is a Taco Bar and the cost is \$8 for adults and \$4 for children (under 12) with \$25 family maximum. Dinners are from 5:45-6:30 with a livestreamed program in the Sanctuary from 6:30-7pm. To access the livestream, www.farmingtonpres.org/wnp-09-14-22 Children are encouraged to attend dinner and will have their own program with Rev. Rebecca from 6:30-7pm. Choir begins at 7:15pm. Now is a great time to begin practicing with the choir – we will be getting ready for Christmas soon!

First Presbyterian Clothes Closet If it is time for you to clean out your closet, please bring your items that are comfortable to share with our homeless neighbors. Most needed: T-shirts, shorts, pants, comfortable shoes for walking, backpacks, and used bags (grocery sacks). Bring your items to the bin beside the West entry by September 28th.

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 To-Go 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.

This week at Farmington...we received a note of appreciation for our congregation's support of the Presbyterian Mission Agency through the four denominational offerings and our congregation's annual giving to the denomination through the church budget. "Together with our global partners, PC(USA) mission personnel are engaged in life-transforming ministries in 80 countries around the world. Despair, poverty, and violence are being overcome in the name of Jesus Christ. Hope is being restored, and new life is springing forth."

Remember in Prayer...Our Farmington Family, Session and Staff; Jack Arendt, Bruce Bennett, Bill Brown, Renee Canter, Jeanne Carr, Martha Carr, Ralph Carr, Jelena Colasurdo, Mary Lou Collins, Jamecka Donley, Bill Dyer, Dewayne Hannis, Bill Harrington, Declan Hegarty, Sandy Hilliard, Juanice Hooker, Vanessa Howard, Gary Hutchins, Kenneth Jack, Louise Jacobson, Julia Lively, Jennifer Magill, 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, Barbara Taylor, Joan Wallace, Jim Waller, Frank Whited, Faye Woods, and from our Presbytery: Theological Education/Seminaries and Global Week of Action against Gun Violence.

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