



**FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP**

**Third Sunday in Lent**

**March 12, 2023**

Worship Online at 11:00am Sunday Mornings

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**ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME**

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Prayer of St. Anselm of Canterbury

O my God, teach my heart where and how to seek You, where and how to find You. You are my God and You are my all and I have never seen You. You have made me and remade me; you have bestowed on me all the good things I possess, still I do not know You. I have not yet done that for which I was made. Teach me to seek You. I cannot seek You unless You teach me, or find You unless You show Yourself to me. Let me seek You in my desire, let me desire You in my seeking. Let me find You by loving You, let me love You when I find You. Amen.

WELCOME

PRELUDE "Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us"

Bradbury

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather together –

**The seekers, the dreamers, the visionaries – in hopes of seeing God.**

We gather together –

**The curious, the longing, the loving – in hopes of finding peace.**

We gather together –

**Those who are thirsty and those with water to spare – in hopes of finding justice.**

We come to the well, and like the Samaritan woman, we meet Jesus.

**Jesus asks us, "Will you give me a drink?"**

We came to the well because we were thirsty,

**And Jesus offers us living water.**

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN - NO. 65 “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

**Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land. I am weak, but thou art mighty. Hold me with thy powerful hand. Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more; feed me till I want no more.**

**Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow. Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through. Strong deliverer, strong deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield; be thou still my strength and shield.**

**When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside. Death of death, and hell’s destruction, land me safe on Canaan’s side. Songs of praises, songs or praises I will ever give to thee; I will ever give to thee.**

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy God, we have come to the well as the one thirsty and in need of compassion, and we have been the one with a bucket and a deep well. So today we wonder: how often have we missed the opportunity to share water with our neighbors? How often have we forgotten that we have a bucket and the power to bring change? How often have we simply decided that justice and compassion were not worth the work? Forgive our hardened hearts and soften them so that we will allow the living water of your mercy to flow freely through us.**

*(A time of silent prayer)*

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

The Apostles’ Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;**

he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

THROUGH CHILDREN'S EYES

Elizabeth Demaree

*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

SCRIPTURE READING

John 4:5-42

(Reader 1, Reader 2, **Congregation**)

So he (Jesus) came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about noon.

*When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her,*

“Will you give me a drink?” (His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.)

*The Samaritan woman said to him, “You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?” (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.)*

Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water.”

*“Sir,” the woman said, “you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his livestock?”*

Jesus answered, “Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life.”

*The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water so that I won't get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water.”*

He told her, “Go, call your husband and come back.”

*“I have no husband,” she replied.*

Jesus said to her, “You are right when you say you have no husband. The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have just said is quite true.”

*“Sir,” the woman said, “I can see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem.”*

“Woman,” Jesus replied, “believe me, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth.”

**The woman said, “I know that Messiah” (called Christ) “is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us.”**

Then Jesus declared, “I, the one speaking to you—I am he.”

**Just then his disciples returned and were surprised to find him talking with a woman. But no one asked, “What do you want?” or “Why are you talking with her?”**

*Then, leaving her water jar, the woman went back to the town and said to the people, “Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did. Could this be the Messiah?” They came out of the town and made their way toward him.*

**Meanwhile his disciples urged him, “Rabbi, eat something.”**

But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you know nothing about.”

**Then his disciples said to each other, “Could someone have brought him food?”**

“My food,” said Jesus, “is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work. Don’t you have a saying, ‘It’s still four months until harvest’? I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest. Even now the one who reaps draws a wage and harvests a crop for eternal life, so that the sower and the reaper may be glad together. Thus the saying ‘One sows and another reaps’ is true. I sent you to reap what you have not worked for. Others have done the hard work, and you have reaped the benefits of their labor.”

*Many of the Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I ever did.” So when the Samaritans came to him, they urged him to stay with them, and he stayed two days. And because of his words many more became believers.*

**They said to the woman, “We no longer believe just because of what you said; now we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this man really is the Savior of the world.”**

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 “Will You Give Me a Drink?”

Doug Barr

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

John Carter

“How Beautiful Upon the Mountains”

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good tidings, who brings words of peace and salvation. Break forth together into singing you waste places of Jerusalem. (Isaiah 52: 7, 9)

\*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

**Redeeming God, in Christ you give us an ever-flowing spring of living water, a fountain cascading to eternal life. Your love and hope fill our hearts, and satisfy our thirst. Open our eyes to see the places where our Farmington’s ministries could flow and reach people who are thirsty for your grace. Direct our gifts, our offerings, and our lives for your purposes. In Jesus’s name we pray, Amen.**

\*HYMN - No. 81 “Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken”

**Glorious things of thee are spoken, Zion, city of our God. God, whose word cannot be broken, formed thee for a blest abode. On the rock of ages founded, what can shake thy sure repose? With salvation’s walls surrounded, thou may’st smile at all thy foes.**

**Round each habitation hovering, see the cloud and fire appear for a glory and a covering, showing that the Lord is near. Thus deriving from their banner light by night and shade by day, safe they feed upon the manna which God gives them when they pray.**

**See, the streams of living waters, springing from eternal love, well supply thy sons and daughters and all fear of want remove. Who can faint while such a river ever flows, their thirst assuage? Grace, so like the Lord the giver, never fails from age to age.**

\*BENEDICTION

\*SENDING FORTH HYMN - No. 453

“Open Your Ears, O Faithful People”

Open your ears, O faithful people; open your ears and hear God’s word. Open your hearts, O royal priesthood, God has come to you.

**God has spoken to the people, hallelujah! God has spoken words of wisdom, hallelujah! God has spoken to the people, hallelujah! God has spoken words of wisdom, hallelujah!**

\*POSTLUDE Prelude in d minor

J.S. Bach

\*Stand as able.

**Bold Type** – congregation in unison

†Throughout Lent, we are utilizing Sanctified Art’s “Seeking: honest questions for deeper faith.” Some liturgy is adapted from prayers by Rev, Sarah A. Speed | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org.

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## **Participating in the service today:**

Rev. Rebecca Luter, Pastor

Doug Barr, Guest Speaker and Director of Christian Education

Jim Thrash, Director of Music

Tom Bryant, Accompanist

Pat Sherman, Liturgist

Elizabeth Demaree, Children's Moment

Ann Erickson and Roland Mittag, Ushers

Delilah Davis, Acolyte

Chancel Choir

## 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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:church@farmingtonpres.org)

## Happenings AT FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN

**Flowers** this morning are given to the glory of God by Paula Patterson in loving memory of her husband, Ed.

**Join us for Fellowship Coffee** immediately following the service in the Fellowship Hall. Refreshments provided by Merry Bonner, Jinney Hart and Leslie McNamara.

**Fellowship Coffee** Each Sunday members take turns hosting providing refreshments following worship. Paula Patterson is available to assist and answer any questions you may have. Sign up to host Fellowship Coffee

on our website [www.farmingtonpres.org](http://www.farmingtonpres.org) Please keep it simple - something sweet and something salty.

**No Youth Fellowship** this Sunday (March 12<sup>th</sup>). Join us as we prepare for Easter Sunrise next Sunday!

**No Wednesday Evening Dinner** Enjoy your Spring Break and plan to join us March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6pm.

**Adult Ministries Luncheon** Each month a member or friend of the Farmington family shares the story of God's faithfulness through their life story. On March 23 at noon, we will have lunch in the East Room as Sam Waweru shares his story. Sam moved to Germantown last year from Nairobi, Kenya, to earn his Commercial Pilot License. Lunch is catered by Scott Hutchins and is \$13.

**UKirk Open House** Come meet some of the students involved in our Presbytery's College Ministry in the place where they meet! March 25, 2-4pm, 449 Patterson St., Memphis. Refreshments will be provided and students will be present to answer questions. More information about this ministry can be found at [ukirkmemphis.com](http://ukirkmemphis.com).

**Mission Trip to Xpujil, Mexico** Our next opportunity to assist with building cisterns in the Yucatan is July 31-August 5. Let Rev. Rebecca or Jinney Hart know if you are interested in knowing more. The cost is shared between the church budget, fundraisers, and the individual (approximately \$500 per person).

**Children's Sunday School** will look at the story of Jesus feeding 5000 from 10-10:45am in Room A6. **Youth Sunday School** will explore the texts for Sunday's worship with artistic expression from 10-10:45am in the Youth Room.

**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 Luter's class will not meet March 12 and 19. On March 26, she will be facilitating an opportunity to engage with the New Testament passage and our weekly Lenten themes at 10am in the East Room.

**Flower Calendar** Giving flowers for worship is a way to remember those we love and celebrate significant moments in our lives. You may sign up on our website under "Sign-ups."

**FPDS Registration** It is time to register for Summer Camp 2023 and the 2023-24 School Year at FPDS. Classes are filling up fast! The link to apply is available on our website [www.farmingtonpres.org](http://www.farmingtonpres.org). Please share this information with families who may be interested in being part of the Farmington family at FPDS.



**Bulletin Mailing List** While we were all worshiping 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](mailto: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 welcomed Paula Gale as a member by transfer from Trinity Presbyterian, Martin, TN. Be sure to not only greet her but get to know her.

**Remember in Prayer...**Our Farmington Family, Session and Staff; Cecil Baker, Jackie Baker, Bruce Bennett, Betty Boyd, Jeanne Carr, Martha Carr, Ralph Carr, Judith Cassidy, Mary Lou Collins, Skip Flannery, Bill Harrington, Martha Hart, Vanessa Howard, Gary Hutchins, Julia Lively, Dawn McKenzie, Sara Millar, Susan Odom, Nancy & Dennis Palmer, Bob and Sarah Pointer, Rita Priscock, Bill Renfrow, Jack Scherer, JoAnne Simpkins, Patti Simpkins, Mary Elizabeth Simpson, Williams Stevens, Susan St. John, Kathy VanderEcken, Joan Wallace, Jim Waller, Kasi Wann, Craig Warvel, Frank Whited, Larry Williams, Faye Woods, and from our Presbytery: Collierville Presbyterian Church, Collierville, TN.

**Sympathies...**to a Forest Hill Elementary student and family in the loss of the student’s father, requested by Madison Lewis and to the family and friends of Jelena Colasurdo, friend of the Oests.

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