



**FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP**

**Palm Sunday
April 2, 2023**

Worship Online at 11:00am Sunday Mornings

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PRAYER OF PREPARATION^{††}

Holy God, you reveal the truth about your people and the ways of our world in the suffering of your Son and his steadfast love. Show us again the image of humility you desire for us and teach us obedience, so that self-emptying may be the path we choose, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

WELCOME

PRELUDE "Adoration"

Florence Price

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Raise your voices and wave with joyful hope the palms of deliverance of God's people.

Hosanna! Hosanna to the Son of David!

Our hearts are filled with expectation!

Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN - NO. 197 "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang; through pillared court and temple the joyful anthem rang. To Jesus, who had blessed them, close folded to his breast, the children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.

From Olivet they followed 'mid an exultant crowd, the victor palm branch waving, and chanting clear and loud; the Lord of earth and heaven rode on in lowly state, nor scorned that little children should on his bidding wait.

"Hosanna in the highest!" That ancient song we sing, for Christ is our Redeemer; the Lord of heaven, our King. O may

we ever praise him with heart and life and voice, and in his blissful presence eternally rejoice.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Matthew 21:1-11

As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, say that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away."

God, forgive us for the times when we do not trust your word and do not follow where you lead. We long to be the ones who can go into the village ahead of you. Forgive us when we play it safe.

This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet: "Say to Daughter Zion, 'See, your king comes to you, gentle and riding on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.'"

God, forgive us for forgetting that you are always coming toward us. You are drawing near, like a king on a donkey. Help us find you in our midst.

The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. They brought the donkey and the colt and placed their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road.

Creator God, forgive us for the moments when we choose greed over generosity, or when we choose our self-image over our loyalty to you. Give us the courage to be unabashed in our faith. Give us the strength to throw our coats on the road.

The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted,

"Hosanna to the Son of David!"

"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"

"Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

Son of David, give us the conviction to shout your name from the rooftop. Give us the wisdom to sing, "Hosanna!"

When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, "Who is this?" The crowds answered, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee."

With hope in our hearts we pray in your name, Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee. Amen.

(A time of silent prayer)

KYRIE

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Let us proclaim the good news together:

Nothing can separate us from God's love. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.

*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

Doug Barr

*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.*

SCRIPTURE READING

John 12:30-36

Now there were some Greeks among those who went up to worship at the festival. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, with a request. "Sir," they said, "we would like to see Jesus." Philip went to tell Andrew; Andrew and Philip in turn told Jesus.

Jesus replied, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. Anyone who loves their life will lose it, while anyone who hates their life in this world will keep it for eternal

life. Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me.

“Now my soul is troubled, and what shall I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour?’ No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name!”

Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and will glorify it again.” The crowd that was there and heard it said it had thundered; others said an angel had spoken to him.

Jesus said, “This voice was for your benefit, not mine. Now is the time for judgment on this world; now the prince of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” He said this to show the kind of death he was going to die.

The crowd spoke up, “We have heard from the Law that the Messiah will remain forever, so how can you say, ‘The Son of Man must be lifted up?’ Who is this ‘Son of Man?’”

Then Jesus told them, “You are going to have the light just a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, before darkness overtakes you. Whoever walks in the dark does not know where they are going. Believe in the light while you have the light, so that you may become children of light.” When he had finished speaking, Jesus left and hid himself from them.

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 “Where are you headed?”

Rev. Rebecca Luter

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Please remember those on our prayer list.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM “Take Up Your Cross”

Howard Helvey

Take up your cross, the Savior said, if you would my disciple be; take up your cross with willing heart, and humbly follow after me. Take up your cross; let not its weight fill your weak spirit with alarm; Christ’s strength shall bear your spirit up and brace your heart, and nerve your arm. Take up your cross, heed not the shame, and let your foolish heart be still; the Lord for you accepted death upon a cross, on Calvary’s hill. Take up your cross, then, in His strength, and calmly every danger brave: it guides you to abundant life and leads to victory o’er the grave. Take up your cross and follow Christ, nor

think till death to lay it down; for only those who bear the cross may hope to wear the glorious crown.

*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

Holy God, you are capable of seeing life where we cannot. You even see potential in us that we do not. We offer ourselves to you and ask that you would dedicate us and our offerings to pouring out your healing grace for those who do not know your love, who dwell in the desert of despair, who are wandering on paths of destruction, whose hearts are closed to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise...

SUNG RESPONSES – No. 552, 553, & 554

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.

RECEIVING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

THE PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

*HYMN - No. 775 "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me" Verses 1 and 2
I want Jesus to walk with me; I want Jesus to walk with me; all along my pilgrim journey, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

In my trials, Lord, walk with me; in my trials, Lord, walk with me; when my heart is almost breaking, Lord, I want Jess to walk with me.

*BENEDICTION

*SENDING FORTH HYMN - No. 199 “Filled With Excitement” Verse 1
Filled with excitement, all the happy throng spread cloaks and branches on the city streets. There in the distance they begin to see, there on a donkey comes the Savior Christ. From every corner a thousand voices, sing praise to the One who comes in the name of God. Our acclamation breaks forth in shouts of praise, our triumphant song of joy: “Hosanna, hosanna to Christ! Hosanna, hosanna to Christ!”

*POSTLUDE Palm Procession

Mathias

*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, Director of Christian Education

Jim Thrash, Director of Music

Tom Bryant, Accompanist

Rebecca Hutchins, Liturgist

Doug Barr, Children’s Moment

Jack Ingram and Nadine Oest, Ushers

Rebecca Hutchins, Laurinda Ingram, Stephanie Nagel, Mike Schneider,

Charlie Smithers, Communion Servers

Delilah Davis, Acolyte

Chancel Choir



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AND RECORDED. ATTENDEES
IMPLICITLY AGREE THAT THEY, AND
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

The Palms this morning are given to the glory of God by Steve, Carolyn, and Elizabeth Demaree in memory of Leah Demaree Douglas and the **Palm Crosses** are given to the glory of God by Ann Erickson in honor of Rev. Rebecca Luter.

Join us for Potluck in the Fellowship Hall immediately following worship. All are encouraged to stay – the Farmington family is known for always providing a gracious plenty.

No Youth Fellowship this Sunday (April 2nd). If you would like to get text reminders for upcoming Farmington Youth events, text “@farmyo” to “81010.”

Holy Week Schedule

Presbyterian Women's Easter Bake Sale

10am-6pm on Wednesday, April 4th, use West Door

No Wednesday Night Dinner and Devotion

Maundy Thursday Dinner @6pm

(Dinner will be Soup, Salad and Bread)

Maundy Thursday Service @7pm

In person and live-streamed from the Sanctuary

Good Friday Service @6pm

In person and live-streamed from the Sanctuary

Easter Egg Hunt @10am

Saturday, April 8th in FPC's backyard

Easter Sunrise Service @7am

Youth-led in the Outdoor Chapel

Easter Morning Worship @11am

In person and live-streamed from the Sanctuary

Easter Egg Hunt is April 8th at 10am. We host families from the Day School and from all over the neighborhood! You can help by signing up on our website to decorate, cleanup, or by supplying morning foods for our after hunt festivities. Youth will stay after the hunt to prepare for Easter Sunrise Services.

Annual PW Spring Gathering will be held at Idlewild Presbyterian Church on Saturday, April 22nd. The event begins at 9am with fellowship, pastries, program, and a lunch to follow. Contact Melissa Still to register or with any questions. Deadline to register is March 31st.

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 and **Youth Sunday School** will not meet next Sunday. Please consider attending the Easter Sunrise Service at 7am or the Easter Worship at 11am.

No Sunday School on Easter Sunday!

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 Please keep it simple - something sweet and something salty.

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."

Bulletin Mailing List While we were all worshipping online, 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 or if you are worshipping online and would like to be added to 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 "@farmfam" 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 are thankful for the hands that prepared the palm strips and folded the crosses for Palm Sunday along with enough to mail

with the bulletin to those worshipping at home. If you worship online and would like to receive a bulletin each week, please email church@farmingtonpres.org with your mailing address.

Remember in Prayer...Our Farmington Family, Session and Staff; Covenant Presbyterian Church in Nashville, Jackie Baker, Betty Boyd, Jeanne Carr, Martha Carr, Ralph Carr, Judith Cassidy, Mary Lou Collins, Skip Flannery, Charlotte Franklin, Bill Harrington, Martha Hart, Vanessa Howard, Gary Hutchins, Bill Knight, Tim Lewis, 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, Ellen Thearp, Kathy VanderEcken, Joan Wallace, Jim Waller, Kasi Wann, Craig Warvel, Frank Whited, Larry Williams, Faye Woods, and from our Presbytery: Grace Presbyterian Church, Dyersburg, TN.

Sympathy...to the family and friends of Cecil Baker, father of Polly Knight.

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