



FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP
Third Sunday of Easter
April 23, 2023

Worship Online at 11:00am Sunday Mornings

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ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Unbounded God, we come to worship with awe, for though you are God, with all the influence and status that the name implies, you refused to come with bravado or ostentation and parade your power among us. Instead, you chose to step down into our experience, living among us, as one of us, with all the boundaries, struggle, and suffering that go with being human. More than that, you bound yourself in the role of servant, washing feet, serving people of no reputation or social standing, and giving of yourself completely.

As incredible as it sounds, as incredible as it is, you are God who serves, and we can respond in no other way than to give ourselves to you in praise. Amen.

WELCOME

PRELUDE "The Sunken Cathedral"

Debussy

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Alleluia! Give thanks to the Lord!

Praise God's name and make God's deeds known throughout the world!

Sing praise to God and tell of all God's wonderful works.

Revere God's holy name; let the hearts of all who seek the Lord rejoice!

*HYMN OF PRAISE – No. 267 "Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

Come, Christians, join to sing; Alleluia! Amen! Lord praise to Christ our King: Alleluia! Amen! Let all, with heart and voice,

before his throne rejoice; praise is his gracious choice:
Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high: Alleluia! Amen! Let praises fill the sky: Alleluia! Amen! He is our guide and friend; to us he'll condescend; his love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet our Christ again: Alleluia! Amen! Life shall not end the strain: Alleluia! Amen! On heaven's blissful shore his goodness we'll adore, singing forevermore: Alleluia! Amen!

(Please be seated.)

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, we have sought after things, but we have not sought after you. We have expected generosity, but we have not shown generosity. We have expected grace, but we have not shown grace. Forgive us. Fill our hearts with gratitude for your generosity and grace and excitement to seek you by living as an outpouring of them.

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

Philippians 2:5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus:

Though he was in the form of God, he did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus:

Being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name.

At the name of Jesus every knee should bend,

in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Charlie Thomas Rider, son of Carly Rye and Matthew Rider

THROUGH CHILDREN'S EYES

Sharaze Colley

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

PSALTER – NO. 59 “The Steadfast Love of the Lord” Psalm 105

***(Sung Refrain)* The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; God's mercies never come to an end. They are new every morning, new every morning; great is your faithfulness, O Lord, great is your faithfulness.**

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon God's name; make known the deeds of the Lord among the peoples.

Sing to the Lord, sing praises, and speak of all God's marvelous works.

Glory in God's holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

Search for the Lord and the strength of the Lord; continually seek the face of God.

Remember the marvels God has done, the wonders and the judgments of God's mouth,

O offspring of Abraham, God's servant, O children of Jacob, God's chosen. Refrain.

The Lord is our God, whose judgments prevail in all the world.

The Lord has always been mindful of the covenant, the promise made for a thousand generations:

The covenant made with Abraham, the oath sworn to Isaac,
Which God established as a statute for Jacob, an everlasting covenant for Israel.

For God remembered the holy promise and Abraham, chosen to serve.

So God led forth the people with gladness, the chosen ones with shouts of joy. Refrain.

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

SECOND READING

Philippians 1:1-11, 20-30

Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus,

To all God's holy people in Christ Jesus at Philippi, together with the overseers and deacons:

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

It is right for me to feel this way about all of you, since I have you in my heart and, whether I am in chains or defending and confirming the gospel, all of you share in God's grace with me. God can testify how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus.

And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God.

I eagerly expect and hope that I will in no way be ashamed, but will have sufficient courage so that now as always Christ will be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. If I am to go on living in the body, this will mean fruitful labor for me. Yet what shall I choose? I do not know! I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far; but it is more necessary for you that I remain in the body. Convinced of this, I know that I will remain, and I will continue with all of you for your progress and joy in the faith, so that through my being with you again your boasting in Christ Jesus will abound on account of me.

Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or only hear about you in my absence, I will know that you stand firm in the one Spirit, striving together as one for the faith of the gospel without being frightened in any way by those who oppose you. This is a sign to them that they will be destroyed, but that you will be saved—and that by God. For it has been granted to you on behalf of Christ not only to believe in him, but also to suffer for him, since you are going through the same struggle you saw I had, and now hear that I still have.

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

RESPONSE NO. 587 “Alleluia!”

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

SERMON “Living the Gospel”

Rev. Rebecca Luter

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 “This Joyful Eastertide”

This joyful Eastertide, away with sin and sorrow! My love the Crucified, has sprung to life this morrow. Had Christ, who once was slain, not burst his three-day prison, our faith had been in vain. But now has Christ arisen, arisen, arisen, arisen! Death’s flood has lost its chill since Jesus crossed the river. Lover of souls, from ill my passing soul deliver.

*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 Resurrection, you transform darkness to light, death to life, despair to hope. Every element of our lives that is good is a gift from you. How can we possibly respond? We offer you our lives and our resources. Show your compassion through us. Tell your story through us. Reveal your love through us. Transform this world through us. In Jesus’s name. Amen.

*HYMN - No. 804 “Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart” Verses 1, 2, 3

**Rejoice, ye pure in heart! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!
Your festal banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your
King. Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!**

**With voice as full and strong as ocean’s surging praise, send
forth the sturdy hymns of old, the psalms of ancient days.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!**

**Yes, on through life’s long path, still chanting as ye go, from
youth to age, by night and day, in gladness and in woe:
Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!**

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*SENDING FORTH HYMN - No. 539 Verse 1

“We Will Go Out With Joy”

**We will go out with joy in the Spirit; we will go out with God.
We will go out with joy in the Spirit; we will go out with God.
Alleluia! We will go out with joy. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*POSTLUDE “La Primavera” (Spring) Vivaldi

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

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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
Chris Luter, Liturgist
Sharaze Colley, Children’s Moment
Tom and Stephanie Nagel, Ushers
Amelia Palmer, 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

Flowers this morning are given to the glory of God by Annette & Jerry Hosier in loving memory of their son, Kevin, on his birthday.

Join us for Fellowship Coffee following the service in the Fellowship Hall. Refreshments provided by Merry Bonner, Mary Lou Collins, and Paula Patterson.

Men's Adult Sunday School class at 9:30 am in Fellowship Hall studying the book of Acts and the **Pastor's Adult Sunday School** class in the East Room at 10am studying Philipians.

Children's Sunday School uses Sparkhouse to explore the events of the Bible from 10-10:45am in room A6 and **Youth Sunday School** will follow the "Animate series" on the Bible. What do texts from thousands of years ago have to do with our life today? Youth will meet 10-10:45am in the Youth Room.

Youth Fellowship today, April 23rd, from 2-4pm for some light Earth Day work in the gardens. Dress to get a little dirty.

Eastertide Sermon Series Paul wrote a letter to the church at Philippi about hope in the midst of suffering and life worthy of the gospel of Christ Jesus. Join us April 23rd-May 28th as we engage in worship attending to the themes of this letter.

The Farmington Women will be meeting today, Sunday, April 23rd at 12:30pm. All women are invited to attend by Zoom or in the East Room. We will be discussing Chapter 8 of Celebrating Sabbath, Accepting God's Gift of Rest and Delight. This will be the last in person meeting since our Bible Study leader, Kirsten King, will be accepting a call to preach in Kennett, MO.

Come see what the PW are doing to share God's love and blessings. Zoom Meeting ID: 527 795 3657; Passcode: grace

Ordination and Installation All members and friends of the Farmington family are encouraged to join in worship as Kirsten King is ordained to the office of Minister of Word and Sacrament at Farmington Presbyterian on Saturday, April 29th, at 3pm. A reception will follow. On Sunday, April 30th, at 3pm, a Service of Installation will take place at First Presbyterian Church in Kennett, MO, to which Kirsten has been called to serve as Pastor.

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 Thursday, April 27th at noon, we will have lunch in the East Room as Pat Sherman shares her story. She has an interesting life past and present. Lunch is catered by Scott Hutchins and is \$13. Please RSVP to Sandy Wann by Monday, April 24th by noon that day.

Senior Recognition Sunday If you have a senior in your family, or are graduating this year from high school, college, or graduate school, please let us know! We want to recognize you on May 21st in worship. You can email us at church@farmingtonpres.org. Congratulations!

Rise Against Hunger Mark your calendar for our 6th packaging event on May 21st. We will have pizza here for lunch and begin packaging 20,000 meals. There are jobs for all – from 5 years up! Childcare is available for younger children. Please let us know what ages, and we will have fun planned for them. Jobs range from heavy lifting to standing and scooping and from “running” finished packets to sitting and measuring rice! Since 2016, Farmington has given \$32,763.69 to Rise Against Hunger to fight mal-nourishment and provide emergency relief after disasters. This year the church budget will contribute \$6,000, and we have already raised \$1,500 of our fundraising goal of \$2,000. What will we do with additional funds? Contribute them to the work of Rise Against Hunger's community empowerment work as they seek to teach sustainable methods of farming, business skills, and provide children with educational opportunity.

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).

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 worshiping 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 worshiping 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 celebrated the 50th Anniversary of the Johnson Auxiliary. Bonnie Blair was one of 11 Presbyterian Women who saw the need for an ecumenical, interracial volunteer organization at what was then the City Hospital and is now Regional One Health. The Auxiliary continues to meet critical needs at the hospital every day. If you are interested in knowing more, ask Bonnie or Rev. Rebecca!

Remember in Prayer...Our Farmington Family, Session and Staff; Jackie Baker, Betty Boyd, Jeanne Carr, Martha Carr, Ralph Carr, Judith Cassidy, Mary Lou Collins, Skip Flannery, Charlotte Franklin, Bill Harrington, Martha Hart, Deborah Hosier, Vanessa Howard, Gary Hutchins, Bill Knight, Tim Lewis, Julia Lively, Dawn McKenzie, Sara Millar, Susan Odom, Nancy & Dennis Palmer, Bob and Sarah Pointer, Bill Renfrow, Jack Scherer, JoAnne Simpkins, Patti Simpkins, Mary Elizabeth Simpson, Williams Stevens, Susan St. John, Ellen Thearp, Margaret Ueleke, Kathy VanderEcken, Joan Wallace, Jim Waller, Kasi Wann, Craig Warvel, Frank Whited, Faye Woods, and from our Presbytery: Mission Workers.

Sympathies...to the family and friends of Larry Williams, friend of John Hazen and to the family and friends of Rita Priscock, cousin of Catherine Johnson.

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