



FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP
Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 30, 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 "Highland Cathedral"

Korb/Roever

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather here today to worship because Mary ran to tell the others,

"I have seen the Lord!"

We are here today to worship because Jesus still comes into our locked spaces and says,

"Peace be with you. Receive the Holy Spirit."

We are here today to worship despite our doubts because doubting Thomas touched his wounds,

"My Lord and my God."

We are here today to receive the Holy Spirit despite our tendency to, like Peter, do what is routine,

“I’m going back to my boat to fish.”

We’re here this morning to respond to Jesus who asks us over and over again,

“Do you truly love me?”

We gather here to whisper humbly.

“Yes, Lord, you know that we love you.”

We are here to worship because many faithful disciples have listened to Jesus’ words:

“Do not be afraid. Do not be afraid! Go and tell, ‘Jesus has been raised!’”

At his name, we bow,

At his name, all creation bows in worship.

*HYMN OF PRAISE – No. 263

Verses 1, 2, and 4

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!”

All hail the power of Jesus’ name! Let angels prostrate fall; bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all! Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all!

Ye chosen seed of Israel’s race, ye ransomed from the fall, hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all! Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!

O that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall! We’ll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all! We’ll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all!

(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 servant, 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.**

THROUGH CHILDREN'S EYES

Jinney Hart

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

Psalms 25

In you, Lord my God, I put my trust.

**My God, I trust in you; do not let me be put to shame, nor let
my enemies triumph over me.**

No one who hopes in the Lord will ever be put to shame, but
shame will come on those who are treacherous.

Show me your ways, Lord, teach me your paths.

Guide me in your truth and teach me,

for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long.

Remember, Lord, your great mercy and love, for they are from of
old.

**Do not remember the sins of my youth and my rebellious
ways; according to your love remember me, for you, Lord, are
good.**

Good and upright is the Lord; therefore, the Lord instructs the sinner and guides the humble in what is right.

All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness.

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

SECOND READING

Philippians 2:1-13

Therefore, if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!

Therefore, God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed—not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence—continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

RESPONSE - NO. 587 “Alleluia!”

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

SERMON “Following Christ”

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

COMMISSIONING TO PASTORAL SERVICE

Ruling Elder Tom Sauer

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

God of grace, in baptism you have called us to a common ministry as ambassadors of Christ, trusting us with the message of reconciliation. Give us courage and discipline to follow where your servants rightly lead us, that together we may declare your wonderful deeds and show your love to the world; through Jesus Christ the Lord of all. Amen.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "At the Name of Jesus"

John Carter

*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. 300 "We Are One in the Spirit"

We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord; we are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord, and we pray that all unity may one day be restored: And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love; yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand; we will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand, and together we'll spread the news that God is in our land: And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love; yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will work with each other; we will work side by side; we will work with each other; we will work side by side; and we'll guard human dignity and save human pride: And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love; yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come, and all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son, and all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one: And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love; yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

*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 "Prelude in Classic Style"

Young

*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
Tom Moots, Liturgist
Jinney Hart, Children's Moment
Elizabeth Moots and Nadine Oest, Ushers
Charlotte Moots, 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

Tom Sauer, ruling elder, is being commissioned during this morning's worship service to serve as our temporary pastor while Rev. Luter is on sabbatical leave from May 26-September 4. According to the Book of Order, a ruling elder may be commissioned to serve in a ministerial position. Commissioning includes authorization to administer the Sacraments, to moderate the session of the congregation, and to officiate marriages. The commissioning also specifies the term of service; Tom is being commissioned for the period June 1 through September 3.

Tom was born and raised in Ohio. He has degrees in chemistry, zoology, and engineering. In 1992, Tom accepted a position with International Paper, and the family moved to Germantown. A lifelong Presbyterian, Tom has served on various congregational and Presbytery committees and offices, including deacon, elder, clerk of session, and, more recently, as Moderator of the Presbytery.

In 2011, after 18 months of study and examination, Tom was commissioned by the Presbytery of the MidSouth to lead worship at the LaGrange Presbyterian Church, a service which lasted for nine years. In 2013, Tom retired from International Paper and was

commissioned to also serve the Germantown Presbyterian Church as minister to senior adults; in this position, he visits senior members who find themselves homebound or in the hospital and also leads worship from time to time.

Tom and his wife, Kim have 2 children and 5 grandchildren, all of whom live in the area. Tom and Kim are members of Germantown Presbyterian Church.

Tom is looking forward to working with us to further our work as followers of Jesus Christ.

Join us for Fellowship Coffee following the service in the Fellowship Hall. Refreshments provided by Jinney Hart and Paula Patterson.

Mother's Day Cards and Honorarium Cards are available for \$10 each during Fellowship Coffee to support Rise Against Hunger.

Men's Adult Sunday School class will resume in the fall.

Pastor's Adult Sunday School class meets in the East Room at 10am. Join us as we study Paul's letter to the Philippians.

Children's Sunday School uses Sparkhouse to explore the Holy Spirit from 10-10:45am in room A6 and **Youth Sunday School** will follow the "Animate series" on the Bible. Youth will meet 10-10:45am in the Youth Room.

Youth Fellowship will meet today from 2-4pm at the church with a quick trip to Levee Creamery for an end of school year treat!

Easteride 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.

Installation Today at 3pm, a Service of Installation will take place at First Presbyterian Church in Kennett, MO, to which Kirsten King has been called to serve as Pastor.

Church Picnic is Wednesday, May 17th at Johnson Road Park at 6pm. All are encouraged to come and enjoy burgers from the grill with all the sides! If you have special dietary needs and are planning to attend, please email church@farmingtonpres.org and let us know. In addition to a wonderful time of fellowship, we will have our Second Annual Raffle for Rise Against Hunger and old-fashioned picnic games to play for a quarter, so bring your checkbooks and your change!

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, Jerry Hosier and Cooper Patterson are donating their time and resources to make personalized bread boards. These will be available to order each Sunday after worship until May 14th and at the church picnic on May 17th. The cost is \$60, and they make great gifts!

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 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...FPDS preschoolers presented their Spring Music and Art Show. The theme this year was “Woodlands.”

Remember in Prayer...Our Farmington Family, Session and Staff; Jackie Baker, Betty Boyd, Glen Carr, 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: First Presbyterian Church, Huntingdon, TN and Anderson Presbyterian Church, Jackson, TN.

Sympathies... to the family and friends of Rita Priscock, cousin of Catherine Johnson and to the family and friends of Betty Jack, mother of MaryShelley Ritchey and grandmother of Jack and Cole Ritchey.

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