



**FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP**

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 14, 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 Adagio (from Sonata I)

Mendelssohn

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rejoice in the Lord always, again I will say: Rejoice!

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases. God's mercies never come to an end.

Rejoice in the Lord always, again I will say: Rejoice!

The peace of the Lord defies reason, centering our hearts and minds on what Christ Jesus has done.

Lift your hearts and voices to rejoice in glorious hope – of God's kingdom there will be no end.

The Lord is our hope, our help, and our salvation, gathering all together and healing our divisions.

The praise of the Lord is right and pure; the worship of the Lord is noble, lovely, and admirable.

Therefore, we worship the Lord with prayers and thanksgiving, with song and listening, and by putting into practice what we have received.

The Lord is near.

Rejoice!

*HYMN OF PRAISE – No. 363 “Rejoice, the Lord is King!”

**Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, and triumph evermore. Lift up
your heart; lift up your voice! Rejoice, again, I say, rejoice!**

**Our Savior, Jesus, reigns, the God of truth and love; when he
had purged our stains, he took his seat above. Lift up your
heart; lift up your voice! Rejoice, again, I say, rejoice!**

**His kingdom cannot fail; he rules o’er earth and heaven; the
keys of death and hell are to our Jesus given. Lift up your
heart; lift up your voice! Rejoice, again, I say, rejoice!**

**Rejoice in glorious hope! For Christ, the Judge, shall come
and gather all the saints to their eternal home. Lift up your
heart; lift up your voice! Rejoice, again, I say, rejoice!**

(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

Lizzie Luter

*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

Psalm 106:1-4, 6, 40-48

Praise the LORD! Give thanks to the Lord because the Lord is good.

The Lord's love endures forever.

Who could possibly repeat all of the Lord's mighty acts or fully declare all the accolades of the Lord?

The people who act justly, who always do what is right, are truly happy – satisfied, and content.

Remember me, Lord, with the favor you show your people. Come to my aid with your saving help.

We have sinned – right along with our ancestors. We've done what is wrong. We have acted wickedly.

Therefore, the Lord's anger burned against the Lord's own people.

The Lord handed them over to the nations, and their enemies ruled over them.

Their enemies oppressed them and subjected God's people to their power.

God delivered them over and over again, but they were determined to rebel, so they deteriorated in their own sin.

Yet God took note of their distress upon hearing their cries.

God remembered the covenant for the sake of God's people, and because of how much faithful love God has, God relented.

The Lord caused their captors to show them mercy.

Lord our God, save us! Gather us back together from among the nations, so we can give thanks to your holy name and rejoice in your accolades!

Praise the Lord, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting!

And let all the people say, "Amen!"

Praise the Lord.

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

SECOND READING

Philippians 4:1-13

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, you whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, dear friends!

I plead with Euodia and I plead with Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you, my true companion, help these women since they have contended at my side in the cause of the gospel, along with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

I rejoiced greatly in the Lord that at last you renewed your concern for me. Indeed, you were concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it. I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do all this through him who gives me strength.

This is the Word of the Lord!
Thanks be to God!

RESPONSE NO. 587 “Alleluia!”

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

SERMON “Rejoicing in All Things”

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

John Carter

“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

*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. 432 “How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord”

How clear is our vocation, Lord, when once we heed your call to live according to your word and daily learn, refreshed, restored, that you are Lord of all and will not let us fall.

But if, forgetful, we should find your yoke is hard to bear; if worldly pressures fray the mind and love itself cannot unwind its tangled skein of care: our inward life repair.

**We marvel how your saints became in hindrances more sure:
whose joyful virtues put to shame the casual way we wear
your name, and by our faults obscure your power to cleanse
and cure.**

**In what you give us, Lord, to do, together or alone, in old
routines or ventures new, may we not cease to look to you:
the cross you hung upon, all you endeavored, done.**

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*SENDING FORTH HYMN - No. 761

Verse 1

“Called As Partners in Christ’s Service”

**Called as partners in Christ’s service, called to ministries of
grace, we respond with deep commitment fresh new lines of
faith to trace. May we learn the art of sharing, side by side
and friend with friend, equal partners in our caring to fulfill
God’s chosen end.**

*POSTLUDE Finale (from Sonata I)

Mendelssohn

*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

Ann Erickson, Liturgist

Lizzie Luter, Children’s Moment

Leslie McNamara and Charlie Smithers, Ushers

Hadley Barr, 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 Carol & Jamie Jameson in celebration of their birthdays on the 13th and 23rd of May.

No Fellowship Coffee. Happy Mother's Day!

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

No Youth Fellowship. Please join is in coming weeks for special events and days of decoration for VBS!

Summer Break: Men's Adult Sunday School Class, Fellowship Coffee, and Sunday Afternoon Youth Fellowship

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 will explore the story of Saul's Conversation to Paul from 10-10:45am in room A6 and **Youth Sunday School** will continue to discuss the Animate/Bible series. Youth will meet 10-10:45am in the Youth Room.

Church Picnic All are encouraged to come and enjoy fellowship this Wednesday, May 17th at Johnson Road Park at 6pm. Scott Hutchins will be grilling burgers served 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!

Next Sunday is Senior Recognition Sunday, Sabbatical Send-Off, and Rise Against Hunger!

Senior Recognition Sunday We want to recognize all graduates during 11am worship on May 21st. If you, or a member of your family, are graduating, please email and let us know at church@farmingtonpres.org.

Sabbatical Send-Off All members and friends of the Farmington family are invited to a send-off event to offer Rev. Luter our prayers and good wishes as she begins her sabbatical leave. She will be on leave from May 26, 2023, through September 4, 2023. Please join us in the Youth Room after church on May 21, 2023, for a light informal lunch followed by packing of meals for Rise Against Hunger.

Rise Against Hunger Mark your calendar for our 6th packaging event on May 21st. We will have lunch here 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!

Farmington Presbyterian Women All women who are a part of Farmington are encouraged to join a Zoom on May 30th at 5pm as Rev. Kirsten King leads us in the conclusion of Horizon’s Bible Study “Celebrating Sabbath.” For the link, please email church@farmingtonpres.org.

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

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...the teachers and staff of FPDS were appreciated with a “Best in the World” themed Teacher Appreciation Week. Truly, they are Christ’s representatives to the children whom families entrust to our care. If you see them, thank them for the love they show the students and their families or send them a note of appreciation. They are vital participants in Farmington Presbyterian’s most impactful mission work!

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, Jackie Hall, Bill Harrington, Martha Hart, Deborah Hosier, Vanessa Howard, Gary Hutchins, Marilyn Kemper, Bill Knight, Tim Lewis, Julia Lively, Dawn McKenzie, Sara Millar, Susan Odom, Nancy & Dennis Palmer, Bob and Sarah Pointer, Shirley Pommer, 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, Kenny Williams, Faye Woods, and from our Presbytery: Memphis Homeless Shelters.

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