



**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 "Hail Thee, Festival Day!"

Ralph Vaughan Williams

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Rejoice in the Lord always! Again I say rejoice!

The Lord is our shepherd, who made us, knows us, and calls us by name.

The Shepherd will die for the sheep.

Who could ever convey all that Christ has done for us?

The Shepherd uses a rod to defend the sheep against all harm.

Who could ever offer praise that is proportionate to God's love shown to us in Christ Jesus?

The Shepherd uses a staff to direct and prevent the sheep from wandering.

The Lord is our Shepherd, who securely guides and directs our steps.

***HYMN OF PRAISE – 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 of praises I will ever give to thee. I will ever give to thee.

(Please be seated.)

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES

Elias Haguewood

Nic Luter

Olivia Mittag

J.B. Wann

Joseph Williams

Camille Young

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.**

THROUGH CHILDREN'S EYES

Shelley Wann

*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 23

The One True God is my shepherd.

The Eternal One cares for me always -

Providing me rest in rich, green fields beside streams of peaceful water.

The Eternal One soothes my fears –

Restoring and making me whole again, steering me off my worn, hard path to roads where truth and righteousness echo the name of the Lord.

Even in the unending shadows of death's darkness, I am not overcome by fear,

Because you are with me in those dark moments, near with your protection and guidance;

I am comforted.

You spread out a table before me, a feast in the midst of attack from my enemies;

You care for all my needs.

You anoint my head with soothing, fragrant oil;

You honor me with the hospitality shown a guest;

You fill my cup again and again with your grace.

Certainly, your faithful protection and loving provision will pursue me where I go, everywhere, all the days of my life,

And I will dwell in the house of the One True God eternally.

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

SECOND READING

Philippians 4:1-13

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.

Yet it was good of you to share in my troubles. Moreover, as you Philippians know, in the early days of your acquaintance with the gospel, when I set out from Macedonia, not one church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving, except you only; for even when I was in Thessalonica, you sent me aid more than once when I was in need. Not that I desire your gifts; what I desire is that more be credited to your account. I have received full payment and have more than enough. I am amply supplied, now that I have received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent. They are a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God. And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.

To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Greet all God's people in Christ Jesus. The brothers and sisters who are with me send greetings. All God's people here send you greetings, especially those who belong to Caesar's household.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

RESPONSE NO. 587 "Alleluia!"

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

SERMON "Celebrating Contentment"

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

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Meredith Oest

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.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you to share with us in the ministry of Christ, for we are all one in Christ.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM “Shepherd of My Heart”

O’Brien

My shepherd is the Lord, for nothing shall I want; green are the pastures where I’m led to repose. Near waters still and deep God will refresh my soul. I am led onward in ways true to the Name.

Guide me, O shepherd of my heart; lead me homeward through the dark, into everlasting day. Show me the way of truth and light; keep me always in your sight. May my life never part from the shepherd of my heart.

If I should walk one day into the vale of darkness, no evil shall I fear with God at my side. There with your crook and staff you give me strength and comfort; you spread a banquet in the sight of my foes.

You anoint my head with oil; my cup is overflowing; goodness and kindness crown the days of my life. Within the Lord’s own house I dwell in peace forever; within the house of God my soul is at rest.

*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. 821 "My Life Flows On"

My life flows on in endless song, above earth's lamentation. I
hear the clear, though far-off hymn that hails a new creation.
No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm
clinging.

Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from
singing?

Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear that music
ringing. It finds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from
singing? Refrain

What though my joys and comforts die? I know my Savior
liveth. What though the darkness gather round? Song in the
night he giveth. Refrain

The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever
springing! All things are mine since I am his! How can I
keep from singing? Refrain

*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 Tuba Tune

C.S. Lang

*Stand as able.

Bold Type – congregation in unison

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AND RECORDED. ATTENDEES
IMPLICITLY AGREE THAT THEY, AND
ANY CHILDREN ACCOMPANYING
THEM, MAY BE ON CAMERA.

Participating in the service today:

Rev. Rebecca Luter, Pastor
Doug Barr, Director of Christian Education
Jim Thrash, Director of Music
Tom Bryant, Accompanist
Pat Sherman, Liturgist
Shelley Wann, Children's Moment
MaryShelley Ritchey and Brandon Wann, Ushers
Abigail Palmer, 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 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 Iris Lawing to honor Rev. Luter as she starts her Sabbatical on May 27th. We will miss you.

Sabbatical Send-Off Please join us after worship in the Youth Room after church this Sunday, May 21st, for a light informal lunch followed by packing of meals for Rise Against Hunger. All members and friends of the Farmington family are invited to this 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.

Rise Against Hunger We are hosting our 6th packaging event this Sunday, 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! **When we get to 3,300 meals, we will ring the gong to celebrate Farmington Presbyterian packaging our 100,000th meal!**

Summer Break: Adult Sunday School Classes, Fellowship Coffee, and Sunday Afternoon Youth Fellowship

Children’s Sunday School will continue their study through the Sparkhouse curriculum from 10-10:45am in room A6 and **Youth Sunday School** will continue their look at the Bible through the Animate/Bible series. Youth will meet 10-10:45am in the Youth Room.

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

VBS Volunteer Training will be Sunday, June 4th at 12:30pm in the Youth Room. If you are helping or would like to help, come see what’s happening and get answers to your questions. Pizza will be provided. Please let Doug Barr know if you will be attending.

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.

Annual Spaghetti Dinner is Thursday, June 15th at 6pm in Fellowship Hall. We will be accepting donations for the mission trip to Mexico. Plan to come and invite your friends! For those unable to stay, dinners will be available to go at 5:30pm.

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 weather could not have been better for the Annual Church Picnic! We had a wonderful time playing corn hole and visiting, enjoying burgers and hot dogs off the grill, and raising over \$600 for Rise Against Hunger! We are thankful to all who donated items and their time & talents to make the picnic and fundraiser a success.

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, Marilyn Kemper, Bill Knight, Tim Lewis, Julia Lively, Dawn McKenzie, Sara Millar, Susan Odom, Nancy & Dennis Palmer, Cooper Patterson, Bob and Sarah Pointer, Shirley Pommer, Bill Renfrow, Jack Scherer, JoAnne Simpkins, Patti Simpkins, Mary Elizabeth Simpson, Williams Stevens, Susan St. John, Margaret Ueleke, Kathy VanderEcken, Joan Wallace, Jim Waller, Kasi Wann, Craig Warvel, Frank Whited, Kenny Williams, Faye Woods, and from our Presbytery: Campers & Staff at Pinecrest & NaCoMe Camp and Retreat Center and Disability Inclusiveness.

Sympathy...to the family and friends of Ellen Thearp, mother-in-law of Polly Knight.

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