



FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 3, 2023

Worship Online at 11:00am Sunday Mornings

www.farmingtonpres.org

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ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

To your name, Lord Jesus, help me to bow the knee and all its
worshipping, bow the head and all its thinking, bow the will and all
its choosing, bow the heart and all its loving. Amen.

WELCOME

PRELUDE "Communion"

Rene Vierne

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Give praise to the Lord, proclaim his name;

Make known among the nations what he has done.

Sing to him, tell of all his wonderful acts.

Glory in his holy name;

Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

Look to the Lord and his strength;

Remember the wonders he has done,

His miracles, and the judgments he pronounced.

Worthy is the Lord.

Come, let us worship the Lord!

*HYMN OF PRAISE – No. 511 "Come, Behold! the Feast of Heaven"

**Come behold! The feast of heaven Alleluia! has to mortal flesh
been given. Alleluia! Hear the Word of God declared:
Alleluia! Come! the banquet is prepared. Alleluia!**

**All is ready, come attend Alleluia! as the Lord's invited
friend; Alleluia! come from north, west, south and east;
Alleluia! celebrate the joyful feast. Alleluia!**

All who trust in God belong Alleluia! at this banquet with this throng. Alleluia! Share the mystic holy food; Alleluia! taste and see: the Lord is good. Alleluia!

As the Lord our God has willed, Alleluia! here the hungry soul is filled; Alleluia! here the weary are refreshed. Alleluia! All who share God's feast are blessed. Alleluia!

(Please be seated.)

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving Father, we often come to you to get the most from you. You remain incredibly generous, yet we have neglected the greatest gift you give – yourself. Forgive us for ignoring you. Help us to enjoy both your presence and your generosity, most significantly your abundant love for us. May we encourage others to also know your great love for 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

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

Liv Palmer

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

FIRST READING

Exodus 16:21-30

Each morning everyone gathered as much as they needed, and when the sun grew hot, it melted away. On the sixth day, they gathered twice as much—two omers for each person—and the leaders of the community came and reported this to Moses. He said to them, “This is what the Lord commanded: “Tomorrow is to be a day of sabbath rest, a holy sabbath to the Lord. So bake what you want to bake and boil what you want to boil. Save whatever is left and keep it until morning.” So they saved it until morning, as Moses commanded, and it did not stink or get maggots in it. “Eat it today,” Moses said, “because today is a sabbath to the Lord. You will not find any of it on the ground today. Six days you are to gather it, but on the seventh day, the Sabbath, there will not be any.” Nevertheless, some of the people went out on the seventh day to gather it, but they found none. Then the Lord said to Moses, “How long will you refuse to keep my commands and my instructions? Bear in mind that the Lord has given you the Sabbath; that is why on the sixth day he gives you bread for two days. Everyone is to stay where they are on the seventh day; no one is to go out.” So the people rested on the seventh day.

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

SECOND READING

Matthew 20:1-16

“For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire workers for his vineyard. He agreed to pay them a denarius for the day and sent them into his vineyard. About nine in the morning he went out and saw others standing in the marketplace doing nothing. He told them, ‘You also go and work in my vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. He went out again about noon and about three in the afternoon and did the same thing. About five in the afternoon he went out and found still others standing around. He asked them, ‘Why have you been standing here all day long doing nothing?’ ‘Because no one has hired us,’ they answered. He said to them, ‘You also go and work in my vineyard.’ When evening came, the owner of the

vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the workers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last ones hired and going on to the first.’ The workers who were hired about five in the afternoon came and each received a denarius. So when those came who were hired first, they expected to receive more. But each one of them also received a denarius. When they received it, they began to grumble against the landowner. ‘These who were hired last worked only one hour,’ they said, ‘and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the work and the heat of the day.’ But he answered one of them, ‘I am not being unfair to you, friend. Didn’t you agree to work for a denarius? Take your pay and go. I want to give the one who was hired last the same as I gave you. Don’t I have the right to do what I want with my own money? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

RESPONSE NO. 587 “Alleluia!”

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

SERMON “Working for God”

Tom Sauer

RESPOND TO GOD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Please remember those on our prayer list.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM “In You, We are One”

Althouse

Is not this bread we break a sharing of Thy body? Is not this cup we bless a sharing of Thy blood? Though we are many, with You, Lord, we are one. Is not this bread we break Thy spirit and Thy grace? Is not this cup we drink thy tears in mercy shed? Though we are many, with You, Lord, we are one. Is not this house a place of blessed sanctuary? Is not this day a time of love?

*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

Loving God, we have so many reasons to say “Thank You” to You. Your generosity, grace, and mercy are astounding, and we pray that the gifts we offer are pleasing to you and further your kingdom’s work here on earth. Strengthen us to recognize Your blessings, to be grateful, and to respond accordingly. 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 “Holy, Holy, Holy”

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

No. 553 “Christ Has Died; Christ Is Risen”

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again. Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

No. 554 “Amen”

Amen, amen, amen.

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. 36 “For the Fruit of All Creation”

For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God. For the gifts to every nation, thanks be to God. For the plowing, sowing

reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping, future needs in earth's safe-keeping, thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labor, God's will be done. In the help we give our neighbor, God's will be done. In our world-wide task of caring for the hungry and despairing, in the harvest we are sharing, God's will be done.

For the harvest of the Spirit, thanks be to God. For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God. For the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us, most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*SENDING FORTH HYMN - No. 80 "You Shall Go Out with Joy"

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace; the mountains and the hills will break forth before you; there'll be shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field will clap, will clap their hands. And all the trees of the field will clap their hands; the trees of the field will clap their hands; the trees of the field will clap their hands while you go out with joy.

*POSTLUDE "Toccatà in e minor" Pachelbel

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

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Participating in the service today:

Rev. Rebecca Luter, Pastor

Tom Sauer, CRE

Doug Barr, Director of Christian Education

Jim Thrash, Director of Music

Tom Bryant, Accompanist

Pat Sherman, Liturgist

Liv Palmer, Children's Moment

Jack Ingram and MaryShelley Ritchey, Ushers

Roland Mittag, Nadine Oest, Liv Palmer,

Pat Sherman, Melissa Still, Communion Servers

Abigail 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.

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

How do I join the church? Members are received by Profession of Faith, Reaffirmation of Faith, and Transfer of Membership from another congregation. If you are interested in joining, please email church@farmingtonpres.org. We look forward to officially welcoming you into the Farmington Presbyterian Church family!

Prayer Concerns and Pastoral Care You are encouraged to complete a Prayer Concern card in the pew rack to add someone to the church's prayer list. Copies of the complete list are available in the folder under the Prayer Board in the office. While Rev. Luter is on Sabbatical, Tom Sauer will be serving Farmington Presbyterian as a Commissioned Ruling Elder. He is available to visit and provide pastoral care. You may contact him at (901)651-7133 or GermantownTom@gmail.com.

Happenings AT FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN

Flowers this morning are given to the glory of God by Kay & Cooper Patterson to honor parents, Dee & James Scobey's wedding anniversary.

Fellowship Coffee immediately following worship today, September 3rd, for cake and coffee as we say thank you and farewell to Tom Sauer after his summer at Farmington. Fellowship Coffee is hosted by Merry Bonner and Paula Patterson. Sign up to host Fellowship Coffee on our website to provide refreshments following worship, www.farmingtonpres.org Please keep it simple-something sweet and something salty.

No Youth Fellowship today, September 3rd. Enjoy your Labor Day Weekend.

PW Potluck Salad Dinner All ladies are invited to a potluck dinner at Ann Erickson's house this Wednesday, September 6th at 6pm. Bring a

salad of your choice. Please RSVP to Ann at annerickson1@bellsouth.net or 496-4446.

Food Pantry Collection Farmington is collecting food pantry items for the Oakland Presbyterian Church Food Pantry. Canned meats, vegetables, pasta sauce, peanut butter, etc. can be dropped off in the basket by the West entrance of the church.

Potluck Sunday next Sunday, September 10th, in the Fellowship Hall immediately following worship. Please bring a dish and/or dessert. Place in kitchen with instructions for warming, if needed.

Children's Sunday School continues with the story of Joseph and his rescue of his family. 10-10:45am in classroom A6.

Youth Sunday School will continue a walk through the Bible, placing ourselves IN the stories to see what God is revealing and then expressing new insight through art. 10-10:45am in the Youth Room.

Adult Sunday School Classes Cooper Patterson will be leading a study of the book of Romans for men in the Fellowship Hall from 9:30-10:30am. Rev. Rebecca Luter's class will return in September.

Youth Fellowship next Sunday, from 4:30-6:30pm, we will celebrate National TV Dinner Day. Everyone bring your favorite uncooked TV dinner. We will warm them up, as God intended, in the microwave. Then we will watch TV with our TV trays and meals. Some discussion and game play will follow. Drinks provided.

PW Meeting All women of the church are invited to attend the Horizon's Bible Study: Sacred Encounters Sunday, September 24th at 12:30pm in the East Room for Lesson 1 from this series. Ann Erickson, Kay Patterson, and Jinney Hart will be leading the Bible study for the 2023-2024 series. This will be a study of Luke-Acts which is actually 2 volumes of the same book and is considered to have been written by the same author, Luke. Through this interactive Bible study series, we will investigate ways the 21st century church can exhibit mercy and compassion within and beyond the traditional congregation. Come join us as we learn about the sacred encounters of the characters of the stories and how they were transformed by their experience. We too may be transformed!

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 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.

Rev. Rebecca Luter Our pastor is on Sabbatical for the summer months. She will return September 5th, 2023. We pray for rest and renewal as she spends time with family and continues her doctoral work. If you are in need of a pastor during this time, please contact Tom Sauer, who has been commissioned to serve Farmington Presbyterian while Rev. Luter is on leave. You may contact him at (901)651-7133 or GermantownTom@gmail.com.

This week at Farmington... Close to 300 bologna and cheese sandwiches were contributed to the Soup Kitchen at First Presbyterian Church last Sunday. It is difficult to imagine life without shelter during this heat wave and recent storms. This act of service exemplifies how our church reaches out to the community to show who Jesus is!

Remember in Prayer...Our Farmington Family, Session and Staff; Cole Andrews, Jackie Baker, David Blakemore, Betty Boyd, Cathy Burch, Rev. Margaret Burnett, Kitty Cannon, Jeanne Carr, Martha Carr, Ralph Carr, Judith Cassidy, Mary Lou Collins, Laurie Fisher, Skip Flannery, Charlotte Franklin, Bill Harrington, Martha Hart, Vanessa Howard, Gary Hutchins, Anthony Jones, Bill Knight, Jim Mabile, Dawn McKenzie, Faye McKenzie, Sara Millar, Susan Odom, Nancy & Dennis Palmer, Larry Pickler, Bob and Sarah Pointer, Bill Renfrow, Jack Scherer, JoAnne Simpkins, Patti Simpkins, Williams Stevens, Susan St. John, Margaret Ueleke, Kathy VanderEcken, Jim Waller, Kasi Wann, Frank Whited, Faye Woods, and from our Presbytery: Oakland.

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