



**FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP**

**Second Sunday of Easter
April 7, 2024**

Worship Online at 11:00am Sunday Mornings

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ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

God of Majesty, there are times we see the world around us and wonder how anyone could ever doubt that creation did not happen by chance; yet if we are honest, there are also times when we see the world around us and wonder how creation could possibly be redeemed. Speak to us your message of resurrection and redemption, so that we will have faith that is strong, hopeful, and motivating. May your vision for creation be realized, and may we be co-creators with you in it. Amen.

WELCOME

PRELUDE "Hail Thee, Festival Day!"

Vaughan Williams

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We are here today because Mary of Magdala's weeping turned to shouts of excitement:

"I have seen the Lord!"

We are here today even though, like Peter, we are tempted to return to what we know, unchanged by Jesus's call:

"I'm going out to fish."

The Lord has turned our sorrow into dancing,

Our funeral clothes have been replaced with party attire.

We're here this morning because Jesus feeds us and asks us:

"Do you truly love me?"

We gather here to joyfully respond, with our whole being and our whole lives:

"Yes, Lord, you know that we love you."

*HYMN OF PRAISE – No. 35 "Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation! O my soul, praise him, for he it thy health and salvation! All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near; join me in glad adoration! Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth, shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth! Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him! All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him! Let the amen sound from his people again; gladly for aye we adore him.

(Please be seated.)

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Grace, you know our hearts fully, yet you still love us. Like Peter, we run to the empty tomb and leave in silence. Over and over again, we lose our way because we fail to follow you. We go fishing every day, not noticing you waiting with a meal on the beach. We say we love you, and yet so often we neglect your sheep. Even though we have faith, we make mistakes. Even though we have faith, we also doubt. Even though we have faith, we follow our own desires. Even though we have faith, we fail to love as Christ has loved us.

Forgive us. Let your Spirit of grace fill us. Call us again away from the boats and nets of our earthly labor saying, "Follow Me." With hope and honesty we pray.

(A time of silent prayer.)

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

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 at 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

Rachel Barr

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

Psalm 30

I will exalt you, LORD, for you lifted me out of the depths and did not let my enemies gloat over me. LORD my God, I called to you for help, and you healed me. You, LORD, brought me up from the realm of the dead; you spared me from going down to the pit. Sing the praises of the LORD, you his faithful people; praise his holy name. For his anger lasts only a moment, but his favor lasts a lifetime; weeping may stay for the night, but rejoicing comes in the morning. When I felt secure, I said, I will never be shaken. LORD, when you favored me, you made my royal mountain stand firm; but when you hid your face, I was dismayed. To you, LORD, I called; to the Lord I cried for mercy: What is gained if I am silenced, if I go down to the pit? Will the dust praise you? Will it proclaim your faithfulness? Hear, LORD, and be merciful to me; LORD, be my help. You turned my wailing into dancing; you removed my sackcloth and clothed me with joy, that my heart may sing your praises and not be silent. LORD my God, I will praise you forever.

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

SECOND READING

John 21:1-19

Afterward Jesus appeared again to his disciples, by the Sea of Galilee. It happened this way: Simon Peter, Thomas, Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two

other disciples were together. I'm going out to fish, Simon Peter told them, and they said, We'll go with you. So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus. He called out to them, Friends, haven't you any fish? No, they answered. He said, Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some. When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish. Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, It is the Lord! As soon as Simon Peter heard him say, It is the Lord, he wrapped his outer garment around him and jumped into the water. The other disciples followed in the boat, towing the net full of fish, for they were not far from shore, about a hundred yards. When they landed, they saw a fire of burning coals there with fish on it, and some bread. Jesus said to them, Bring some of the fish you have just caught. So Simon Peter climbed back into the boat and dragged the net ashore. It was full of large fish, 153, but even with so many the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, Come and have breakfast. None of the disciples dared ask him, Who are you? They knew it was the Lord. Jesus came, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time Jesus appeared to his disciples after he was raised from the dead. When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, Simon son of John, do you love me more than these? Yes, Lord, he said, you know that I love you. Jesus said, Feed my lambs. Again Jesus said, Simon son of John, do you love me? He answered, Yes, Lord, you know that I love you. Jesus said, Take care of my sheep. The third time he said to him, Simon son of John, do you love me? Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, Do you love me? He said, Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you. Jesus said, Feed my sheep. Very truly I tell you, when you were younger you dressed yourself and went where you wanted; but when you are old you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go. Jesus said this to indicate the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God. Then he said to him, Follow me!

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

RESPONSE NO. 240 "Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks"

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord. Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

RESPOND TO GOD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Please remember those on our prayer list.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM “In Remembrance of Me”

Red

In remembrance of me, eat this bread. In remembrance of me, drink this wine. In remembrance of me, pray for the time when God’s own will is done. In remembrance of me, heal the sick. In remembrance of me, feed the poor. In remembrance of me, open the door and let your neighbors in. Take, eat, and be comforted; drink and remember too, that this is my body and precious blood shed for you, shed for you. In remembrance of me, always love. In remembrance of me, don’t look above, but in your heart, for God.

*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 unwavering love, you have held nothing back in your love for us, not even your Son. How we marvel at that kind of love, and how we long to reflect a portion of that devotion back to you. As we dedicate our offerings to you, lead us away from our tendency to hold back and hold on as though you are not the source of our security. Help us to live as the resurrection people of love and abundance you have called us to be. In Christ, we pray. 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, 553, & 554

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. 726

Verses 1, 2 and 5

“Will You Come and Follow Me”

“Will you come and follow me if I but call your name? Will you go where you don’t know and never be the same? Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known; will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?”

“Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name? Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same? Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare? Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?”

Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name. Let me turn and follow you and never be same. In your company I’ll go where your love and footsteps show. Thus I’ll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*SENDING FORTH HYMN No. 648

“Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise”

Thankful hearts and voices raise; tell everyone what God has done. Let everyone who seeks the Lord rejoice and bear the name of Christ. Send us with your promises and lead your people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.

*POSTLUDE “Andante Maestoso (from Concerto I)”

Handel

*Stand as able.

Bold Type – congregation in unison

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Participating in the service today:

Rev. Rebecca Luter, Pastor
Jim Thrash, Director of Music
Tom Bryant, Accompanist
Jinney Hart, Liturgist
Rachel Barr, Children's Moment
Billy and Sandy Wann, Ushers
Ann Erickson, Jinney Hart, John Hazen,
Nadine Oest, Jerry Renfrow, Communion Servers
Abigail Palmer, Acolyte
Chancel Choir



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AND RECORDED. ATTENDEES
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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 let Rev. Rebecca know or 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. You may reach Rev. Rebecca Luter at (901)674-8000 or rluter@farmingtonpres.org.

Happenings AT FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN

This Sunday

Flowers this morning are given to the glory of God by Paula Patterson in loving memory of her husband, Ed Patterson

Join us for Potluck today, Sunday, April 7th, in the Fellowship Hall immediately following worship. All are encouraged to stay – the Farmington family is known for always providing a gracious plenty.

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

Church Security Meeting today, Sunday, April 7th, following Potluck, in the East Room. Share information & gather ideas to increase security for Farmington Presbyterian Church & Day School. We welcome your input!

This Week

Guess Who's Coming to Dinner Friday, April 12th at 6pm. Sign up on our website by April 10th with your preference for Asian Eatery, Margarita's, Bog & Barley, or Ronnie Grisanti's. You will be notified regarding your reservation by 1pm on the 12th. Sign up to enjoy this opportunity to see old friends and meet new ones!

Next Sunday

Children's Sunday School follows the story of Jesus through the Sparkhouse curriculum. 10-10:45am in classroom A6.

Youth Sunday School will join Rev. Rebecca's class in the East Room 10-10:45am.

Congregation Meeting Session has called a congregational meeting on Sunday, April 14th immediately following worship for the purpose of receiving and acting on the report of the Nominating Committee to present a slate for the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee.

PW Meeting Sunday, April 14th at 12:30pm. We will conclude the study of Sacred Encounters in the East Room. We will be discussing lessons 8 & 9 and broaden our understanding of women in the early church and their role in breaking barriers to serve the needs of others. Even though this is our last Horizons Bible study meeting, we will be gathering informally in the upcoming months. Remember that the next meeting with the presence of Jesus is just one prayer away!

Announcements

MOPS Mothers of Preschoolers, is a new program at Farmington Presbyterian intended to give much needed support to mothers of students at our day school. MOPS will be offered in the evenings so working moms can gather for fun, support, and fellowship throughout the school year. Jenn Paine will lead a gathering on Thursday, April 18th from 6-8pm in the Fellowship Hall. Free childcare is now being provided.

Rise Against Hunger Mark your calendar for our 7th packaging event on April 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.

PW End of the Year Dinner and Farewell to the Oests All Farmington Women are invited to celebrate the end of the PW year

and bid farewell to Nadine, Melanie, and Meredith Oest. Come join us for dinner (dutch treat) on Tuesday, May 7 at 5pm at Amerigo's. Please RSVP to Jinney Hart (virginiahart2@comcast.net) by April 28th.

Mark your calendars! The churchwide Spring Picnic will be held at the Johnson Road Park pavilion on May 8th. The setting is private, fully accessible with no stairs required and a pond and playground nearby. Plan to bring your lawn chair and enjoy the evening with friends!

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.

Fellowship Coffee Please consider signing up to host Fellowship Coffee on our website to provide refreshments following worship, www.farmingtonpres.org Simply-something sweet and something salty.

2024 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... we are grateful for a beautiful Easter weekend. After quietly remembering Jesus's last supper with his disciples on Maundy Thursday and his death on Good Friday, hope began to break as the Farmington men began smoking BBQ Friday night for the Rise Against Hunger fundraiser. Then Saturday morning, the church began to rustle awake with preparations for the Easter Egg Hunt, Easter lilies for the Sanctuary, and rehearsal for the Sunrise

Service. Thank you to all who volunteered their time and talent to make our celebrations of Christ's resurrection glorious.

Remember in Prayer...Our Farmington Family, Session and Staff; Jackie Baker, Barbara Beard, Kevin Beard, Betty Boyd, Kitty Cannon, Jeanne Carr, Judith Cassidy, Mary Lou Collins, Skip Flannery, Joe Gaul, Bill Harrington, Martha Hart, Vanessa Howard, Gary Hutchins, Bill Jones, Bill Knight, Iris Lawing, Carol Lovell, Dawn McKenzie, Faye McKenzie, Sara Millar, Kathryn Moots Newhouse, Susan Odom, Nancy & Dennis Palmer, Pat Register, Bill Renfrow, Jack Scherer, JoAnne Simpkins, Williams Stevens, Kathy VanderEcken, Jim Waller, Kasi Wann, Frank Whited, Faye Woods, and from our Presbytery: Farmington Presbyterian Church, Germantown, TN.

Sympathies... to the family and friends of Jack Williams, Memorial Service May 11th at 2pm and to the family and friends of Barb Warvel, mother of Vesta Andrews.

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