



FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP
Seventh Sunday of Easter
May 12, 2024

Worship Online at 11:00am Sunday Mornings

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ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Eternal and Almighty God, as we honor those who have mothered us, we give thanks for the promise of your mothering love through the prophet Isaiah:

Listen to me, I have carried you since you were born, supported you since you left the womb: Till you grow old, I will still be the same; when you turn gray, it is I who will carry you; I was the Maker and I will be the Bearer, and I will carry and rescue you (Isaiah 46:3-4).

Can a woman forget her baby, or disown a child of her womb? Though she might forget, I never could forget you (Isaiah 49:15).

As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you (Isaiah 66:13).

Thank you, Faithful God, for your gentle care and nurture. Amen.

WELCOME

PRELUDE "Ave Maria"

Bach/Gounod

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We come to worship God with hope and expectation and with thanksgiving.

We have hope because we know that God has a vision for our lives as history bends toward justice.

We come to worship God who promises that a time is coming, and has already dawned, when God's will shall reign over all the earth.

We have expectation because we have experienced glimpses of God's Kingdom among us.

We come to worship God who is described in Scripture as both like a father and like a mother.

We are thankful for the relationship of parent and child, for when that relationship is loving it teaches us much about God's relationship with us.

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN - NO. 263 "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!

Let every kindred, every tribe on this terrestrial ball to him all
majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all! To him all majesty
ascribe, 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

Almighty God, we confess that we often gaze at the mist of the
clouds expecting you to act instead of focusing on the earth
asking how we are called to act. We confess that we are
tempted over and over again to seek your kingdom by means
of worldly power and measures of success, and we are blind to
the true way to your kingdom: caring for the needs around us,
loving those who are left out by society, and tearing down the
walls that divide us from one another so that we may truly be
one. Forgive us and give us your vision that we might see and
seek your beloved community.

(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

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.

*LITANY FOR ASCENSION DAY†

**Because Jesus ascended and sits at the right hand of God,
a new world has broken into ours—**

a world in which justice does come for the poor,
freedom comes for the prisoners,
and healing for the sick.

**Because Jesus ascended and sits at the right hand of God,
a new community has been formed—**

a community that loves and cares for all members,
a family that welcomes all who are abandoned and rejected,
a place where all find a place of belonging.

**Because Jesus ascended and sits at the right hand of God,
a new creation has begun—**

all that was distorted is being restored,
all that is corrupted is being renewed,
all that was broken is being made whole.

**Because Jesus ascended and sits at the right hand of God,
God's new world has begun.**

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

FIRST READING

Ephesians 1:15-23

For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God's people, I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not

only in the present age but also in the one to come. And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SECOND READING

Acts 1:4-14

On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit. Then they gathered around him and asked him, Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel? He said to them: It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight. They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. Men of Galilee, they said, why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven. Then the apostles returned to Jerusalem from the hill called the Mount of Olives, a Sabbath day's walk from the city. When they arrived, they went upstairs to the room where they were staying. Those present were Peter, John, James and Andrew; Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew; James son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.

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RESPONSE TO THE WORD – NO. 240 “Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks”
Alleluia, Alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord. Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

SERMON “This Is What I Need You to Do” 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 "For the Beauty of the Earth"

Eric Nelson

*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

Holy God, as you sent Christ, so send us. Bless our offerings and our lives and transform them into healing for the wounded, hope for the despairing, courage for the frightened, and faith for the embittered. In the name of Jesus Christ, who breathes new life into us for transformation of the world. Amen.

*HYMN - No. 826 "Lift High the Cross"

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name.

Come, Christians follow where our Savior trod, the Lamb victorious, Christ the Son of God. *Refrain*

All newborn servants of the Crucified bear on their brow the seal of Christ who died. *Refrain*

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree, your death has brought us life eternally. *Refrain*

So shall our song of triumph ever be: praise to the Crucified for victory. *Refrain*

*BENEDICTION

*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 “Prelude and Fugue in Bb” J.S. Bach

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

†Written by Christine Sine, and posted on **Godspace**. <http://godspace-mesa.com/2014/05/13/ascension-day-what-is-it-all-about/>

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Participating in the service today:

Rev. Rebecca Luter, Pastor

Jim Thrash, Director of Music

Tom Bryant, Accompanist

Laurinda Ingram, Liturgist

Shelley Wann, Children’s Moment

Paula Patterson and Bob Plotner, 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.

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 John Hazen in honor of his daughter, Sarah, who's expecting her second child, and his sister, Laurie, who'll soon become a first time Grandmother, and his Mom.

No Fellowship Coffee today, Sunday, May 12th. Happy Mother's Day. 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.

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.

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

Dedication of GEEC at Pinecrest May 19th at 3pm. Dr. Paula Gale, retired Professor of Soil Sciences at UT Martin, has gifted Pinecrest with a new home for their education program, Gale Environmental Education Center (GEEC). This will be a space dedicated to microscopes, hides, wasps' nests, and Doodle, the Friendly Noodle (snake). The GEEC is connected to the existing Arts and Crafts Hut. Those wishing to attend are invited to gather in the parking lot near

the Youth Room door (southeast corner) by 1:20pm to carpool and caravan to Pinecrest.

Announcements

Elder Commissioners for Presbytery Farmington Presbyterian is allowed two elder commissioners to each Presbytery meeting. These elders do not have to be currently serving on Session. If you would like to be considered to attend, please let Laurinda Ingram, Clerk of Session, know. The next meeting is May 18 at 9:30am on Zoom.

Adult Ministries Luncheon, Thursday, May 23rd at Noon in the Youth Room. The speaker will be Jinney Hart. Lunch will be prepared by Chef Scott Hutchins. The cost is \$13. Please contact Sandy Wann at srwann@bellsouth.net to make a reservation by Monday, May 20th.

Annual Spaghetti Dinner is June 6th at 6pm in Fellowship Hall. We will be accepting donations for the Mexico Cistern mission. Plan to come and invite your friends! For those unable to stay, dinners will be available to go at 6:00pm.

VBS 2024 June 10-14 Please consider volunteering for VBS Camp Firelight: "A Summer Camp Adventure with God" this summer. Please email Rev. Rebecca at rluter@farmingtonpres.org for more information.

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.

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... the Farmington family has been gathering around tables! Last Sunday, we held our final Potluck Lunch of the school year, Tuesday, Presbyterian Women gathered for dinner to wish Nadine, Melanie, and Meredith Oest well as they move. Wednesday, we enjoyed the Spring Picnic despite the weather. Then on Friday, our teachers and staff were

honored with a Teacher Appreciation Luncheon. Thank you to all who have made these times of fellowship possible!

Remember in Prayer...Our Farmington Family, Session and Staff; Greta Alera, 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, Carol Lovell, 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: First Presbyterian Church, Jackson, TN.

Sympathy... to the family and friends of Jack Williams, Memorial Service held at Farmington Presbyterian, May 11th at 2pm.

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