FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP
Fourth Sunday of Easter
May 3, 2020

Worship Online at 11:00am Sunday Mornings
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ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

O God, the peace you provide our hearts is beyond our understanding. In loving you, we have joy that overshadows our trials. Pour into our hearts assurance of your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

WELCOME

PRELUDE "Prelude Modal" Jean Langlais

CALL TO WORSHIP based on Isaiah 45

This is what the LORD says—the Holy One, our Maker: "Concerning things to come, do you question me about my children, or give me orders about the work of my hands?

It is I who made the earth and created mankind on it. My own hands stretched out the heavens; I marshaled their starry hosts.

I, the Lord, the Maker of earth, did not create only to leave it empty with nothing in it. I made it for life.

Turn to me and be helped – saved! – everyone, whoever and wherever you are to all you ends of the earth; for I am God, the one and only. There is no other.

Every word from my mouth is truth and is completed; I, the Lord, never fail to fulfill a promise.

Before me every knee will bow; by me every tongue will swear. Eventually, everyone will say of me, 'In the LORD alone are deliverance and strength.'"

HYMN OF PRAISE – No. 629 Verses 1 & 5

"Jesus, he Very Thought of Thee"

Jesus, the very thought of thee with sweetness fills my breast. But sweeter far thy face to see, and in thy presence rest.

Jesus, our only joy be thou, as thou our prize wilt be. Jesus, be thou our glory now, and through eternity.

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We confess, O God, that as we continue to shelter in our homes, we struggle in isolation against fears and worries that threaten to overwhelm. We long for a return to "normal" and fail to see the ways you are working to use even this time of trial to bring good changes that will further your Kingdom.

Forgive us, Lord. Forgive our lack of trust and resistance to change. Transform our lives by your power and love to live as your Easter people, declaring you do not cause death and evil and sin, but you are able to bring good out of them, for they do not have the last word. The last word is yours, O God, the last word is life.

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 from A Brief Statement of Faith

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the

poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Psalm 133

How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity! It is like precious oil poured on the head, running down on the beard, running down on Aaron's beard, down on the collar of his robe. It is as if the dew of Hermon were falling on Mount Zion. For there the Lord bestows his blessing, even life forevermore.

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

SECOND READING Philippians 1:27-2:11

Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or only hear about you in my absence, I will know that you stand firm in the one Spirit, striving together as one for the faith of the gospel without being frightened in any way by those who oppose you. This is a sign to them that they will be destroyed, but that you will be saved —and that by God. For it has been granted to you on behalf of Christ not only to believe in him, but also to suffer for him, since you are going through the same struggle you saw I had, and now hear that I still have.

Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in

spirit and of one mind. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!

Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

This is the Word of the Lord!
Thanks be to God!
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.
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SERMON "Every Knee, Every Heart" 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

"God of the Sparrow with God, You Spin the Whirling Planets"

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

Generous God, we bow before you in thanksgiving to offer these gifts as our testimony to your glory and as our commitment to live as your disciples. Bless our gifts to your work in the world and to your reign here on earth for the sake of Jesus the Christ, who was dead and behold is alive forevermore. Amen.

HYMN – No. 647 "Give Thanks"

Give thanks with a grateful heart;
give thanks to the Holy One;
Give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son.

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give thanks to the Holy One;
Give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son.

And now, let the weak say, "We are strong";
let the poor say, "We are rich
because of what the Lord has done for us!"

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because of what the Lord has done for us!"

Give thanks. Give thanks.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Fanfare" Jacques Lemmens

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
Paul King, Liturgist
Rebecca Hutchins and Tucker Williams, Choir

Welcome IN THE NAME OF JESUS, THE CHRIST

We hope that you have sensed the presence of the Holy Spirit in this place and find here a place that feels like home. If you are interested in more information about the life of our congregation or in becoming a member, please speak with our pastor, Rev. Rebecca Luter. You may reach her by email at rluter@farmingtonpres.org or by phone in the church office, 901-754-2794.

New members are received by the Session in one of three ways: Profession of Faith for those who have not previously joined a church, Transfer of Membership for those who are moving their membership from another congregation, or Reaffirmation of Faith for those who have been inactive for some time in church or who wish to rededicate themselves to Christ and his ministry in the world through the church.

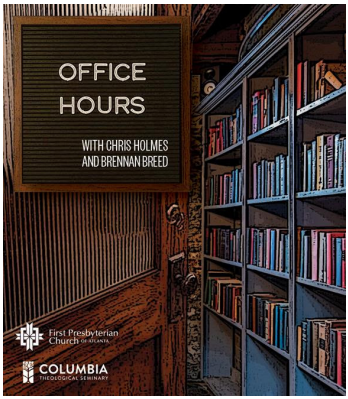
Large print hymnals and hearing assistance devices are available from the ushers.

Happenings AT FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN

A Message from Session While we are not able to worship together, the church is still carrying out the work and mission of God in the world. And, while we are not gathering on Sunday, the expenses of the church continue. Our offerings in March were down 50%, and we currently have no income from the Day School (which usually covers a portion of staff salaries and all of our property and grounds expenses). We have cut staff hours and staff salaries, discontinued or renegotiated contracts, and are minimizing our expenses. If you have kept your pledge current, thank you. If you are able to bring your pledge current or make an offering at this time, your gift is critical. If you are not able to give in this time, we understand. You can make your offering through the website, using a checking account, at www.farmingtonpres.org or mail your offering to Farmington Presbyterian Church, 8245 Farmington Boulevard, Germantown, TN 38139.

Youth Group will meet at 2pm this afternoon (May 3rd) via Zoom. If you don't have the link, please email Doug at doug@farmingtonpres.org.

Rev. Rebecca's Zoom Bible Study will meet at 9am Monday morning to discuss the resurrection from John's point of view. Go to



Zoom.com (or download the app), the meeting ID is 864-2083-7859 and the Password is 466493. No preparation needed – you don't even have to leave home!

Summer Mission Trip has been postponed.

This week… there will be no meetings or gatherings at Farmington Presbyterian. Please practice social distancing and remain healthy.

Office Hours: a Pop-Up Online Bible Study This is a great opportunity to hear from some of the foremost Biblical scholars on Paul's letter to the Philippians in a relaxed, conversational setting. Offered through Columbia Theological Seminary, you are welcome to the free, hour-long conversation livestreamed to Facebook every **Sunday morning from 9:30AM to 10:30AM EST through May 17th.**

To join this study, please join the Facebook group, "Office Hours Bible Study" here: https://bit.ly/CTSofficehours. If you are not on facebook, you can still enjoy the videos on our youtube channel. Videos will be posted after the Facebook livestreams. Participants who want a deeper experience may also register at https://www.ctsnet.edu/connect/alumni/ to receive free access to course material, complete with syllabus, downloadable readings, and audio-video links for further study.

This week at Farmington…our carillon bells rang out Wednesday evening across the neighborhood joining church bells across the country in honoring healthcare and frontline workers. We plan to continue to ring out our appreciation this Wednesday evening at 7pm. Those who would like may come to the parking lot to listen. Please remember to remain inside your cars.

Remember in Prayer… Our Farmington Family, Session and Staff; Essential workers and all affected by Covid-19, the Junn Family in Asia; Jack Arendt, Mary Lou Barrentine, Bonnie Blair, Paul Bourassa, Dorothy Chambers, Jelena Colasurdo, Mary Lou Collins, Jennifer Cottam, D.J. Davis, Lisa Dick, Jane Egan, Ed Gallagher, Rev. Jim

Hamilton, Bill Harrington, Adrian Heinz, Gary Hutchins, Rick Jacobs, Joe Knittig, Jane and David Mayo, Lori Millar, Beverly Ryan, JoAnne Simpkins, Patti Simpkins, Nancy Smith, William Stevens, Susan St. John, Suzanne Thomas, Willard Williams, Faye Woods and from our Presbytery: First Presbyterian Church, Huntingdon, TN.

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