



FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
July 28, 2024

Worship Online at 11:00am Sunday Mornings

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ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Holy God, we hear and are guided by your Word spoken through the prophet Isaiah, "How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news. Who publish peace, who bring good tidings, who publish salvation, and proclaim, 'Your God reigns!' God will judge among many peoples, and they shall beat their swords into plowshares and nation shall not lift up sword against nation: neither shall they learn war anymore." We want to be people who are beautiful to you. So, as we worship and as we live, let us lift up our voices and praise you, O God of peace and justice, with our demeanor and deeds. Amen.

WELCOME

PRELUDE "There is a Happy Land" arr. George Shearing

*CALL TO WORSHIP†

Christ sets before us this day life and death and calls for us to choose life that we and our children may live.

We accept life, so teach us to live.

Christ sets before us this day the challenge to seek peace and to pursue it.

We accept the challenge of peace, so enable us to pursue it.

Christ sets before us this day the call to be peacemakers;

to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ to a suffering world.

We gather to embody God's love and desire for peace for all people;

to hear and give voice to creation's cry for justice and peace.

We gather to name and confront the influence of evil within and among us;

to repent of our silence and complicity with the powers of chaos and death.

We gather to join with the oppressed and troubled people of the world in the struggle for liberation and peace;

to work for justice, healing and wholeness of life.

We gather to embrace the unity of God's people and Christ's church;
to make peace a reality.

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN – NO. 372 “O for a World”

O for a world where everyone respects each other's ways, where love is lived and all is done with justice and with praise.

O for a world where goods are shared and misery relieved, where truth is spoken, children spared, equality achieved.

Women: We welcome one world family and struggle with each choice that opens us to unity and gives our vision voice.

Men: The poor are rich; the weak are strong; the foolish ones are wise. Tell all who mourn: outcasts belong, who perishes will rise.

All: O for a world preparing for God's glorious reign of peace, where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.

(Please be seated.)

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 57:11-21

“Whom have you so dreaded and feared that you have not been true to me, and have neither remembered me nor taken this to heart? Is it not because I have long been silent that you do not fear me? I will expose your righteousness and your works, and they will not benefit you. When you cry out for help, let your collection of idols save you! The wind will carry all of them off, a mere breath will blow them away. But whoever takes refuge in me will inherit the land and possess my holy mountain.” And it will be said: “Build up, build up, prepare the road! Remove the obstacles out of the way of my people.” For this is what the high and exalted One says— he who lives forever, whose name is holy: “I live in a high and holy place, but also with the one who is contrite and lowly in spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly and to revive the heart of the contrite. I will not accuse them forever, nor will I always be angry, for then they would faint away because of me—the very people I have created. I was enraged by their sinful greed; I punished them, and hid my face in anger, yet they kept on in their willful ways. I have

seen their ways, but I will heal them; I will guide them and restore comfort to Israel's mourners, creating praise on their lips. Peace, peace, to those far and near," says the LORD. "And I will heal them." But the wicked are like the tossing sea, which cannot rest, whose waves cast up mire and mud. "There is no peace," says my God, "for the wicked."

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION†

God of Justice and Peace, even in the small schemes of our lives there are times when we come upon big messes we have caused. The challenges given, the first shots fired, volleys of words thrown like grenades, the revenge promised ... war even on the tiniest scale wreaks havoc and rejects consolation through the years.

Help us learn a new way, God, your way - to turn from the curse of war and the human sin that causes war; away from pride that turns its back on you; from unbelief that will not bow to you, away from self-righteousness that will not compromise, from selfishness that glories in the oppression of others, from the lust for property or power that drives humanity to kill, from trusting in the weapons of war and mistrusting the councils of peace, from hearing, believing and speaking lies about other nations and religions, from ground-less suspicions and fears that stand in the way of reconciliation, from words and deeds that encourage discord, prejudice and hatred; from everything that prevents the human family from fulfilling your promise of peace, your vision for us, your kingdom.

And now, O God, hear our private confessions we lift up to you now in silence....

(A time of silent prayer)

KYRIE

**Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news: today God reveals to us the wonders of divine love. We are forgiven.

For me, a Child is born; for me, a Son is given. I shall call him Wonderful, Counselor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

*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.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH†

Into the silence of the void the Creator spoke, and the world came into being. The Word of God in the vastness brought light from darkness, matter from nothing, flesh from dust, life from lifelessness.

In the quiet of a small town in Palestine the Word of God came to us. Even though of one being with the Creator, Jesus our Christ, taking on human form, was born, lived and walked among us, speaking the words of life. He was crucified, died, and was buried. He rose from the dead and speaks to us today. He is the one who saves us from ourselves.

In the stillness of our souls the Spirit of God, who is one with the Creator and the Christ, whispers the Word, and calls us back to the Creator, back to the Christ, back to the wholeness of everlasting life in the unity of the Creator, Christ and Spirit.

THROUGH CHILDREN'S EYES

Laurinda Ingram

*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 34, The Voice Translation

I will praise the Eternal in every moment through every situation. Whenever I speak, my words will always praise the Lord.

Everything within me wants to pay tribute to God.

Whenever the poor and humble hear of God's greatness, they will celebrate too!

Come and lift up the Eternal with me; let's praise God's name together! When I needed the Lord, I looked for God; I called out to God, and the Lord heard me and responded. The Lord came and rescued me from everything that made me so afraid. Look to the Lord and shine, so shame will never contort your faces. This poor soul cried, and the Eternal heard me and rescued me from my troubles.

The messenger of the Eternal God surrounds everyone who walks with God and is always there to protect and rescue us. Taste of

God's goodness; see how wonderful the Eternal truly is. Anyone who puts trust in God will be blessed and comforted. Revere the Eternal, you saints of the Lord, for those who worship God will possess everything important in life.

Young lions may grow tired and hungry, but those intent on knowing the Eternal God will have everything they need.

Gather around, children, listen to what I'm saying; I will teach you how to revere the Eternal. If you love life and want to live a good, long time, take care with the things you say. Don't lie or spread gossip or talk about improper things. Walk away from the evil things of the world, and always seek peace and pursue it.

For the Eternal watches over the righteous, and God's ears are attuned to their prayers. God is always listening. But God will punish evildoers, and nothing they do will last. They will soon be forgotten.

When the upright need help and cry to the Eternal, the Lord hears their cries and rescues them from all of their troubles. When someone is hurting or brokenhearted, the Eternal moves in close and revives that person in his or her pain.

Hard times may well be the plight of the righteous—they may often seem overwhelmed—but the Eternal rescues the righteous from what oppresses them.

God will protect all of their bones; not even one bone will be broken. Evil moves in and ultimately murders the wicked; the enemies of the righteous will be condemned.

The Eternal will liberate those who serve the Lord; those who seek refuge in God will never be condemned.

NEW TESTAMENT READINGS

John 14:23-27

Jesus replied, "Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Anyone who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me. "All this I have spoken while still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

Romans 4:25-5:2

He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification. Therefore, since we have been justified through

faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God.

Romans 8:1-9

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death. For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace. The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. Those who are in the realm of the flesh cannot please God. You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ.

Ephesians 2:13-22

But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, by setting aside in his flesh the law with its commands and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace, and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility. He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit. Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Thy Word is a Lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

INVITATION TO REFLECTION

A TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

Peace floods the soul, when Christ rules the heart.

You are invited to reflect silently:

What pain are you experiencing now? What discontent?

Where in your life are you governed by flesh? By Spirit?

With whom are you separated by disagreements? Different views?

Is your heart troubled? Will you accept Christ's peace?

LITANY FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE[†]

Lord, so many people are in pain,

Teach us the way to peace.

When people around us don't agree and think differently,

Lord, teach us to listen and understand.

When we see people getting hurt,

Lord, teach us to speak up.

When we see people who are hungry and poor,

Lord, teach us to give to them like you give to us.

When we see people treated poorly because of their skin color or language,

Lord, teach us to be an example of love.

When we see war and conflict around the world,

Lord, teach us how to make a difference and bring peace.

When we see pain,

Lord, teach us to bring healing.

When we feel low and things don't seem to be going well,

Lord, teach us to talk to our friends, our family and to you.

When we stop and see all you have given us.

Lord, teach us to be thankful.

In our lives, our neighborhoods and the world

Lord, teach us to pray and teach us the way to peace.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE[†]

Inspired by Psalm 99

Please remember those on our prayer list.

“The Lord reigns,” says Psalm 99. “Let the nations tremble; God is exalted over all the nations. Let them praise God's great and awesome name—the Lord is holy.”

Let the nations tremble... God, why should the nations tremble? They tremble, the Psalmist says, because you love justice. In a world of injustice, in a world where peace and forgiveness are scarce, we pray for your merciful justice to reign. Across the earth there are places that desperately need your justice. I'll lift up a few of our world's concerns: May your peace settle on the land of Ukraine; may your peace settle on the land of Sudan; may your peace settle on the people of Israel and Palestine; and may your peace come to this country where we live.

God, your peace is not of this world; your peace makes the nations tremble because they are permeated by violence—even their justice depends on violence. So God, we pray for your Spirit to come with power: to bring good news to the poor, freedom for the prisoners, recovery of sight for the blind, liberation for the oppressed, the year of the Lord's favor. Come Lord Jesus, shake the foundations of worldly powers with your justice, establish your kingdom of sacrificial love on earth as it is in heaven.

God, may our lives also tremble with your righteousness. Transform us into servants of your justice. May your mercy flow through our lives. In a world of greed, may we display your generosity, your gracious giving. In a world of deception, may we be truthful people—even when it's inconvenient. In a world of quick fixes and cheap hope, may we be people of patience. In a world where everyone is quick to point fingers, may we be people who confess our sins and ask for forgiveness.

God, this world of self-destruction is the same world that resounds with your grace. Give us eyes to see the mysterious movements of your grace. And give us the strength we need to join in your work of redemption. This morning, give us new life. Save us from our sins. Set us free from our selfishness. May your Holy Spirit lead us in the way of Jesus, so that we may be good news for our friends and neighbors and the strangers we meet along the way. For we are servants of your kingdom, ministers of your grace.

And now, as your children, we pray as our brother, Jesus, taught us:

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 “I Will Sing New Songs”

Dvorak

Brianna Rempe, soprano

*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†

**Faithful God, you ask us to be faithful people.
In this community, you ask us to be people of justice.
In this community, you ask us to be people of mercy.
In this community, you ask us to be people of peace.
Be with us as we try to be faithful in large ways and in small ways so your eternal community may come in every way.
Amen.**

*HYMN - No. 307 “God of Grace and God of Glory”

**God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power;
crown thine ancient church’s story; bring its bud to glorious
flower. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of
this hour, for the facing of this hour.**

**Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn thy Christ, assail his
ways! From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to
faith and praise. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the
living of these days, for the living of these days.**

**Cure thy children’s warring madness; bend our pride to thy
control; shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and
poor in soul. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss
thy kingdom’s goal, lest we miss thy kingdom’s goal.**

**Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore. Let the
gift of thy salvation be our glory evermore. Grant us wisdom,
grant us courage, serving thee whom we adore, serving thee
whom we adore.**

*DEPARTING PRAYER†

**Let us pledge ourselves anew to the service of God and our fellow
men and women: that we may help, encourage and comfort others**

and that we may support those working for the relief of the needy and for the peace and welfare of the nations.

Lord God our Father, we pledge ourselves to serve you and all humankind, in the cause of peace, for the relief of want and suffering, and for the praise of your name. Guide us by your Spirit; give us wisdom; give us courage; give us hope; and keep us faithful now and always. Amen.

*SENDING FORTH HYMN No. 765

“May the God of Hope Go with Us”

May the God of hope go with us every day, filling all our lives with love and joy and peace. May the God of justice speed us on our way, bringing light and hope to every land and race. Praying, let us work for peace; singing, share our joy with all; working for a world that’s new, faithful when we hear Christ call.

*POSTLUDE “Rigaudon” Andre’ Campra

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

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Invitation to Reflection written by Roddy Hamilton, and posted on Mucky Paws. <http://www.nkchurch.org.uk/index.php/mucky-paws>

Litany for Peace and Justice from *Litanies and Prayers for Peace and Justice*, posted on the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America website.

Prayers of the People written by Isaac, a Mennonite pastor.

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

Participating in the service today:

Rev. Rebecca Luter, Pastor
Jim Thrash, Director of Music
Tom Bryant, Accompanist
Ann Erickson and Mike Colley, Liturgists
Laurinda Ingram, Children's Moment
Tom and Elizabeth Moots, Ushers
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.

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

Fellowship Coffee today, Sunday, July 28th in the Narthex. Please 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.

This Week

FPDS will be closed this week for Teacher In-Service. July 29 – August 2.

Next Sunday

Summer Break: No Adult Sunday School Classes, Children's Sunday School Classes & Youth Sunday School Classes.

Potluck Sunday Next Sunday, August 4th we will have a potluck lunch. Please bring a savory dish and/or sweet treat to the kitchen before worship with any heating instructions.

Announcements

Back to School Shopping We are blessed to be a blessing, so as you shop, consider picking up extra supplies for the Children in the Inn (children who are living in the Family Inn of Room in the Inn as their parents gain stability to provide a home for their family). Backpacks, crayons 24 count, glue sticks, #2 pencils, Kleenex, etc. We will have the full supply list posted on the bulletin board & on our website. Supplies can be brought to worship each Sunday or dropped off during the week. Our last day of collection ends August 11th. Tax free shopping is July 26-28th.

Redbirds Game/Rescheduled Join the Farmington family and friends for a night at the ole ballpark for a Redbirds game on August 22 at 7pm. Tickets are \$30 per person/\$100 family maximum. RSVP to church@farmingtonpres.org by August 4.

Kickoff to Fall! Sunday, August 11th, we will have a Blessing of the Backpacks during worship and return to Sunday School on the 11th.

Romans 12 Bible Study Cooper Patterson will be leading a bible study on the book of Romans 12 in the Fellowship Hall from 9:30-10:30am.

Children's and Youth Sunday School will begin August 11th. If you are interested in teaching or assisting with passing on our faith to the next generation, please let Rev. Rebecca know. Children will meet at 10am in A6. Youth will meet at 10am in the Youth Room.

PW Gathering for Horizon Bible Study Workshop Register now for the Horizon Bible Study Review, Saturday August 24th at Pincrest. Spend time with Presbyterian Women from many churches in our Presbytery to review and learn more about the 24-25 "Let Justice Roll Down" bible study. Cost is \$25 per person, breakfast and lunch included. Registration deadline is August 16. Please contact Melissa Still at still_melissa@yahoo.com for more details

2024-25 Presbyterian Women Bible Study book, "Let Justice Roll Down: God's Call to Care for Neighbors and All Creation" by Patricia K. Tull, are available for purchase. Please contact Melissa Still at still_melissa@yahoo.com or 901-246-4214 if you would like a book. All are welcome to purchase the book whether or not you plan to attend the Bible Study. Cost is \$11 per book.

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.

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 Summer Camp completed another year! Lots of water slides, field trips, VBS, Ninja courses, and a visit from Magic Mr. Nick. We are so grateful for all the staff that helped this summer.

Remember in Prayer...Our Farmington Family, Session and Staff; Greta Alera, Jackie Baker, Kevin Beard, Betty Boyd, Jeanne Carr, Judith Cassidy, Mary Lou Collins, Joe Gaul, Bill Harrington, Martha Hart, Robert Herring, Vanessa Howard, Sean Hunt, Gary Hutchins, Bill Jones, Bill Knight, Carol Lovell, Faye McKenzie, Sara Millar, Stan Neighbors, Kathryn Moots Newhouse, Nancy & Dennis Palmer, Pat Register, Bill Renfrow, Jack Scherer, JoAnne Simpkins, Williams Stevens, Kathy VanderEcken, Kasi Wann, Frank Whited, Reggie & Pam Wilson, Faye Woods, and from our Presbytery: Young Adult Volunteers.

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