



FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP

Sixth Sunday in Lent

May 10, 2026

*Rise in body or spirit.

Bold Type—Participate in unison.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Living God, in Christ Jesus you have shown us how to live the Good News. When everything was dark and it seemed that the sun would never shine again, your love broke through. Jesus listened deeply, showed compassion, offered help, gracefully forgave, created community, and brought peace. As we follow the way he showed us to live, we come to know your love and receive the abundant life you intend for us more fully. O Lord, call us out of darkness, reveal your way to us, and keep us faithful in following it. Amen.

WELCOME

Visitors and members are encouraged to fill out the attendance folder located on the center aisle of each pew and pass it to those seated along the pew.

PRELUDE “I Need Thee Every Hour”

Robert Lowry

*CALL TO WORSHIP†

From places of searching and uncertainty, we gather.

We come, sometimes knowing and others unknowing, longing for God.

But the God who made the world is not far from each of us.

We are called into the presence of the One in whom we live and move and have our being.

Jesus says, “I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you.”

So we come, trusting that we are not alone.

Let us worship the one who is near to us even now!

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*PROCESSIONAL HYMN—NO. 2 “Come Thou Almighty King”

Please be seated.

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of empty tombs and empty people, we confess that we get so focused on ourselves that we fail to recognize you walking alongside us. We confess that we get so focused on our path that we fail to hear you guiding us in your way. Forgive us and open our eyes to see our need for you. Forgive us and open our ears to hear your direction. Lead us to live your good news in our lives.

A time for 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 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

Nic Luter

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

Sympathy to the family and friends Roberta Whitten, former member; Thomas Priscock, relative of Catherine Laycock; Judy Markham, sister of Harrison Ashley; and Betty Riley, great-aunt of Chris Luter.

Worship Online at 11:00 Sunday Mornings
www.farmingtonpres.org , click “Worship with us!”



THIS SERVICE IS BEING LIVE-STREAMED
AND RECORDED. ATTENDEES
IMPLICITLY AGREE THAT THEY, AND
ANY CHILDREN ACCOMPANYING
THEM, MAY BE ON CAMERA.

Sunday mornings. Rev. Rebecca's class, Centering in the Word, offers an introduction to the Scriptures for worship that day and meets in the East Room at 10am. Cooper's class is studying John Ortberg's *Eternity Is Now in Session*. The book can be ordered from Amazon. This class meets in the Fellowship Hall from 9:30am to 10:30am.

Senior Sunday We will be recognizing our graduating Seniors next Sunday, May 17th during worship. If you have a senior who is graduating this Spring, please email Rev. Rebecca so that he or she will be included (rluter@farmingtonpres.org).

Annual Spring Picnic and Silent Auction This Thursday, May 14, from 5-7pm in Farmington's new backyard. We will have facepainting, bounce house, and music by Sarah Spain, lead singer of Landslide. Scott Hutchins will be fixing hamburgers and hot dogs. The cost is \$10/adult and \$5/child with a family maximum of \$30. The Silent Auction supports our 2027 Rise Against Hunger packaging event.

2026 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."

Vacation Bible School We are beginning to plan this summer's VBS and are excited to welcome you to the team. The dates are June 8-12, and the theme is Snowball Mountain Challenge. We have all sorts of volunteer positions – some can even be done from home! Please let Rev. Barb or Liv Palmer know that you want to help.

Electronic Giving We are now able to receive gifts through texts and this QR code. It is a simple process to set up an account or to make a one-time gift as a visitor. You will soon receive much more information about our new church app with Church Directory, calendar, signups, and more available on your mobile phone. Text **FarmPresGive** (not case-sensitive) to 1-888-364-GIVE (4483) in order to receive a reply with the link to your giving interface, or scan this QR code with your phone's camera.



This Week at Farmington The teachers and staff of the Day School enjoyed a 90's Themed Teacher Appreciation Week. If you have the opportunity, be sure to thank our teachers and staff for all they do!

Prayer Concerns

Remember in Prayer Our Farmington Family, Session, and Staff; Earleen Anderson, Kathy and Bill Argo, Jackie Baker, Kevin Beard, Bonnie Blair, Martha Carr, Judith Cassidy, Jim Collins, Dan Freymeyer, Joe Gaul, Brenda Geise, Adrienne Pakis Gillion, Betzabe Guzman, Bill Harrington, Martha Hart, Annette Hosier, Jerry Hosier, Peter Kendall, Bill Knight, Tammy Lee, Jim Mabile, Annette Main, Sara Millar, Tommy Nagel, Nancy & Dennis Palmer, Bill Renfrow, Ellen Renfrow, Bob and Linda Seidman, JoAnne Simpkins, Karen Smaili, Marty Steele, William Stephens, Jon Still, Joan Wallace, Frank Whited, and from our Presbytery: Disability Inclusiveness.

First Reading

John 14:15-21

Pew Bible 1676

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Acts 17:22-31

Pew Bible 1724

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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 “Living the Good News: God Is Always With Us”

Rev. Dr. Barb Johnson

RESPOND TO GOD

PRAYER CONCERNS—*Please remember those on our prayer list.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM “A Mother Lined a Basket”

John Horman

Natalie Duncan, Mezzo-Soprano

A mother lined a basket to keep her baby dry, then rocked him on a river, lest he awake and cry. She let a princess name him her son that he might live. God's people had a leader. She had such hope to give.

A mother sewed a jacket lined in the softest wool, then dressed her little boy-child, her cup of blessing full. She brought him to the temple where he would serve and live God's people had a prophet. She had such faith to give.

A mother laid her baby in manger lined with straw; then, in the shepherd's story, his call from God foresaw. She nurtured him and taught him the way that he must

live. God’s people had a savior. She had such love to give.

Like Jochebed and Hannah, and Mary, too, we know the hardest part of loving is learning to let go. So when we send our children out in the world to live, grant us such hope and faith, God, and love enough to give.

*DOXOLOGY—NO. 606

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

*HYMN—NO. 661 “Why Should I Feel Discouraged” Refrain after Verses 1 & 3

*INVITATION, CHARGE, AND BLESSING

*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 “All Are Welcome” Marty Haugen

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FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Rebecca Luter, Pastor

Rev. Dr. Barb Johnson, Associate Pastor

Davis Howe, Youth Director

Jim Thrash, Director of Music

Dr. Tom Bryant, Accompanist

PARTICIPATING IN THE SERVICE TODAY

Ashleigh Williams, Liturgist

Nic Luter, Children’s Moment

Natalie Duncan, Mezzo-Soprano

Paula Gale and Paula Patterson, Ushers

Welcome

We seek to be a community that is a home for all of God’s family with a heart for God’s world. We hope that you will sense the presence of the Holy Spirit in this place and find that you feel at home. We are grateful for the visitors and friends of the Farmington family who add to our community each week.

Need more information? What to sign up for something? Looking for the livestream of worship? Go to our website: www.farmingtonpres.org

Need to give us information? What 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 (for those who have never been a member of a church), Reaffirmation of Faith (for those who have joined a church in the past but not been involved in a while), and Transfer of Membership (for those who are coming from active participation in another church). If you are interested in knowing more about Farmington Presbyterian or about joining, let Rev. Rebecca or Rev. Barb 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 church office. You may reach Rev. Rebecca Luter at (901)674-8000 or rluter@farmingtonpres.org.

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

Happenings

Coffee in the Narthex After worship this morning, you are encouraged to enjoy fellowship over coffee and cookies in the Narthex.

Sanctuary Flowers The flowers this morning are given to the glory of God by Brandon & Shelley Wann in honor of Mother’s Day and to celebrate all the students graduating.

No Sunday School or Youth Fellowship on Mother’s Day

Youth Fellowship The youth meet on Sunday evenings in the Youth Room from 5:30-7:30pm for a time of fellowship, games, faith-building, and food. Friends are welcome! For more information or to be notified of upcoming events, text or email Davis at 901-482-2503 or davis@farmingtonpres.org.

Youth Sunday School (6th-12th grades) All youth are encouraged to come for discussion on the life of Mary Magdalene. Donuts will be provided!

Adult Sunday School Rev. Rebecca Luter and Cooper Patterson each teach an adult class on