



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF FARMINGTON

Church of the Open Hands

WELCOMING ALL; SHARING CHRIST; SERVING OTHERS

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In preparing our hearts for worship, we will be dimming the lights in the narthex, indicating a time to prepare ourselves for worship. Please enter the sanctuary quietly a welcome and announcements.

April 27, 2025

Second Sunday in Easter



Prayer of Preparation

God of life, we praise you for the miracle of Easter. We pray for great joy for ourselves and for all who come to worship today to celebrate Jesus' resurrection. We pray especially for those who will join us for worship and whose lives are filled with pain, loss, or deep sadness. May they sense how the resurrection is a source of great hope. Amen.

We Enter into God's Presence

**Please stand in body or spirit*

Prelude

All Hail The Power of Jesus' Name

arr Bret Edstrom

Welcome / Greetings

Pastor Bruce Mulder

Signing of the Friendship Pad & Prayer Cards

*Call to Worship based on from Psalm 118

Liturgist

Give thanks to the LORD, for God is good;
God's love endures forever.

In our anguish we cried to the LORD,

And God answered by setting us free.

Give thanks to the LORD, for God is good;

God's love endures forever. The LORD is our strength and our song;

God has become our salvation.

Give thanks to the LORD, for God is good;
God's love endures forever. We will not die but live,

We will proclaim what the LORD has done.

Give thanks to the LORD, for God is good;
God's love endures forever. The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone;

The LORD has done this; and it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day the LORD has made;

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

*Opening Hymn #238

Thine Is The Glory

1. Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
Kept the folded graveclothes where thy body lay.

2. Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
Lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom.
Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
For the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting.

3. No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life!
Life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife.
Make us more than conquerors through thy deathless love;
Bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.

Refrain:

Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;
Endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from the grave and crowned him Lord of all. We come before you; hear us as we pray.

We confess that we have not bowed before Jesus or acknowledged his rule in our lives. We have gone along with the way of the world and failed to give Christ glory. Forgive us and raise us from sin, that we may be your faithful people, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Words of Assurance -- from Colossians 2:13-15

When you were dead in trespasses, God made you alive together with Christ, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. God set this aside, nailing it to the cross. God disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it. People of God: Jesus' resurrection assures us we are forgiven, today and always. Thanks be to God.

We Hear God's Word

Reading

Psalm 150; John 20.19-31

Liturgist

Psalm 150

Praise the Lord! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty firmament!
Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his surpassing greatness!
Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp!
Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe!
Praise him with clanging cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals!
Let everything that breathes praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

John 20.19-31

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin^[a]), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may continue^[b] to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Anthem

Now The Green Blade Riseth
FPC Choir

arr. John Carter

Sermon

“An Easter People”

Offertory & Collection of Prayer Cards

*Doxology #606

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God all creatures here and below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

We Respond to God's Word

Prayer of the People, Thanksgiving, & The Lord's Prayer

Liturgist

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Eternal God, we praise you that your glory has dawned on us and brought us into this day

We rejoice that the grave could not hold your Son and that Jesus has conquered death, risen to rule over all powers of this earth. We praise you that Christ our Lord summons us into new life, to follow him with joy and gladness.

By your Spirit lift us from doubt and despair and set our feet in Christ's holy way, that our lives may be signs of his life and that all we have may show forth his love.

Our loving, forgiving and redeeming God all praise, glory, and thanksgiving are yours, forever and ever. Hear us as we pray:

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.

We Follow God's Word into the World

*Hymn of Sending # 254 That Easter Day With Joy Was Bright

1. That Easter day with joy was bright; The sun shone out with fairer light when,
To their longing eyes restored, The apostles saw their risen lord
2. He bade them see his hands, his side, where yet the glorious wounds abide,
The tokens true which made it plain their Lord indeed was risen again.
3. From every weapon death can wield, your own redeemed forever shield;
O Lord of all, with us abide in this our joyful Eastertide.

Benediction

Pastor Bruce Mulder

Postlude

Paeon

by Dale Wood

May 4, 2025 Annual Congregational Meeting, 11:15 a.m., Knox Hall

There will be an Annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday, 5/4/25, after the Worship Service in Knox Hall and virtually via Zoom. The purpose of this meeting is to nominate and elect the next class of Deacons, Elders, Nominating Committee Members and the Financial Review Team. A Q&A Session will be held after the meeting for any questions and comments. The meeting will open 5-10 minutes early to allow people to join. Zoom meeting link

- <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88484031677?pwd=Ry8bd9THnrKhTclD9Wf7h4vYBmesms.1>

Meeting ID: 884 8403 1677, Passcode: 524162.

Cinco de Mayo Potluck!

Please join the Nurture committee in a potluck luncheon celebrating "Cinco de Mayo" on Sunday, May 4 after worship. Our potluck theme is "anything Mexican", with lots of room for individual interpretation. Bring a guest and join the fun. See you then!

The 2025 CROP Hunger Walk is Sunday, May 4, 2025.

Donations can be made online, given directly to one of the walkers or sent to the church office. Online donations are preferred, but cash and checks written to CWS/CROP Hunger Walk are also accepted. The online link

is: <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/crophungerwalks/team/first-presbyterian-of-farmington>

and our team name is "First Presbyterian of Farmington". Donations will also be collected in the Narthex on April 27 and May 4. Everyone is welcome, so invite your family and friends.

Please contact Dorothy Tait (detai1957@gmail.com) for more info or to sign up to walk. The walk is downtown Farmington at the First United Methodist Church of Farmington, 33112

Grand River. We are so grateful for your support of this program which can make an immediate and life-saving impact. Watch our new Goal Chart in the Narthex grow!

CARES Food Pantry

The number of people needing assistance in providing enough food for their family continues to grow. Between 750 and 800 households are served by CARES each month. Please take home a yellow CARES shopping list, found in the pews, and take it with you on your next shopping trip. We have provided a plastic bin in the Narthex for your generous donations. Thank you for remembering your neighbors.

Lost and Found!

A men's Columbia 3X black jacket has been hanging in the coat racks for at least a month. If it is yours or you know of someone who misplaced their jacket please reach out to the church office.

CALLING ALL WOMEN EUCHRE PLAYERS for a fun afternoon

Our next afternoon of cards will be: **Friday May 2** from 2:00 to 4:00 in the **Library**. Add this date to your calendar and sign up on the kiosk. Get in on the fun before we go on summer break! New players are welcome- we can teach YOU!

-Questions? See Nancy Prieskorn

One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS)

The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing - Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People - all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From the initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope.

OGHS envelopes are available on the back of the pews. Checks can be made out to First Presbyterian Church Farmington but be sure to note that it is for OGHS on the memo line.

Hospitality Time Schedule

You are invited to bring ONE food item on ONE Sunday each month. Your Sunday depends on the first letter of your last name. It would be greatly appreciated if you are also able to help with set-up or clean-up. Please note healthy options are welcome as well such as fruit, eggs, cheese & crackers, veggies etc. Here's the upcoming schedule:

April 27: Last names beginning E-K

May 4: Last names beginning L-R

May 11: Last names beginning S-Z

May 18: Last names beginning A-D



QR Code for Donations!

If you ever forget to go to the ATM, or simply don't carry cash on you, we've decided to include the church QR code for a more streamlined donation process. To donate, just scan the QR code and follow the prompts!

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we've got fun wrapped up!

Join us in ancient Egypt! You'll explore Pharaoh's palace, experience thrilling "real-life" dramas, play high-energy games, sample tasty snacks, and hear unforgettable music. Plus, you'll meet lots of new friends!

Location: Hope Lutheran Church:
39200 W 12 Mile Rd,
Farmington Hills, MI 48331

The adventure begins: August 11th - 15th

Celebration time: 9am - 11:30am

**More info
and Registration**



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2025 Easter Flowers Orders



Mary Carson has made a donation to CARES.

Tom & Cathy Neal have made a donation to CARES in Honor of their son Shaun and daughter Susan.

Rob & Sally Kirsten have purchased tulips in Memory of Robert Grialou.

Dot Basmaji has purchased tulips in Honor of Mary Jo Ellens & Memory of Neil Basmaji and Dr. Harold Ellens

Luna & Dwight Kish have purchased tulips in Honor of Marilyn Kish and Memory of Constantine Kapatais

Craig & Pam Aue have purchased both tulips and lilies as well as donated to CARES in Honor of mothers, children, grandchildren and faithful members at 1st Pres and in Memory of our father, grandparents & church members who have passed

Randy & Tracy Edwards has purchased lilies in memory of loved ones

Deb Hemmye has purchased tulips and a made a donation to CARES in Honor of all those who advocate for peace & equality in our world

Jerry & Marcia Howe have purchased lilies in Memory of their parents.

Reeveila Kelly has purchased tulips and made a donation to CARES.

Anne & Rick Fuller have purchased tulips and made a donation to CARES in Memory of Lloyd C. Lewis.

Eddie Matteson has purchased lilies in Honor of the people of Gaza.

Karen McCullough has made a donation to CARES in Loving Memory of Teckla and Thomas McCullough.

Pat & Mark Plamondon have purchased lilies in Memory of their parents and grandparents.

Dan Piontek & Dorothy Tait have made a donation to CARES in Honor of Glory to God.

Jim Tubbs has purchased lilies and made a donation to CARES in Memory of Lee and Jim Tubbs.

Dale Hawkins has made a donation to CARES in Memory of the Hawkins family.

Karen & Paul Spica have purchased tulips in Memory and Honor of family and friends.

Matt & Laura Hedgecock have made a donation to CARES in Memory of Joan & Larry Hedgecock.

Marcia & Bob Van Hamme have made a donation to CARES in Memory of Leslie Van Hamme.

Michael Rogers & Leslie Black have purchased both lilies and tulips as well as made a donation to CARES in Memory of Joann Rogers and In Honor of our families near and far.

Sandra Adkins has purchased lilies in Memory of her parents.

Emmanuela DeCenso has purchased tulips and made a donation to cares in Memory of Joyce DeCenso and Marparita Jaku.