



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
OF FARMINGTON

*Church of the Open Hands*

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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 and in time to hear the welcome and announcements.*

# May 25, 2025

## Sixth Sunday in Easter



### Prayer of Preparation

Dear God, silence all voices within our minds but your own. Help us to seek and be able to follow your will. May our prayers be joined with those of our sisters and brothers in the faith, that together we may glorify your name and enjoy your fellowship forever. In Jesus' name, Amen.

## We Enter into God's Presence

*\*Please stand in body or spirit*

Prelude

Nearer My God To Thee

Brent Edstrom

Welcome / Greetings

Pastor Bruce Mulder

*Signing of the Friendship Pad & Prayer Cards*

Congregational Life

Deborah Draper

\*Call to Worship based on from Psalm 27; John 4

Liturgist

Let us worship God, our light and our salvation.

**The Lord is the stronghold of our lives.**

We desire to live in God's house and to seek God in his holy temple.

**We have come with shouts of joy, to sing and to make music to the Lord.**

Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

**Teach us your ways and make straight our paths in this hour of worship and always.**

Let us worship the Lord our God. Amen.

\*Opening Hymn #688

Spirit Of God, Descend Upon My Heart

- 1. Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;  
Wean it from earth; through all its pulses move;  
Stoop to my weakness, mighty as thou art,  
And make me love thee as I ought to love.**
- 2. I ask no dream, no prophet ecstasies,  
No sudden rending of the veil of clay,  
No angel visitant, no opening skies;  
But take the dimness of my soul away.**
- 3. Hast thou not bid us love thee, God and King;  
All, all thine own, soul, heart, and strength, and mind?  
I see thy cross; there teach my heart to cling.  
O let me seek thee, and O let me find!**
- 4. Teach me to feel that thou art always nigh.  
Teach me the struggles of the soul to bear,  
To check the rising doubt, the rebel sigh.  
Teach me the patience of unanswered prayer.**
- 5. Teach me to love thee as thine angels love,  
One holy passion filling all my frame;  
The baptism of the heavens descended Dove,  
My heart an altar, and thy love the flame.**

Prayer of Confession

Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare those who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to the world in Christ Jesus, our Lord. And grant, O merciful God, for his sake, that we may live a holy, just, and humble life to the glory of your holy name. Amen

## Words of Assurance – Psalm 103

The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. God will not always accuse, nor will he keep his anger forever. The Lord does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us. As a father has compassion for his children, so the LORD has compassion for those who fear him.

**Give thanks to the Lord; for God is good. God has forgiven us in Jesus Christ. Amen.**

# We Hear God's Word

Reading

John 14.23-29; Acts 16.9-15

Liturgist

### John 14.23-29

Jesus answered him, "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words, and the word that you hear is not mine but is from the Father who sent me.

"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur you may believe.

### Acts 16.9-15

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

We therefore set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the Sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer, and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of

Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

Come, Follow Me!  
FPC Choir

John Carter

Sermon

"Home"

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

We praise and thank you, O Lord, that you have fed us with your Word. As we are grateful, we offer to you our prayers for all people.

God of compassion, we remember before you the poor and the afflicted, the sick and the dying, prisoners and all who are lonely, the victims of war, injustice, and inhumanity, and all others who suffer from whatever their sufferings may be called.

*Silence*

O Lord of providence holding the destiny of the nations in your hand, we pray for our country. Inspire the hearts and minds of our leaders that they, together with all our nation, may first seek your kingdom and righteousness so that order, liberty, and peace may dwell with your people.

*Silence*

O God the Creator, we pray for all nations and peoples. Take away the mistrust and lack of understanding that divide your creatures; increase in us the recognition that we are all your children.

*Silence*

O Savior God, look upon your church in its struggle upon the earth. Have mercy on its weakness, bring to an end its unhappy divisions, and scatter its fears. Look also upon the ministry of your church. Increase its courage, strengthen its faith, and inspire its witness to all people, even to the ends of the earth.

*Silence*

Author of grace and God of love, send your Holy Spirit's blessing to your children here present. Keep our hearts and thoughts in Jesus Christ, your Son, our only Savior, who has taught us to 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 #539

We Will Go Out With Joy

**1. We will go out with joy in the Spirit; we will go out with God.**

**We will go out with joy in the Spirit; we will go out with God.**

**Alleluia! We will go out with joy.**

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**2. Now anyone who's born of the Spirit, sing a new song of joy.**

**Now anyone who's born of the Spirit, sing a new song of joy.**

**Alleluia! We will go out with joy.**

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**3. We will go out with joy in the Spirit; we will go out with God.**

**We will go out with joy in the Spirit; we will go out with God.**

**Alleluia! We will go out with joy.**

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Benediction

Pastor Bruce Mulder

Postlude

Fanfare on "St. Gertrude"

Gordon Young

### **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.

### **Pancake Breakfast**

Our Cub Pack 179 would like to say Thank You for supporting our Pack and are hosting a pancake breakfast after service on June 1st. The only thing you need to bring is your appetite.

### **Cereal for Summer Campaign (May 1 – July 6)**

No child should go hungry. However, many kids who rely on receiving breakfast and lunch during the school year often face long summer days without enough to eat. Join our annual CEREAL FOR SUMMER CAMPAIGN and help us feed hungry children in our presbytery. The Mission Ministry will be accepting cereal donations from May 1 until July 6. See the marked containers in the Mission Cove in the foyer. Thank you again for your continuing generosity in supporting this effort.

### **Donations Needed for Youth United (by June 22)**

The Youth United planning committee is asking each community partner to collect the following items before Youth United begins on June 23 :

- personal care items: feminine hygiene products, tissue packs, toiletries (all sizes), hand sanitizers
- baby wipes, formula, diapers, food
- new socks (adults and kids)
- clean t-shirts (sizes adult small to large)
- gently used or new books for all age groups (from birth to adult) CARES food pantry
- non-perishable food items
- toilet paper
- laundry detergent and cleaning products
- condiments (mustard, ketchup, syrup, jellies, BBQ sauce)

Place your donations in the CARES/Youth United container located in the narthex under the Welcome Table. Thank you for your generosity and participation in Youth United!

### **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:

May 25: Last names beginning E-K

June 1: Last names beginning L-R

June 8: Last names beginning S-Z

June 15: Last names beginning A-D

June 22: Last names beginning E-K



### **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 prompt

### **First Presbyterian Church Staff**

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