



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 quiet our minds (and mouths!). Please enter the sanctuary quietly and in time to hear the welcome and announcements.

## May 26, 2024

# Trinity Sunday

### Prayer of Preparation

*Holy, holy, holy God, we worship and adore you—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
Today in our worship we long for a glimpse of your glory, seen perfectly in Christ, our Lord. As we worship, may we gain new insight about the mystery and wonder of your love. And may we sense new ways to mirror that love in our world, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.*

### We Enter into God's Presence

\*Please stand in body or spirit

Prelude	<i>Prélude à l'Introit pour la fête de la Fête-Dieu</i>	Pierre Camonin
Welcome / Greetings		Pastor Bruce Mulder
<i>Signing of the Friendship Pad &amp; Prayer Cards</i>		
Congregational Life		Mary Carson
*Call to Worship		Mary Carson

L: Jesus prayed that we, the church, would be one, just as he and the Father are one.

**P: Today we offer our praise and prayer together, as one body, in Christ, through the power of the Holy Spirit.**

L: This is the day the Lord has made;

**P: Let us be glad and rejoice in it.**

L: In harmony, let us glorify God—Father, Son, and Spirit.

**P: Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Amen.**

**1 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.**

**2 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.**

**3 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.**

**4 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.**

Prayer of Confession

Father, you have come to meet us as we return to you:

**Lord, have mercy.**

Jesus, you died on the cross for the sin of the world.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Spirit, you give us life and peace.

**Lord, have mercy.**

*SILENCE*

All-holy Trinity, have mercy on us. God, forgive our sins. Lord Jesus Christ, pardon our transgressions. Breath of Life, visit us and heal our infirmities for your name's sake.

**Lord, have mercy. Amen.**

Assurance of Forgiveness –from *Romans 8*

You did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When you cry, "*Abba! Father!*" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ.

**In Christ, by the power of the Spirit, we are forgiven. Thanks be to the triune God.**

## We Hear God's Word

Reading 1

Isaiah 6.1-8

Mary Carson

*New Revised Standard Version*

**6** In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty, and the hem of his robe filled the temple. **2** Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. **3** And one called to another and said, "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory."

**4** The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. **5** And I said, "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!"

**6** Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. **7** The seraph touched my mouth with it and said, "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." **8** Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

Reading 2

John 3.1-17

Mary Carson

*New Revised Standard Version*

**3** Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. **2** He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with that person." **3** Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." **4** Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" **5** Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. **6** What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. **7** Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' **8** The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." **9** Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" **10** Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?"

**11** "Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen, yet you do not receive our testimony. **12** If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? **13** No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man.

<sup>14</sup> And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup> that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

<sup>16</sup> "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

<sup>17</sup> "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Anthem

*Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!*  
Chancel Choir

Caribbean Melody,  
arr. Marty Haugen

Sermon

**And, We're Off...**

Pastor Bruce Mulder



## **We Respond to God's Word**

Offertory & Doxology  
*Collection of Prayer Cards*

Pastor Bruce Mulder

**Direct, control, suggest, this day,  
in all I design, do, or say,  
that all my powers, with all of their might,  
might serve you both day and night.**

arr. Shari Fiore

Prayers of the People

Mary Carson

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Gracious Father, giver of all good things:

For our home on earth and for your unfailing mercy,

**We give you thanks.**

Christ, our Redeemer:

For your sacrifice on the cross and for rising from death so that we might live,

**We give you thanks and praise.**

Holy Spirit, giver of life:

For your abiding presence in our lives and for comforting and guiding us,

**We give you thanks, praise, and glory.**

O triune God: Your ways are higher than our ways, your thoughts greater than our thoughts, so although we acknowledge that we do not always understand your ways, we continue to offer you all our prayers. We pray now in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray together:

**“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# 4

*God, We Praise Your Name*

Ignaz Franz

**1 Holy God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we bow before you.  
All on earth your scepter claim; all in heaven above adore you.  
Infinite your vast domain, everlasting is your reign.**

**2 Hark! The glad celestial hymn angel choirs above are raising;  
cherubim and seraphim, in unceasing chorus praising,  
fill the heavens with sweet accord: “Holy, holy, holy Lord!”**

**3 All apostles join the strain as your sacred name they hallow;  
prophets swell the glad refrain, and the blessed martyrs follow,  
and from morn to set of sun, through the church the song goes on.**

**4 Holy Father, Holy Son, Holy Spirit: three we name you,  
while in essence only one; undivided God we claim you,  
and adoring, bend the knee while we own the mystery.**

Postlude

*Brethren, We Have Met to Worship*

Holy Manna,  
arr. Joel Raney

### **Memorial Service for Mary Kinney**

The memorial service for Mary Kinney is scheduled for Saturday June 1<sup>st</sup>, at 1pm at First Pres. with a luncheon in Knox Hall to follow the service.

### **Worship Liturgist**

We welcome Mary Carson as today's liturgist. Our liturgist for June 2<sup>nd</sup> is Lisa Hayes. For information on serving as a liturgist to assist the pastor during worship, please contact Kari Gorman.

### **Please welcome Lidia Neathammer, our new AV Tech Intern**

She's a great addition to our AV Tech Team; and is replacing Jaiden Thomas.

**Choral Bells—End of the Season** June 2<sup>nd</sup> is the last day for the season. They will be back in September.

**Chancel Choir—End of the Season** Today is the last day for the season. The summer schedule starts June 9<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to be part of the summer choir, all you have to do is show up at 9:15 where we will run through the hymns and the anthem and at 10:00 we sing the service. It's a great way to try out the choir without actually joining. Please try us out!

### **New Member Orientation (Sunday, June 9, 11:30 – 12:30, Room 208/210)**

Are you looking to take the next step in your faith journey? Or just want to learn more about what the Church of the Open Hands is all about? This is an open invitation for anyone and everyone. You'll have an opportunity to hear the FPCF story and tell us yours. It's a special time to get to know each other and learn more about what God is doing in our community. We'd love for you to be a part of it!

### **Name Tags**

Please let the office know if you should need a new name tag by emailing Carly or leaving a note on her desk. Contact her by email: [info@farmington-pres.org](mailto:info@farmington-pres.org) These are printed once per month to conserve on paper.

### **Church Security**

Although we're all eager to be outside and enjoy the warmer weather, be sure to take just a few extra seconds and make certain that doors are locked if you visit the church during off-hours. That includes removing any doorstops, resuming toggle switches to "lock mode" and giving the doors a tug to ensure they're locked. Thanks for keeping the building and our church staff safe.

## Contacting Pastor Bruce

If you'd like to connect with Pastor Bruce: [bruce.mulder@farmington-pres.org](mailto:bruce.mulder@farmington-pres.org) His information is also on the UCD app.

## Bulletin Announcement Reminder

All announcements must be turned in the week prior; no later than **Tuesday at 12pm** or they will not go in the bulletin until the following week. Announcement request must include the dates in which it should be placed and removed in the bulletin. Font Size: Arial Narrow, Size 14. It is best if the announcements are attached in a word document with an email. Moving forward, announcements will not be edited or written up from verbal or phone call requests. Please email them to [info@farmington-pres.org](mailto:info@farmington-pres.org)

## High School Graduates

On June 2, we will celebrate all graduates in our congregation. Please let Mary Carson **know if there is a graduate we should acknowledge on that day** [wither84@aol.com](mailto:wither84@aol.com)

## Community Garden Prep & Ice Cream Social with DCDI – Sunday, June 2, 1:00 – 4:00 pm

It's that time of year again! Time to get our garden ready to produce veggies this summer! We'll be collaborating with DCDI (Danika Community Development Inc) again this year for the Garden and Nutrition Project and the kick-off is June 2 with preparing the soil for planting in mid-June. If you would like to help with the garden prep (bring tools and gloves) and/or ice cream social afterward, please let Sharon Cressman or Colleen Tavor or Tom Neal know. We'll be available with sign-up sheets. Our goal is to interact with and work together with our DCDI guests and provide a warm welcome into our church and our community

## Cereal for Summer

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 the NINTH annual CEREAL FOR SUMMER CAMPAIGN and help us feed hungry children in our presbytery. The Mission Ministry will be accepting cereal donations from now until June 30. Special bins will be placed in the narthex. Thank you again for your continuing generosity in supporting this effort.

## Preschool Open Enrollment



The Preschool is now open for enrollment for the upcoming 2024-2025 school year. Please spread the word about our Preschool to friends and family who may be interested in enrolling. The program offers 2.5s, 3s and Pre-K (4s) classes. Please visit the website: <https://farmingtonprespreschool.org/enroll/> or call the preschool: (248) 474-9752 to schedule a tour and/or pick up your enrollment forms.

## **FPCF's Shopping List for CARES**

Have you picked up your CARES shopping list yet? Look for it in the pew backs or the Mission bulletin board. Take it with you to the store. The items on the list are those most needed by the guests at CARES. Here is a suggestion: If you see a BOGO Sale (Buy One, Get One), pick up the free item for CARES.

## **Adult Bible Discussion – The Wired Word**

Join our Bible discussion **Sundays at 9:00 a.m. in 208/210**. Advance copies are available the Saturday before by email. To get on the email list, please contact Tom Neal at [ttneal@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ttneal@sbcglobal.net).

## **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:

June 2: Last names beginning A-D

June 9: Last names beginning E-K

June 16: Last names beginning L-R

June 23: Last names beginning S-Z

## **On-Call List for Personnel**

The Personnel Committee is putting together an on-call list of people who could be available to volunteer to staff the office in the event that all office staff are sick or simultaneously out of the office. Please email Pastor Bruce [bruce.mulder@farmington-pres.org](mailto:bruce.mulder@farmington-pres.org), Bob Van Hamme [mvanhamme@twmi.rr.com](mailto:mvanhamme@twmi.rr.com) or Sally Kirsten [sckirsten@hotmail.com](mailto:sckirsten@hotmail.com) for more information or to sign up to volunteer.

## **COVID-19 or Flu Symptoms**

Please be mindful if you have symptoms, stay home, and take care of yourself and others.

## **News from the Church Office**

If you or someone you know has an administrative background and would be interested in working in the office for six hours per week, please let Sally Kirsten or Bob Van Hamme know. Bob Van Hamme [mvanhamme@twmi.rr.com](mailto:mvanhamme@twmi.rr.com) or Sally Kirsten [sckirsten@hotmail.com](mailto:sckirsten@hotmail.com).

## **Summer Office Hours**

Summer hours are in effect beginning next week (June -the office is open **on Tuesday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.** and **closed on Monday's and Friday's**. As a reminder please contact the church office via telephone at (248) 474-6170 or email at [info@farmington-pres.org](mailto:info@farmington-pres.org). It will be a very good idea to call ahead if you need to come into the building.



**Office and Church Donations**

Please note, regarding dropping off items and or donations to the church office, prior approval is required for ANY donations. If you leave something on the desk of Pastor Bruce and/or Carly's desk, kindly leave a message of what the item is, what needs to be done with it, who is leaving the item and whom to contact.

**Upcoming Church Office Closure**

The church office will be closed on Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup> in observance of Memorial Day.

First Presbyterian Church Staff	
Transitional Pastor	The Rev. Bruce Mulder
Ministers of the Church	Members of the Congregation
Pastoral Care Parish Associate	The Rev. Craig S. Aue
Minister of Music & Organist/Pianist	Shari Fiore-Bloom
Office Administrative Assistant	Carly Vivio
Office Assistant	Amanda Schreiber
AV Tech Intern	Lydia Neathammer



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