



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.

**June 30, 2024**

## **6th Sunday after Pentecost**

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

*Adagio*

Craig Phillips

Welcome / Greetings

Pastor Bruce Mulder

*Signing of the Friendship Pad & Prayer Cards*

Congregational Life

MJ Floreno

*\*Call to Worship from Psalms 121 & 95*

MJ Floreno

L: Our help is in the name of the LORD,

**P: Who made heaven and earth.**

L: Come, let us bow down in worship,

**P: Let us kneel before the LORD our Maker;**

L: For the Lord is our God; Jesus Christ is our Good Shepherd.

**P: And we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.**

L: Let us walk in the light and follow our Lord.

**P: Let us worship together with all our lives. Amen.**

*\*Opening Hymn #695*

*Change My Heart, O God*

Eddie Espinosa

**Change my heart, O God; make it ever true.**

**Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.**

**You are the Potter; I am the clay.**

**Mold me and make me; This is what I pray.**

Prayer of Confession from *Daniel 9*

O Lord, our great God, most gracious, you are filled with mercy and steadfast love. We have preferred the ways of this world to your ways. We have rebelled against your wisdom, and have rejected your loving guidance and have become lost altogether. O Lord, our great God, most gracious, you are filled with mercy and steadfast love, incline your ear to our troubles. Hear us when we pour out our sorrows before you.

**Forgive us from your great mercy in the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ. It is in his name that we pray, for he is our Savior and the mediator of the covenant of grace. Amen.**

Assurance of Forgiveness from *Romans 8*

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? God who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

**No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through God who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

## **We Hear God's Word**

Reading  
*New Revised Standard Version*

*Mark 5.21-43*

MJ Floreno

<sup>21</sup> When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him, and he was by the sea. <sup>22</sup> Then one of the leaders of the synagogue, named Jairus, came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet <sup>23</sup> and pleaded with him repeatedly, "My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well and live." <sup>24</sup> So he went with him.

And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. <sup>25</sup> Now there was a woman who had been suffering from a flow of blood for twelve years. <sup>26</sup> She had

endured much under many physicians and had spent all that she had, and she was no better but rather grew worse. <sup>27</sup> She had heard about Jesus and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, <sup>28</sup> for she said, “If I but touch his cloak, I will be made well.” <sup>29</sup> Immediately her flow of blood stopped, and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. <sup>30</sup> Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, “Who touched my cloak?” <sup>31</sup> And his disciples said to him, “You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, ‘Who touched me?’ ” <sup>32</sup> He looked all around to see who had done it. <sup>33</sup> But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. <sup>34</sup> He said to her, “Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease.”

<sup>35</sup> While he was still speaking, some people came from the synagogue leader’s house to say, “Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?” <sup>36</sup> But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the synagogue leader, “Do not be afraid; only believe.” <sup>37</sup> He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. <sup>38</sup> When they came to the synagogue leader’s house, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. <sup>39</sup> When he had entered, he said to them, “Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping.” <sup>40</sup> And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside and took the child’s father and mother and those who were with him and went in where the child was. <sup>41</sup> Taking her by the hand, he said to her, “Talitha koum,” which means, “Little girl, get up!” <sup>42</sup> And immediately the girl stood up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. <sup>43</sup> He strictly ordered them that no one should know this and told them to give her something to eat.

Anthem

*Soon and Very Soon*

André Crouch

Sermon

**What Is Faith?**

Pastor Bruce Mulder

## **We Respond to God’s Word**

Presentation of the Candidates

Sharon Cressman, Substitute Clerk of Session

**Board of Deacons Class of 2026:** Laurel Scott (1 year); Daniel DeSloover (1 year); **Class of 2027:** Jeff deGrasse, Vicki Najjar, Betty Reynolds

**Elders Class of 2025:** William (Randy) Edwards; **Class of 2027:** Martha Countegan (1 year), James (Jim) Tubbs (1 year)

Litany: Installation and Ordination of Officer

Sharon Cressman, Substitute Clerk of Session

There are varieties of gifts,

**But it is the same Spirit who gives them.**

There are different ways of serving God,  
**But it is the same Lord who is served.**

God works through people in different ways,  
**But it is the same God who inspires a faithful response.**

Each one is given gifts by the Spirit, to use for the common good.  
**Together we are the Body of Christ.**

Constitutional Questions of the Candidates

Pastor Bruce Mulder

Constitutional Questions to the Congregation Sharon Cressman, Substitute Clerk of Session

1. Do we, the members of the First Presbyterian Church of Farmington, accept this sisters and brothers, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?
2. Do we agree to pray for them, encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow them as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ who alone is Head of the Church?

The Laying of Hands

Pastor Bruce Mulder

Reception of New Members

Pastor Bruce Mulder

*New members gather in the front as their names are called*

### **Litany**

1. Who is your Lord and Savior?  
**New members: Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.**
2. Do you trust him?  
**New members: I do.**
3. Do you intend to be Christ's disciple, to obey his Word, and to show his love?  
**New members: I do.**
4. Will you be a faithful member of this congregation, giving of yourself in every way, and will you seek the fellowship of the church wherever you may be?  
**New members: I will.**
5. Do the members of this congregation welcome these new members into the covenant of faith at First Presbyterian Church of Farmington?  
**Congregation: We welcome and embrace them. We promise to love and nurture them, to help them grow in spirit and in truth, to care for them in times of trial, to celebrate with them in times of joy.**

Signing of the Covenant

Offertory & Doxology

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

MJ Floreno

Prayer of Thanksgiving & The Lord's Prayer

MJ Floreno

We praise and thank you, O Lord, that you have fed us with your Word.  
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 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# 343     *Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life*     Frank Mason North

**1 Where cross the crowded ways of life, where sound the cries of race and clan,  
above the noise of selfish strife, we hear your voice, O Son of Man.**

**2 In haunts of wretchedness and need, on shadowed thresholds fraught with fears,  
from paths where hide the lures of greed, we catch the vision of your tears.**

**3 From tender childhood's helplessness, from human grief and burdened toil,  
from famished souls, from sorrow's stress, your heart has never known recoil.**

**4 The cup of water given for you still holds the freshness of your grace;  
yet long these multitudes to view the sweet compassion of your face.**

**5 O Master, from the mountainside, make haste to heal these hearts of pain;  
among these restless throngs abide; O tread the city's streets again;**

**6 Till all the world shall learn your love, and follow where your feet have trod;  
till glorious from your heaven above shall come the city of our God.**

Benediction

Pastor Bruce Mulder

Postlude

*Pontifical Processional*

Stanley Vann

**Today’s flowers are presented by Tom and Cathy Neal in honor of their great granddaughter, Nova Beaver’s birthday.**

### **Worship Liturgist**

We welcome MJ Floreno as today’s liturgist. Our liturgist for July 7<sup>th</sup> is Sharon Cressman. For information on serving as a liturgist to assist the pastor during worship, please contact Kari Gorman.

### **DCDI’s Garden and Nutrition Class (June 22 – September 14)**

Danika Community Development Inc (DCDI) was founded to support and promote initiatives that serve underserved populations in areas where they need support the most. FPCF also sponsors DCDI’s Resume Writing & Practice Interview Workshop held a couple times per year at our church. Once again this year, FPCF is sponsoring **DCDI’s Garden and Nutrition Class, every Saturday, from 9:30 am – 11:30 am.** We’ll spend about an hour in the classroom learning (Room 208/210) and an hour out in the garden doing the work. If you would like to volunteer to help with the garden, it’s a great opportunity to build community with others we don’t already know while learning something new. Even if you already know a lot

about gardening, there is still much to learn from others. Let's grow veggies with our neighbors! **If you have any questions, please contact Tom Neal, Sharon Cressman, or Colleen Tavor.**

### **REMINDER: Last Day for Cereal for Summer Collection – TODAY, Sunday, June 30**

The cereal bins in the Mission Cove have been filling up this summer and the Mission Ministry is so appreciative of your continuing and faithful generosity! Sunday, June 30, will be our last day of collection and all the boxes will be delivered in July to Westminster. Any cereal collected later will be given to CARES. Thank you again!

### **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) Additionally, as a reminder, you will need prior approval for inclusion of an activity in the church calendar. Contact the church office at [info@farmington-pres.org](mailto:info@farmington-pres.org) with any questions and/or submissions.

### **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:

- July 7: Last names beginning E-K
- July 14: Last names beginning L-R
- July 21: Last names beginning S-Z
- July 28: Last names beginning A-D

## **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 (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 Thursday, July 4 in observance of the Independence Day holiday.

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	Lidia Neathamer



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