



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 and in time to hear the welcome and announcements.*



# August 24, 2025

## Eleventh Sunday in Pentecost

Prayer of Preparation

"Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the grasp of the unjust and cruel. For you, O Lord, are my hope, my trust, O LORD, from my youth."

### We Enter into God's Presence

*\*Please stand in body or spirit*

Prelude

Rock of Ages

arr. Brett Edstrom

Welcome / Greetings

Pastor Craig Aue

*Signing of the Friendship Pad & Prayer Cards*

\*Call to Worship- Responsive

Liturgist

Children of God, we gather as people who have received new life in Jesus Christ.

**We come to set our minds on Christ, who surrounds us in love.**

The world tries to distract us with anxious rumors, worrisome lies, and misleading half-truths.

**We come to set our minds on Christ, who surrounds us in love.**

In this place, we gather to remind, remember, and renew our commitment to dwell in the love of Christ.

**We come to set our minds on Christ, who surrounds us in love.**

Children of God, come! Let us worship God, who clothes us in new life and renews us in grace.

**Come, let us worship as we set our minds on Christ, who surrounds us in love.**

\*Opening Hymn #691      Lord, When I Came Into This Life

1. Lord, when I came into this life you called me by my name.  
Today I come, commit myself, responding to your claim.
2. Within the circle of the faith, as member of your cast,  
I take my place with all the saints of future, present, past.
3. In all the tensions of my life, between my faith and doubt,  
Let your great Spirit give me hope, sustain me, lead me out.
4. So, help me in my unbelief and let my life be true:  
Feet firmly planted on the earth; my sights set high on you.

Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)

God of glory,  
you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world,  
to reveal your love for all people.  
We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of your light.  
We turn away from the poor;  
we ignore cries for justice;  
we do not strive for peace.  
Forgive us, God. In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin,  
and renew us once again with your Spirit,  
so that, as forgiven and renewed people,  
we may reflect the love and life of Jesus Christ  
into our world.

(A time of silent, personal prayer)

## Words of Assurance

Neither this world, nor your life are so broken that God cannot restore it to wholeness. Trust God, and believe that reconciliation is possible. Live in the assurance of God's promise that you are forgiven and be at home with God. **Amen**

**Thanks be to God.**

# We Hear God's Word

Reading

Hosea 11: 1-11, Luke 12: 13-21

Liturgist

## Hosea 11: 1-11

When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son. The more I called them, the more they went from me; they kept sacrificing to the Baals and offering incense to idols.

Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk; I took them up in my arms, but they did not know that I healed them. I led them with cords of human kindness, with bands of love.

I was to them like those who lift infants to their cheeks. I bent down to them and fed them. They shall return to the land of Egypt, and Assyria shall be their king, because they have refused to return to me. The sword rages in their cities; it consumes their oracle priests and devours because of their schemes. My people are bent on turning away from me.

To the Most High they call, but he does not raise them up at all. How can I give you up, Ephraim? How can I hand you over, O Israel? How can I make you like Admah? How can I treat you like Zeboiim? My heart recoils within me; my compassion grows warm and tender. I will not execute my fierce anger; I will not again destroy Ephraim, for I am God and no mortal,

the Holy One in your midst, and I will not come in wrath. They shall go after the Lord, who roars like a lion; when he roars, his children shall come trembling from the west. They shall come trembling like birds from Egypt and like doves from the land of Assyria, and I will return them to their homes, says the Lord.

## Luke 12: 13-21

Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to

him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

Abide With Me  
Organ Solo

arr. Todd Kendall

Sermon

"Abundant Life"

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**

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

Liturgist

Lord, we stand in line for tickets, books, and gadgets. We place our energy in gathering things that might be of monetary value at some later point and justify this action by stating that it is for our children's good. When we have gathered enough, we tend to relax and say to ourselves that it is all right for us to "eat, drink, and be merry". We have done our best. But have we? Have we given thought to how we have given our best in service to others? Have we spent so much time gathering and building bigger containers for our trinkets, that we have overlooked the good we could have done? We are indeed foolish people, Lord. We want everything, yet the most important things are not the trinkets but the good that is offered to others. We have gathered here this day, asking for Your healing mercies for people and situations that impact our lives. We place our trust in Your compassionate love. Help us to recognize the good gifts You have provided for us, and to celebrate and seek the wealth of which is eternal. Help us to gather peace, joy, justice, and hope as gifts to be given abundantly to all. Bring us again to Your mercy and care, for we ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who teaches 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 #610      O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

1. O for a thousand tongues to sing my dear Redeemer's praise,  
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of God's grace!
2. The name of Jesus charms our fears, and bids our sorrows cease,  
Sings music in the sinner's ears, brings life, and health, and peace.
3. Christ speaks, and listening to his voice new life the dead receive;  
The mournful waken to rejoice; the poor in heart believe.
4. My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,  
To spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.
5. To God all glory, praise, and love be now and ever given  
By saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heaven.

Benediction

Pastor Craig Aue

Postlude

Postlude on "St. Denio"

arr. Jason Payne

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## **CHURCH SAFETY**

Please help us to keep our members and staff safe. If you have scheduled a meeting, gathering, event or other, please KNOW that *you are the person responsible* for church security. If you unlock the front door – lock it again when your event STARTS. This is especially important when you are meeting upstairs. When your event is finished, make sure all exterior doors are locked as well as any interior doors you may have unlocked. If you need to assign someone in your group to be your "back-up" door locker, do so. The safety of our staff and members is important.

Thank you, The Property Committee

## **CALLING ALL EUCHRE PLAYERS for a fun afternoon!**

Formerly known as "Women's Euchre", we're including men and women. We'll meet the first **Friday** of each month from **2 to 4 pm** in the Church Library. If you are new to the game, we can teach you. Depending on the number of players, we may play a different game. Mark these dates on your calendar: **Sept. 5, Oct. 3, Nov. 7, and Dec. 5**. Please see the sign-up sheet on the kiosk in the foyer!

## **KIDS' WORSHIP BAGS**

The kids' worship bags are available at the welcome desk (on the wooden tree hanger). The activities in the bags are updated each week to reflect the lectionary readings for that Sunday as well as some other fun items. The yellow bags are for kids aged preschool to 8 years old; and the white bags are for kids aged 8+ years. Kids are welcome to take a bag each Sunday to use during worship and/or to take home to enjoy. If your child forgot to pick up a worship bag before service, please let an usher know and they will get one for your child.

## **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.

## **Garden and Nutrition – every Saturday, 9:30 am – 11:30 am**

Once again, this year, FPCF is sponsoring DCDI's Garden and Nutrition Class, every Saturday, from 9:30 am – 11:30 am. Sometimes we'll be in the classroom (Room 208/210) and always in the garden. We'll learn vermicomposting, making a ginger bug, and more! Bring your kids or grandkids! If you have any questions, please contact Tom Neal, Sharon Cressman, or Colleen Tavor.

## **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:

August 24: Last names beginning L-R

August 31: Last names beginning S-Z

September 7: Last names beginning A-D

September 14: 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 just scan the QR code and follow