

WELCOME TO THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF FARMINGTON

Sixth Sunday in Easter May 5, 2024

Prelude

Ring the Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

*Passing the Peace of Christ

*Call to Worship

Sing to our God a new song.

God has done marvelous things!

Make a joyful noise to the Lord!

Break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

Let the sea roar and all that fills it.

Let the world and its people sing together for joy!

Opening Hymn #438

“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”

*Call to Confession:

We have been called to follow Christ by obeying his one commandment: that we love one another as he has loved us. Let us confess how we have fallen short of that love.

*Prayer of Confession

Loving God, we have not loved you or each other with our whole hearts. Forgive us, we pray, and lead us toward wholeness, that we may be filled with your joy. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

Christ loves us so much that he laid down his life for us John 15:13 and calls us his friends. If we can forgive our friends, how much more does Christ forgive us!

*Gloria Patri

Children’s Sermon

Scripture

Psalm 98

1 John 5:1-6

John 15:9-17

Sermon

“Friends in Love”

* Hymn #465

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

Birthdays

Joys/Concerns

Prayers of the People

Service of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Prayer After Communion

Here at this table we celebrate resurrection as you feed us with bread and wine. And as much as we might prefer to stay here in this protected place, you send us back to our work— only it is no longer the same work because we know you are with us and in us, shaping and transforming us to be your witnesses in the world. Nourished in body, mind, and spirit, may all that we say and do give you glory. Amen.

Invitation to Offering

Let us show our friendship with Christ and our love for our neighbors by giving generously so that we may bear the lasting fruit of Christ’s love.

Offertory

*Doxology

*Prayer of Thanksgiving for our Tithes and Offerings

Holy God, in Christ you have chosen us to be your friends and to know your will in the world. Therefore we pray in Jesus’ name that these tithes and offerings spread your love near and far. Amen.

*Closing Hymn #306

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

* Charge and Benediction

Live in the joy of Christ’s love and in all the marvelous things that God is doing!

May the righteous fairness of God, the loving friendship of Christ, and the gift of the Holy Spirit go with you all.

*Postlude