

WELCOME TO THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF FARMINGTON

**June 2, 2024**

Prelude & Ring the Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

\*Passing the Peace of Christ

\*Call to Worship

Observe the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

**Six days we labor and do all our work— but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord our God.**

Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, but God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm.

**We, and the resident alien in our towns, and all creatures great and small, rest; giving thanks and praise to God, who has set us free!**

\*Opening Hymn #32 “I Sing the Mighty Power of God”

\*Call to Confession:

The hardness of our hearts grieves God. We prefer to follow our own counsel rather than to seek and submit to the counsel of God. Confessing our sin, may God soften our hearts and guide our feet to walk in the ways of faithfulness.

\*Prayer of Confession

**God of the outstretched arm, though you lead us into freedom, we choose again and again the chains of sin. Forgive us, we pray, for bowing to the false gods of our time: We believe we have made ourselves, rather than being made in your image— the work of your hands. We practice legalism against others, yet expect exceptions for ourselves. We rest in ease, while others bear heavy burdens on our behalf. Heal us where we are withered in hand or heart or faith. Stretch us beyond what we have managed or imagined, to live as you intend and command. In the name of Christ, who came to set us free. Amen.**

\*Assurance of Pardon

We are clay jars with a treasure within— an extraordinary power that does not come from us, but from God.

**We are not left crushed, despairing, forsaken, or destroyed. The life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ is visible and at work in us.**

**Thanks be to God!**

\*Gloria Patri

Children’s Sermon

Scripture

Deuteronomy 5: 12– 15

Mark 2:23-3:6

Sermon

“Rule Breaker”

\* Hymn #39

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

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

Invitation to Offering

God lifts the burdens from our shoulders and frees our hands from work, giving the gift of regular rest. What, then, shall we lift up to God in thanksgiving? In freedom and joy, we give back to God a portion of all we have received, that others may rest in fullness of life.

Offertory

\*Doxology

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving for our Tithes and Offerings

For Sabbath rest, and finest wheat, and honey from the rock, and all other gifts that sustain us in life, we thank you, O God. Accept, we pray, the gifts we offer in return; our small hands reaching toward your mighty hand, in gratitude and simple trust. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.

\*Closing Hymn #15 “All Creatures of Our God and King”

\* Charge and Benediction

In a world filled with doubt, that looks to the letter of the law, go now as the letter of love sharing the hope and the joy of life in Jesus Christ.

May the love of our creator, the peace of the Lord of Sabbath, and the power of the Holy Spirit be upon you and shine through you.

\*Postlude