



FARRAGUT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

"How Good It Is"

AUGUST 20, 2023
10:00 a.m.

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

~The Gathering~

Greeting

Rev. Matt Nieman

Prelude

Beautiful Things

Lisa and Michael Gungor

Sandra Bohlken, vocals/guitar/piano ~ Tim Mashue/bass guitar ~ Kevin Zetina/percussion
Joey Nieman, vocals/guitar ~ Jeanie Oakley, Bruce Wilson/vocals

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Call to Worship

Thus says the Lord: Maintain justice, and do what is right,
for soon my salvation will come.

**God will bring us to the holy mountain,
a house of prayer for all people.**

God gathers all the outcasts together,
and makes us joyful!

Come, let us worship God!

Opening Hymn

I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me

African American spiritual

**I'm so glad, Jesus lifted me, I'm so glad, Jesus lifted me,
I'm so glad, Jesus lifted me,
Singing glory, hallelujah, Jesus lifted me.**

**Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me, Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me,
Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me,
Singing, glory, hallelujah, Jesus lifted me.**

**When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me
When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me
When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me,
Singing glory, hallelujah, Jesus lifted me.**

(music on next page)

I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me

1. I'm so glad,
 2. Sa - tan had me bound, } Je - sus lift - ed me,
 3. When I was in trou - ble, }

I'm so glad,
 Sa - tan had me bound, } Je - sus lift - ed me,
 when I was in trou - ble, }

I'm so glad,
 Sa - tan had me bound, } Je - sus lift - ed me, sing - ing
 when I was in trou - ble, }

glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah, Je - sus lift - ed me.

Words and Music: African American spiritual.
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Prayer of Confession

**God of all goodness,
 We do not want to face all that is in our own hearts.
 We want to focus on the good—on the love, the compassion, the care—
 and ignore the bad—the greed, the envy, the cruelty.
 But before you, God, we must face it.**

**Forgive all the ways we have let evil take hold in our hearts.
 Cleanse us. Help us face our own demons, and empower us to live
 a Christlike life.**

(please continue in silent prayer)

Declaration of Forgiveness

The Peace

The Peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

~The Word~

A Word for the Children

Rev. Matt Nieman

Anthem

Coming Home
Dr. Linda Stutzenberger, harp

Voltz

Prayer for Illumination

Becky Thomason

Merciful Savior, your suffering has saved our lives, secured our future, and restored us to relationship with God. Remove the shame and fear that cause us to cower in your presence. By the power of your Spirit, open our eyes and hearts to your Word of love, mercy, healing, and blessing; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scripture Reading: Matthew 15:21-28

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, O Christ.

Psalms 133

Dr. Angela Batey, cantor

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How good and pleasant it is to live in u - ni - ty.

Oh, how good and pleasant it is, when brethren live together in unity!
It is like fine oil upon the head that runs down upon the beard,
Upon the beard of Aaron, and runs down upon the collar of his robe. (R)

It is like the dew of Hermon that falls upon the hills of Zion.
For there the Lord has ordained the blessing: life for evermore. (R)

Sermon

“How Good It Is”

Rev. Matt Nieman

~The Response~

Affirmation of Faith (Psalm 133)

- ¹ How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!**
- ² It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes.**
- ³ It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion. For there the Lord ordained his blessing, life forevermore.**

Anthem

Will The Circle Be Unbroken
Women's Ensemble

arr. J. David Moore

Angela Batey, Krista Belding, Brenda Luggie, Laura McFee-Adams, Tami Newsom,
Nancy Pevey and Becky Thomason

Will the circle be unbroken by and by, Lord, by and by.
There's a better home awaitin' if we try, Lord, if we try.

I was singing with my sister, and my brothers, I was singing with my friends.
And we all can sing together cause the circle never ends.

I was born down in the valley, where the sun refused to shine.
But I'm climbing up to the highland, gonna make that mountain mine.

Call for the Offering

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

~ **The Sending** ~

Hymn #276

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Faithfulness

**Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not;
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.**

(refrain) **Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**

**Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. *(refrain)***

**Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! *(refrain)***

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Charge and Benediction

Congregational Response #369 *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*

I'm Gonna Live

**I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!**

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Postlude

Ferland's March
Tami Newsom, organ

William Rowan

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If you would like the church office to record your attendance today, you can:

- Scan this QR code and click on the generated google doc link, or
- Go to <https://tinyurl.com/record-FPC-attendance>, or
- Email the office at office@fpctn.org

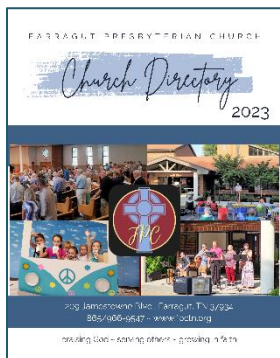
Welcome Back, Pastor Matt!

It's so good to have you back home from your sabbatical!



The **Summer Fair will follow worship today** in Fellowship Hall and outside with hotdogs, side dishes, ice cream and watermelon! There will be lots of fun and games for kids of all ages!

The new **2023 Church Directories** are available to pick up in the narthex TODAY. They will be



alphabetized so it should be easy to find yours. If you cannot locate your directory, please refrain from taking one with someone else's name on it, and let the office or Mikie Lancaster know, and we will get you a copy. *Thank You!*



Thursday Evening Bible Study: Having finished the longest book of the Bible last year, we're turning to the shortest Gospel this year. If you're interested in an in-depth look at the Gospel of Mark, we'd love to have you join us (even if you can't make every week). Our first meeting will be on September 7 at 7pm, in the church library. Thereafter, we meet from 7-8pm on Zoom, except for parties. If you'd like more information, you can talk to Elizabeth Wilson, the church office, or any of the current members.



University of Tennessee UKirk Silent Auction Fundraiser: On Friday, September 29th from 6:00-8:00 pm [UT UKirk, the Presbyterian Campus Ministry](https://www.ukirk.org/), will host an open house and silent auction to raise money for this wonderful ministry. Our house is at 1831 Melrose Ave, Knoxville, TN 37916 and there is some parking available on site and public parking nearby. If you would like to sign up to provide an item or bring food for the event, please follow the link below or use the QR Code. <https://tinyurl.com/UKirkSilentAuction>



If you are donating an item, please bring it to UKirk or give



it to Susan Harbin, UKirk board member, by **September 22nd**. We hope that you will also come out for the Open House and Auction to see the UKirk House, meet the students, and learn more about our campus ministry.

UT Football Parking

Hey Big Orange fans! Emerald Youth Foundation is excited to offer a **Parking Pass program** for the 2023 football season! Proceeds raised benefit Emerald Youth's programs in faith, learning and health serving 3,000 young people annually in Knoxville's city neighborhoods. For more information go to: <https://www.emerald youth.org/parking>.



This Week at FPC

Sun, Aug 20	10:00 a.m. Blended Worship Service		
	10:00	a.m.	KidZone/Fellowship Hall
	11:00	a.m.	SUMMER FAIR /FH and outside
	6:00	p.m.	Youth Group/Parlor
Mon, Aug 21	10:00	a.m.	Chair Yoga/Narthex
	11:45	a.m.	Big Fish Music/Room A
	7:00	p.m.	Property Committee/Library
Tues, Aug 22	10:00	a.m.	PW Coordinating Team/Zoom and Library
	11:00	a.m.	Prayer Shawl Ministry/Parlor
	11:45	a.m.	Big Fish Chapel/Sanctuary
	7:00	p.m.	Boy Scout Troop #444/FH, Room A, Narthex
	7:00	p.m.	Cub Scout Leaders #444/Library
Wed, Aug 23	2:00	p.m.	Staff Meeting/Library
	11:45	a.m.	Big Fish Chapel/Sanctuary
Thur, Aug 24	8:00	a.m.	Men's Bible Study/Narthex
	11:45	a.m.	Big Fish Music/Room A
	12:00	p.m.	Pastors Lunch/Library
	12:30	p.m.	Neighborhood Book Club/Parlor or Rm A
Fri, Aug 25	10:00	a.m.	Chair Yoga/Narthex

No Sunday School Today due to One Service and Summer Fair



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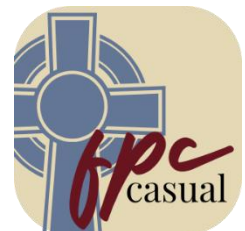
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Church Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday 9am-3pm; Friday 9am-1pm



To praise God, welcome all, serve others, grow in faith, and make disciples of Jesus Christ.