

270 Wonderful Words of Life

The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life. John 6:63



1. Sing them o - ver a - gain to me, Won - der - ful words of Life;
 2. Christ, the bless - ed One, gives to all Won - der - ful words of Life;
 3. Sweet - ly ech - o the gos - pel call, Won - der - ful words of Life;



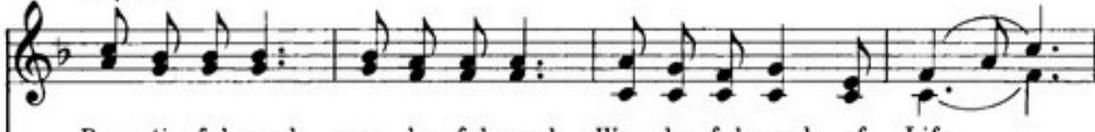
Let me more of their beau - ty see, Won - der - ful words of Life.
 Sin - ner, list to the lov - ing call, Won - der - ful words of Life.
 Of - fer par - don and peace to all, Won - der - ful words of Life.



Words of life and beau - ty, Teach me faith and du - ty;
 All so free - ly giv - en, Woo - ing us to Heav - en:
 Je - sus, on - ly Sav - ior, Sanc - ti - fy for - ev - er:



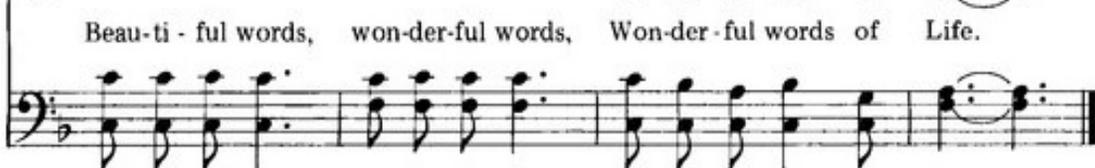
Refrain



Beau - ti - ful words, won - der - ful words, Won - der - ful words of Life.



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“HOPE WAY”

5thSunday
of
Lent
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March 29,
2020

Farmingdale
Presbyterian
Church

FARMINGDALE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
welcomes you to our family as we celebrate God's grace!

Distance cannot break the bonds of Christian fellowship.
The Spirit is faithful and connects us to one another
even over distance and separation.

Due to Covid-19 orders, we are worshipping God in a new way. God is all around us all the time. We have access to God's power and love if we are worshipping together at our building or if we are worship at home. We are just glad you are continuing to center yourself in God's love during this unprecedented time. May our prayers and praise bring Glory to God where we are safe. Your worship puts God's power and love into our world so that we can strengthen our nation and the God's world the fight for preserving life in our world.

If you are looking for a spiritual home, are interested in learning more about Farmingdale Church, or in becoming a member, we encourage you to visit us after the order to stay at home is lifted.

WORSHIP NOTES

This YouTube video is a collection of favorite hymns. Expand the description window for the index. They are sung by different groups and people. You can left click on the blue time to go directly to the hymn.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IGLVptOYRgM>

Parents and children, the children's time has a link to a children's sermon with activities, prayer, and puzzles. This is a free resource.

Offering: If you are able to continue to give, please mail your pledges to the church. We are checking the mail regularly at this time. Our expenses still continue in this time apart as the session has committed to continuing salaries for our part-time staff..

Prayer concerns can be texted, called or emailed to Pastor Lonna at (217) 801-7964 or fpcpastorlonna@yahoo.com. These prayer concerns will be sent to our phone & email prayer chain and added to Pastor Lonna's email communications. We are using first names and last initial to protect people's privacy.

Preaching Texts for next week, April 5, 2020—Palms to Passion Sunday are:

Palms PSALM 118:1-2, 19-29

GOSPEL: Matthew 21:1-11

Passion OLD: Isaiah 50:4-9a

PSALM 31:9-16

NEW: Philippians 2:5-11

GOSPEL: Matthew 26:14 - 27:66

THOSE SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Ministers _____ The Farmingdale Congregation
Pastor _____ Rev. Lonna C. Lee
Church Musician _____ Ben Yang

FARMINGDALE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 2020

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Farmingdale Presbyterian Church
SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

5th Sunday of Lent

March 29, 2020 - 10:00 am

*"Cynicism is when a small mind and a hurt heart
reject the hope, love, and truth of a big and caring God."*

– Jayce O'Neal

Gathering Around the Word

Prelude

"Competing Horses"

– Traditional

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jj6XPXycalU>

(light a candle if you have one, take a few moments of silence)

Introit #701

"Sanctuary"

<https://hymnary.org/hymn/GG2013/701>

**Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true;
with thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.**

* Call to Worship (from Psalm 130) & Prayer of Adoration

¹I cry out to you from the depths, Lord – ²my Lord, listen to my voice!

Let your ears pay close attention to my request for mercy!

³If you kept track of sins, Lord – my Lord, who would stand a chance?

⁴But forgiveness is with you – that's why you are honored.

⁵I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in God's word I hope;

⁶My whole being waits for my Lord –

more than the night watch waits for morning;

yes, more than the night watch waits for morning!

⁷Israel, wait for the Lord!

BECAUSE FAITHFUL LOVE is with the Lord;

because great redemption is with our God!

Let us pray . . .

Healing and Empowering God,

we are sometimes so sure that things will not work out

that we doubt even your ability to put things right in our lives.

We lack faith.

But Jesus came to show us that our most dreaded enemy--death--can be overcome by faith.

Heal our doubts and our longings for assurance and give us spirits of trust and hope.

In Jesus' Name, we pray, Amen.

* Hymn #270 (front cover)

"Wonderful Words of Life"

Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IOPNiGP0lPk>

Words: <https://hymnary.org/hymn/HWC1986/270>

Call to & Prayer of Confession

If it is true that God has recorded our failings, we hope it will never be published.

But in truth, if the book was opened, every page would be blank,

for God forgives us of everything we have done, or failed to do.

So, let us wait for God's mercy and grace,

as we come with our prayers for forgiveness, saying, . . .

God of our lonely places and hard times, there is no place dark for your presence.

There are no situations beyond your grace.

Yet we confess we sometimes lose track of you,

when sorrows stack up or loneliness surrounds us.

Forgive us our hopelessness. . . .

(silent prayers of confession)

Stay with us as we go through every valley of shadow.
Bring life where there is death, healing whether there is pain, and courage where there is fear.
Stay with us as we make our way along the path Jesus walked.
In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

*You can put your hope in God, dear friends, for God offers us that love which never fades,
that life which never ends. We wait for God,
and God does not fail us. God's hope, God's love, and God's grace are forever.
Thanks be to God. So be it, Amen!*

* Gloria Patri #581

"Glory Be to the Father"

<https://hymnary.org/hymn/GG2013/581>

Proclaiming the Word

Time with our Children

https://sermons4kids.com/savior_who_weeps.htm

Prayer of Illumination

*Life-giving God, steady us with your Spirit.
Create deep inner peace within us,*

so that we may attend to your words of hope and promise for the sake of Christ, your Living Word, Amen.

New Testament Reading

John 11:1-45 (NRSV)

The Death of Lazarus

¹ Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ² Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. ³ So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." ⁴ But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." ⁵ Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, ⁶ after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

⁷ Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." ⁸ The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" ⁹ Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. ¹⁰ But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them." ¹¹ After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." ¹² The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." ¹³ Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. ¹⁴ Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. ¹⁵ For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." ¹⁶ Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

Jesus the Resurrection and the Life

¹⁷ When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. ¹⁸ Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, ¹⁹ and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. ²⁰ When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. ²¹ Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²² But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." ²³ Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." ²⁴ Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." ²⁵ Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, ²⁶ and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" ²⁷ She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

Jesus Weeps

²⁸ When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." ²⁹ And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. ³⁰ Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. ³¹ The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. ³² When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." ³³ When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was

greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴ He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." ³⁵ Jesus wept. ³⁶ So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" ³⁷ But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

Jesus Raises Lazarus to Life

³⁸ Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹ Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." ⁴⁰ Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" ⁴¹ So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴² I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." ⁴³ When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" ⁴⁴ The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go." ⁴⁵ Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

Sermon

"Hope Way"

Rev. Lonna Chang-Ren Lee

Responding to the Word

* Hymn #233

"The Day of Resurrection!"

<https://hymnary.org/hymn/GG2013/233>

Opportunities for Ministry

Give blood!: Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center (MVRBC) is experiencing a high rate of cancelled blood drives due to school closings and businesses changing operating hours and policies in response to the COVID-19 outbreak. MVRBC – provider of all blood and blood components to 115 hospitals in Illinois, Iowa, Missouri and Wisconsin, as well as resource sharing partners across the country – is working to make up this shortfall in collections as much as possible. Donors may schedule appointments for donation by calling (800) 747-5401, scheduling online via www.bloodcenter.org, or by using the Blood Center's mobile app.

Call for the Offering

*We bring more than our gifts and tithes today; we bring ourselves as an offering –
ready to use our arms, hands, and feet to be God's comforting and strengthening presence to others.
We make this offering joyfully and faithfully in the name of Jesus, our rock and redeemer*

Offertory

"Scherzo No. 2"

– Chopin

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z_MwPdr7WXQ

* Doxology #606

"Praise God from whom . . ."

<https://hymnary.org/hymn/GG2013/606>

Prayer of Dedication (*unison*)

**We place these gifts into your hands, O God.
With your transforming grace, may they become seeds springing forth with new life.
Fill our hearts with that transforming grace so that we, too,
can bear new hope for weary souls. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.**

Joys & Concerns

Rev. Lonna C. Lee

- ◆ **Judy A. is having an outpatient procedure to implant a defibrillator in her heart on Friday, 3/27 at 7am. Please pray that her procedure goes smoothly.**
- ◆ **Dawn W. is asking for us to continue praying for Nakayla who was born many weeks early and is on a ventilator in the NICU. She coded twice yesterday so prayers are still much needed for her and her family.**

Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer

(*by the Rev. Mindi Welton-Mitchell, <http://rev-o-lution.org>.)*)

**Prince of Peace, we pray right now for peace in our hearts.
We pray that we may take advantage of the world slowing down
as a reminder that the Sabbath was created for us, a time of rest.
May we lay aside the longing of the world we created to be busy, to do all the things possible.**

May we lay aside the guilt that we are not doing enough for our work, for our families,
for our children or for our elders in this time.

May we instead embrace this new pace, and find peace.

May we keep ourselves from others to reduce harm,

to share our love by our actions of self-isolating to prevent the spread of disease.

Prince of Peace, our fears our real.

We fear loss of income and jobs.

We fear for our own health and safety, and the health and safety of loved ones.

We fear what the future may bring.

Help us to let go of fear as a force that holds us back,

but help us to acknowledge our fear, to sit with it as with a troubled friend.

Help us to give ourselves compassion and grace

as You once showed Martha and Mary when their brother Lazarus died.

Help us to hold on to the hope of resurrection in this life,

a new life that may emerge from the circumstances we face now.

Guide us into Your ways of peace, for all our hearts..

We pray in the precious name of Jesus who taught us to pray together saying, . . .

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, the
power and the glory forever. Amen.

Sent into the World with the Word

* Charge & Benediction

We are a people loved by God.

We will live as signs of this love.

We are a people blessed with hope.

We will live in light of this hope.

*May the love of God, the grace of Christ, and the courage of the Spirit, strengthen our faith
and set us loose to share God's love with all.*

Amen and amen!

* Extroit #286

"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

<https://hymnary.org/hymn/GG2013/286>

* Sharing of Christ's Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

* Postlude

"Scaramouche Brasiliera "

– Darius Milhaud

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pgGeNRlzhA>



**Those who are able please stand.*

My Notes:



JOYS & CONCERNS (updated 3/28/20)



Joys & Thanksgiving

For our essential workers (Carla M., Brett C., Faye G., Dawn W.) who are working to keep things going. Are there others in this role in our church?

Jeff & Elizabeth—got married on Saturday, 3/21 at Hope PC (Lonna L.)

Expecting

Katie K.—twins due 1st week of 8/2020 (Kath S.)

Nikki L.—due 7/2020 (Carol K.'s g-daughter)

Madison B—due 9.2020 (Carla M.'s DIL)

Grief & Deaths—Prayers for the family of . . .

Barb Kirk—3/21 (Esther B.'s cousin)

Lucille Kinner—2/27 (Kinner family)

Nation & World:

All our service people and their families, especially:

- ♦ Nathan J.—IL Air Guard Reserve
- ♦ Christian J.—IL Air Guard Reserve
- ♦ J.T. M.—Air Guard Reserve, now in Texas until 4/2020 for training in his field
- ♦ Nik C.—IL Air Guard Reserve
- ♦ Ryan B.—Navy, Norfolk VA

Peace Prayers at 6pm

For our nation & world as we fight this war against the Covid-19 virus

The service people who have been diagnosed as positive for Covid-19.

5.7 earthquake in Salt Lake City UT on 3/18

Our President & leaders who are working around the clock to lead us through this crisis

Our healthcare workers and first responders who continue to serve us in these uncertain times.

Other Needs/Transitions

Kim & Larry H.—1/26 house fire

Melissa S.—going through rough times (Wendy V.)

Cancer Treatment & New Dx

Marsha G.—stomach cancer treatment (Dave & Betty J.)

Nathan H.—Acute Myeloid Leukemia (AML); continued chemo, still waiting to hear about bone marrow transplant (Maebeth N.)

Teresa B.—breast cancer surg. & treatment (Kim H.)

Ed K.—stg 4 bladder cancer; alt. treatments (Havey)

Bill G.—advanced bone & lung cancer (Dave & Betty J.)

Adysen L.—PPHS Jr. Dec. bone cancer surgeries, long recovery, now home (Brandi S.)

Cathy S.—blood cancer, chemo (Sharon W.'s SIL)

Bess K.—chronic lymphatic leukemia (Bill K.)

Charline B.—breast cancer (Bill & Carolyn K.)

Jennifer H.—cancer treatment

Chronic Illness:

Cancer—Barbi (Aletha J.); Wesley (Jim & Donna B.); Gene, Kathy (Bill K.); Gary (Bud W.); Daniel (Dameon M.) Earl, Dorothy, Judy (Dawn Wd.); Carrie (Erica C.);

Bev, Bob (Esther B.); Carole. Gayle, Griffith, Monica (Gary & Marialyce H.); Don, Jerry (Jenica & John H.);

Mike, Judy (Pat. I, Lois I. Faye G.), Franci, Diana, Erin, Steve, Rhiann, (Dave & Betty J.); Carole, Carol, Danny (Judy A.); Lynne (Julia S.) Cindy, Natalie, Renee (Kim H.); Tommy, Dale, John (Kris K-C.); Daci (Lonna L.) Len,

Bill, Charlie, Sandy (Ralph G.); Don (Sharon W.)

MS—Kris H, (fibromyalgia), Brett C., Jennifer S.

COPD: Jimmy R. (Judy A.)

Fibro/Polymyalgia: Linda G., Bev M.

Crohn's: Carolyn M.; Sara (Dave & Betty J.); Larry (Bill K.)

Skilled Nursing: Lorene (Wendy V.)

Parkinsons: Kay (Sharon W.)

Seizures: Noah (Laura C.). Joe (Dave J); Claire W; Kye (Ralph G.)

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Surgery & Healing

Judy A.—defibrillator placed in outpatient surgery on 3/27, doing fine, medication adjustments, ; 12/20 3-stents; left foot pain

Nakyla—NICU, still unresponsive, born 1/14/20 due date was 3/22/20; more difficult on family with limit to 1 visitor, (Dawn W.'s friend/manager's great-great-niece)

Those testing positive for Covid-19, for those most vulnerable to having a severe case.

Sherry Winters—broke her left leg

Rosalee P.—very critical condition at home & her children are with her in this time, prayers of peace & comfort (Oscar R. 's sister)

Steven J.—recovering from Coronavirus after returning from business travel in Europe (Bud W.'s grandson)

Nicole (Steven's girlfriend) - physician in NYC

Pam J.—new medications, now home (Bud W.'s daughter)

Dave N.—leg surgery (Dave J.)

Jan N.—upcoming surgery (Dave J.)

Angela—now home after ICU, long road ahead (Dawn W.)

Mary—heart meds, doing better (Marialyce H.'s sister)

Amanda W. —10/14 spine/brain surgery, home, antibiotics are keeping infection in check (Sharon W's DIL)

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Oscar R.—1/29 surgery, pneumonia

Charles—fall, now in rehab (Ralph G.'s BIL)

Jeff—back in hospital, needs constant care (Esther T.)

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Susie C.—Broken foot better, 1/30 stent, 2/12 new aortic valve, now home

Chuck G.—surgery postponed; healing (Lonna L.)

Taylor P.—1/23 back surgery, (Bud W.)

Ron R.—1/24 partially torn retina surgery (Adams)

Debra W.—1/2020 hysterectomy (John I.; Maebeth N.)

Milton—1/20 back surgery (Sharon W.)

Wendy V.—1/8 knee repair; 9/24 cataract complications

Cathy H. T.—12/15 freak car accident (Bill K.)

Sharon W.—hurt her back

Ray T.—stroke, now home, long recovery (Marialyce H.)

Dee H.—fell, facing surgeries & severe pain (Dave J.)

Chase R.—needs future surgery (Rachael R. & Jamar B.)

Judy T.—hand surgery (Ben Y.'s piano teacher)

Tracy—heart & fatigue problems, (Sharon W.'s SIL)

John H.—9/9 heart valve repair, healing still needed

Lorella—8/28 hip surgery (Wendy V.'s sister)

Rev. Keith H.—strokes (Kathy S.)

Mike W.—brain & prostate issues (John I.)

Richard S.—surgery for fluid on brain (Bill K.)

Kelsey R.—CHF, needs transplant, 24 y.o. (Kim H.)

Forrest S.—GI problems

Anne N.—getting stronger (Pat I.'s daughter)



THIS WEEK at Farmingdale Presbyterian Church March 29—April 5, 2020

The Session has suspended all worship and church activities through Tuesday, 4/7.

The Governor has issued a stay-at-home order through Tuesday, April 7. Your session is continuing to discuss remotely our response to the Covid-19 virus. We'll keep you posted as to the when activities will resume.



How to reach Pastor Lonna

(217) 801-7964 Cell & text

The most immediate way to reach her is on her mobile by voice or text.

If it goes to voicemail, please leave a message!

E-mail — fpcPastorLonna@yahoo.com

Please send me your joys & concerns by email, text, or phone call. I will be updating prayer concerns daily.

If you have a need or you know someone in our church family who may have a need, please get in touch with me or one of the elders so that we can meet the need. You will find a roster of elders & their information at the beginning of your 2019 Annual Report distributed in February

2019 FPC Office CLOSED

until further notice

Our office assistant is Pat Miller and she is going by to check the mail periodically in addition to checking her email.

If you need assistance with a Church project, let her know by by email.

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