

FAIRFIELD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 26, 2017

4th Sunday in Lent

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude *Children of the Heavenly Father* arr. Broughton

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome & Announcements

Minute for Mission

Introit *He is Lord of Heaven*

Call to Worship

Leader: Come, let us sing to the Lord, let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

People: Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to the Lord with psalms.

Leader: For the Lord is a great God, and a great Sovereign above all gods.

People: The Lord holds the caverns of the earth, and sustains the heights of the hills.

Leader: The sea belongs to God who made it, whose hands have molded the dry land.

People: Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

Leader: For the Lord is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand. Oh, that today you would hearken to God's voice!

WE PRAISE GOD TOGETHER

***Hymn #149**

God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian

Prayer of Confession

God of great mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you. You provide our daily bread; still we hunger for other things. You give your word to guide us; still we surrender to temptation.

Forgive us, God of grace. Create a clean heart within us, teach us your holy way, and restore the joy of salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (*Silent prayer and reflection*)

Words of Assurance

Leader: Friends, in Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven!

People: Thanks be to God!

***Gloria Patri #734**

“Glory Be to the Father”

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer

Time with the Children

(* After the Children’s Message, children ages 4 through 2nd grade are welcome to go to our Infant/Toddler Nursery.)

Anthem

I Will Arise

arr. Parker

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

Scripture Lesson

John 14: 25-27

Pew Bible p. 109 - New Testament

**Sermon Series
Message**

Creed
Holy Spirit

Dr. Steve Starzer

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***Hymn of Response #132** *Spirit of God, Descent upon My Heart*

*** Affirmation of Faith** The Apostles' Creed (inside Hymnbook)

Offering

(Please sign and pass the Friendship Pads during this time)

Offertory *How Can I Keep from Singing?* arr. Burkhardt

***The Doxology #44** *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Closing Hymn #461** *Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

***Benediction**

***Postlude** *When the Roll is Called Up Yonder* Black

* Those who are able, please stand.

Hearing assistance devices are available for anyone who needs them.
Please ask an usher.

Our organist, Jane Welborn, is away for two weeks visiting with her son Ryan who lives and teaches in Chile. Thanks to Robbie Dobson who will be assisting during Jane's absence.

Our memory verse for March is: "*Therefore I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God - this is your true and proper worship.*"

Romans 12:1