

FAIRFIELD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

July 23, 2017

7th Sunday after Pentecost

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude

Change My Heart, O God

arr. Hayes

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

Psalm 139

Leader: Oh Lord, you have searched me and known me. You discern my thoughts from far away.

People: You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.

Leader: Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence?

People: Search me, O God, and know my heart. See if there is any wicked way in me and lead me in the way everlasting.

Leader: Let us worship God!.

WE PRAISE GOD TOGETHER

***Hymn # 27**

God of Creation, All-Powerful

Prayer of Confession

We confess, O God, that our lives are a mixture of weeds and good seeds. The weeds choke us and limit our will to respond. We admire the good seeds and want to nourish them. When the harvest comes, we know that the good seed will be kept and all else will be judged unfit for your

realm. Christ have mercy upon us as we learn of your will. Give us guidance and determination as we obey your command. Forgive our misplaced allegiance when we settle for weeds. May we broadcast the landscape with the good seed of your Word. 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

Donna Hohman

(* We urge children 4 and up to stay in worship, experiencing the fullness of worship as "family" during the summer. However, following the Children's talk, the nursery is available for all children through pre-school.)

Sacrament of Baptism

Anthem

I Lift My Eyes Up (Psalm 121)

Celeste Underdown, soloist

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

Scripture Lesson

Romans 8: 12-25

Pew Bible p. 158- New Testament

Sermon Series Gentle Words in Tough Times

Message Eager Anticipation

Dr. Steve Starzer

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

***Hymn of Response # 372**

I Then Shall Live

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

Offering

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

Offertory *God Cares Medley* arr. Bolton

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

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Closing Hymn # 148** *Come, Thou Almighty King*

***Benediction**

***Postlude** *When Morning Gilds the Skies* arr. Wood

* Those who are able, please stand.

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

Our memory verse for July is: *“We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.”* Romans 12:6-8