

FAIRFIELD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

August 20, 2017

11th Sunday after Pentecost

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude

Brother James' Air

arr. Wood

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

Psalm 133

Leader: Though we may be inclined to brag, let us come together with humility.

People: How good a thing it is when all of God's people live together in unity.

Leader: Though we may be tempted to use harsh words, let us come together with gentleness.

People: How good a thing it is when all of God's people live together in unity.

Leader: Though we may want everything to happen quickly, let us come together with patience.

People: How good a thing it is when all of God's people live together in unity.

Leader: Though the world around often encourages hate, let us come together in love.

People: How good a thing it is when all of God's people live together in unity.

Leader: In humility, gentleness, patience, love, and unity.

People: Let us worship the God who has called us together.

WE PRAISE GOD TOGETHER

***Hymn # 6**

Let the Whole Creation Cry

Prayer of Confession

Paul reminds us in Romans 10, "Seek the Savior while he may be found; call upon him while he is near. For he will have mercy and abundantly pardon." For even when we give our best and strongest love to your service, we still fall short of the glory you intended for us. Even in our moments of sharpest clarity and wisdom we are yet creatures of profound ignorance and much foolishness. Since you know how hard it is for us to see your truth clearly, to follow it fully, and to love you completely; Lord have mercy Gracious God, the magnitude of our sins is far outreached by the magnitude of your mercies. We, your grateful people, turn to you in trust, asking through Christ Jesus that our sins may be forgiven and our folly overruled by your abundant grace. Through this same Jesus Christ, we pray. 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

Darlene Shegogue

(* 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.)

Anthem

Me and God

Turner

Heather Lowery, Ashley Young and Kelsey Young

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Lesson

Romans 11: 16b-24, 29-32, 36

Pew Bible p. 160- New Testament

Sermon Series

Gentle Words in Tough Times

Message

Merciful God

Rev. Darren Utley

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***Hymn of Response # 393**

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

*** Affirmation of Faith** (see insert)

Offering

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

Offertory

Give Thanks

arr. Gadd

***The Doxology #44**

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Closing Hymn # 717**

Go Now in Peace

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

Lead On, O King Eternal

arr. Landon

* Those who are able, please stand.

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

Our memory verse for August is: *“Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord.”* Romans 12:9-11