

# FAIRFIELD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

August 27, 2017

12th Sunday after Pentecost

## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

**Prelude**

*O How He Loves You and Me*

arr. Keveren

**Chiming of the Hour**

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Introit**

*Nearer My God to Thee*  
A. T. Scruggs & Jerry Williamson

**Call to Worship**

**Leader:** We give thanks to God with our whole heart.

**People:** **We give thanks for God's steadfast love and faithfulness!**

**Leader:** Though high above all things, God sees the lowly.

**People:** **Even when we are in deep trouble, God makes us live again. The love of God last forever!**

## WE PRAISE GOD TOGETHER

**\*Hymn # 21**

*This Is My Father's World*

**Prayer of Confession**

Merciful God, we confess that we have conformed our lives to the ways of the world and not the ways of your kingdom. We think of ourselves too highly and regard others as lowly. We exalt possessions and power, when you alone are to be exalted. We let conflicts prevail over grace and divisions over harmony. Have mercy upon us, we pray. Forgive and transform us, that we may be holy and acceptable to you, discerning and doing your will. Through 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**

Celeste Underdown

(\* 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**

*How Great Thou Art*

A.T. Scruggs and Jerry Williamson

## **WE HEAR GOD’S WORD**

### **Scripture Lesson**

Romans 12: 1-3

Pew Bible p. 161- New Testament

### **Sermon Series**

Gentle Words in Tough Times

### **Message**

God’s Mercy & Our Minds

Rev. Darren Utley

## **WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD**

**\*Hymn of Response # 464**

*May the Mind of Christ, My Savior*

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

### **Offering**

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

### **Offertory**

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A. T. Scruggs & Jerry Williamson

**\*The Doxology #44**

*Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**\*Closing Hymn # 466**

*Take My Life and Let It Be*

**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude**

*Festive Recessional in D*

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\* 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