

FAIRFIELD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

October 8, 2017

18th Sunday after Pentecost

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude

Prelude in E Flat

Beethoven

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome & Announcements

Introit

Come, We That Love the Lord

Call to Worship

Leader: Whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ.

People: I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.

Leader: As the Scriptures promise: the stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

People: This is the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes.

WE PRAISE GOD TOGETHER

***Hymn # 728**

God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand

Prayer of Confession

Loving God, you have planted us like a vineyard on a fertile hill. You cleared away the stones, planted us with choice vines, and kept watch over us by night and day. But we have not yielded the good fruit that you expected or desired. We are overgrown with sin, choked with violence and injustice.

Forgive us, we pray. Uproot our evil, prune away our sin, and shower

upon us the gift of your grace; 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

Majken Whitaker

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

Anthem

Rain Down

Cortez-Carter

Jerry Williamson, soloist

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

Scripture Lesson

Philippians 3:4b-14

Pew Bible p. 198- New Testament

Sermon Series

A Few Good Traits

Message

Hope

Dr. Steve Starzer

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

***Hymn of Response # 261**

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

*** Affirmation of Faith**

A Brief Statement of Faith

In life and in death we belong to God.

Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,

the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit,

