

# FAIRFIELD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

January 28, 2018

4th Sunday after Epiphany

## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

**Prelude**            *The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want*            arr. Carter

### Chiming of the Hour

### Welcome & Announcements

**Introit**                            *For He Alone is Worthy*

### Call to Worship

Leader: Come! Let us give thanks to the Lord with whole hearts.

**People: Fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.**

Leader: Glory be to the One whose wonders are to be remembered.

**People: Fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.**

Leader: The Lord is gracious and full of compassion.

**People: Fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.**

Leader: The Lord feeds the righteous with truth.

**People: Fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.**

Leader: Come! Let us give thanks to God.

## WE PRAISE GOD TOGETHER

**\*Hymn #649**

*Gather Us In*

### Prayer of Confession

Holy and all-powerful God, who commands all spirits, comforts those in distress, and casts out destructive forces, we confess that we are unable to do your will. We protect what is familiar and reject what is unknown. We admire those with courage but excuse ourselves when we falter from the truth. We forget that you are always with us, and that with you all

things are possible.

Forgive us, lead us, make us new. Remove our desire to heed false prophets, and show us your way; in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. 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**

Sarah Dobson

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

**Anthem**

*Send the Light*

Gabriel-Carter

## **WE HEAR GOD’S WORD**

### **Scripture Lesson**

Mark 1: 21-28

Pew Bible p. 35 - New Testament

**Sermon Series**

Jesus, Man of Mystery

**Message**

Becoming Famous, Embracing Authority

Rev. Darren Utley

## **WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD**

**\*Hymn of Response # 631**

*There Is a Balm in Gilead*

**\* Affirmation of Faith**

God’s sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom,

and goodness. But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful men and women. The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of God's love. (Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.15)

## **Offering**

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

### **Offertory**

*Here I Am, Lord*

Schutte-Wagner

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

### **\*Prayer of Dedication**

**\*Closing Hymn # 587**

*Make Me a Channel of Your Peace*

### **\*Benediction**

### **\*Postlude**

*Be Thou Exalted*

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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 January is: *“Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.”* (Romans 12:21)