

# FAIRFIELD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 11, 2018

4th Sunday in Lent

## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

**Prelude**

*Hallelujah*

Cohen-Raney

**Chiming of the Hour**

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Introit**

*Christ, We Do All Adore Thee*

**Call to Worship**

Leader: Look to the Lord your God, and live.

**People: Give thanks to the Holy One, our Savior.**

Leader: For though we once were dead in sin,

**People: now, by the grace of God, we live.**

Leader: Let us worship God.

## WE PRAISE GOD TOGETHER

**\*Hymn # 1**

*God Is Here!*

**Prayer of Confession**

Merciful God, we confess the folly of our sin and the hypocrisy of our complaints. We grumble about the evils in our world, even as we commit injustices and profit through deceit. We fret about the scarcity of resources while hoarding earth's goods and cheating the poor. We protest the problems of our world, but we do not actively work to address them.

Merciful God, expose our sins before the light of your grace. Heal our sin and free us from our foolish ways that we may know the joy of abundant life in Jesus Christ, in whose name 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

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

### **Anthem**

*Lord, Have Mercy*

Byrd-Hopson

## **WE HEAR GOD’S WORD**

### **Scripture Lesson**

Ephesians 2: 1-10

Pew Bible p. 192 - New Testament

### **Sermon Series Message**

Covenant  
Unbreakable

Rev. Darren Utley

## **WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD**

**\*Hymn of Response # 572**     *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending*

**\* Affirmation of Faith** (see back of bulletin)

### **Offering**

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

### **Offertory**

*Lamb of God*

Paris-Bettcher

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

## **\*Prayer of Dedication**

**\*Closing Hymn # 621**

*For the Healing of the Nations*

**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude**

*Hallelujah, What A Savior!*

Bliss-Tornquist

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\* Those who are able, please stand.

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

The memory verse for March is: *“They took palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting, “Hosanna!” “Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!” “Blessed is the king of Israel!” (John 12:13)*

### **Affirmation of Faith**

*We believe that in the death of Jesus on the cross  
God achieved and demonstrated once for all  
the costly forgiveness of our sins.*

*Jesus Christ is the Reconciler between God and the world.*

*He acted on behalf of sinners as one of us,  
fulfilling the obedience God demands of us,  
accepting God’s condemnation of our sinfulness.*

*In Christ, God was reconciling the world to himself,  
not holding our sins against us.*

*Each of us beholds on the cross  
the Savior who died in our place,  
so that we may no longer live for ourselves,  
but for him. In him is our only hope of salvation.*

A Declaration of Faith (PCUS)  
Chapter 4, Lines 96-117