

# FAIRFIELD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 18, 2018

5th Sunday in Lent

## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

**Prelude**

*Come, Ye Disconsolate*

Carlson

**Chiming of the Hour**

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Introit**

*Christ, We Do All Adore Thee*

**Call to Worship**

Leader: The Lord is merciful and gracious,

**People: slow to anger and abounding in love.**

Leader: The Lord makes a new covenant with us.

**People: We are God's people; the Lord is our God.**

Leader: Let us worship God.

## WE PRAISE GOD TOGETHER

**\*Hymn # 426**

*Blessed Assurance*

**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**

Darlene Shegogue

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

### **Anthem**

*Slow Me Down*

Wood

## **WE HEAR GOD’S WORD**

### **Scripture Lessons**

Isaiah 42: 1-7

Pew Bible p. 670 - Old Testament

2 Corinthians 5: 14-21

Pew Bible p. 181 - New Testament

### **Message**

*“Ambassadors of Christ”*

Rev. Dr. Richard Haney

## **WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD**

**\*Hymn of Response # 562**

*We’ve a Story to Tell to the Nations*

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

### **Offering**

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

### **Offertory**

*As The Deer*

Nystrom-House

**\*The Doxology #44**

*Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

## **\*Prayer of Dedication**

**\*Closing Hymn # 748**

*Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing*

**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude**

*Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart*

Messiter-Linker

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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