

FAIRFIELD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

April 29, 2018

5th Sunday of Easter

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude

My Jesus, I Love Thee

arr. Sobaje

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome & Announcements

Introit

We Are the Church

Call to Worship

Leader: The Lord is risen! Alleluia!

People: Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

Leader: Beloved, let us love one another.

People: We love because God first loved us.

Leader: Let us worship God.

WE PRAISE GOD TOGETHER

***Hymn # 358**

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Prayer of Confession

God of all hope and joy, we confess that we continue to live in fear. You make us branches of your vine, but we fail to abide in you. You extend your promise to all, yet we seek to cut off and exclude.

Forgive us, God of grace. Sanctify us in your perfect love, the love that casts out all fear, so that we may truly love one another; 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

Down to the River to Pray
Debby Starzer, soloist

arr. Curry

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

Psalter Reading (insert)

Scripture Lesson

Acts 8: 26-40

Pew Bible p. 127 - New Testament

Sermon Series Message

Belong, Behave, Believe
Active Voice

Dr. Steve Starzer

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

***Hymn of Response #457**

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

*** Affirmation of Faith** The Apostles’ Creed (inside Hymnbook)

Offering

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

Offertory

Into My Heart

Clarke-Sykes

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

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Closing Hymn # 356**

I Will Sing of My Redeemer

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

Jesus Shall Reign

Hatton-Linker

* Those who are able, please stand.

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

The memory verse for April is: “The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.”(Lamentations 3: 22-23)