

FAIRFIELD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

May 13, 2018

7th Sunday of Easter

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude *Meditation on "O Waly Waly"* arr. Curtis

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome & Announcements

Introit *We Are the Church Together*

Call to Worship

Leader: What good is it if we say we love all people,
 but give special treatment to a few?

**People: God calls us to love others as deeply
 as we love ourselves, with no strings attached.**

Leader: What good is it if we say we want to show God's
 mercy towards us, but are quick to judge others?

**People: God calls us to forgive our sisters and brothers,
 to let mercy triumph over judgment.**

Leader: What good is it if we say we trust God in every moment,
 but live guided by our fears?

**People: We will speak and act as those who trust God to
 come and live in our fearful hearts.**

WE PRAISE GOD TOGETHER

***Hymn # 1**

God is Here!

Prayer of Confession

How glibly we say we trust you, Holy One, and how quickly our fears silence our words. We find you at the side of the poor, while we cozy up to the rich and famous. You stand behind the counter serving the hungry at the soup kitchen, while we are stocking our freezers and pantries till they overflow. We look down as those whose hands are dirty, but your hand of mercy pulls them into your embracing love.

Forgive us, O Lord, and do good to us when we have trouble doing good for others. Surround us with your love; surround us with your grace; surround us with your peace; surround us with the Spirit of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. 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 2nd grade are welcome to go to our Infant/Toddler Nursery.)

Anthem

Hear My Prayer

arr. Endicott

Celeste Underdown & Jerry Williamson, duet

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

Psalter Reading (insert)

Psalm 47

Scripture Lesson

Mark 7: 24-37

Pew Bible p. 43 - New Testament

Message

A Mother’s Love

Rev. Darren Utley

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***Hymn of Response** (insert)

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

Offering

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

Offertory

In Christ Alone

Getty-Townend

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

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Closing Hymn** # 96

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

***Benediction**

***Postlude** *Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty* arr. Livingston

* Those who are able, please stand.

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

The memory verse for May is: *“When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit.”* John 20:22