

FAIRFIELD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

May 12, 2019

4th Sunday of Easter

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude

Comfort, Comfort Now My People

arr. Curtis

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome & Announcements

Introit

Brethren, We Have Met to Worship

Call to Worship

Leader: The Lord is our shepherd, our guide and protector.

People: The Lord is our parent, our companion and friend.

Leader: The Lord is almighty, with wisdom and power.

People: The Lord is present, with comfort and care.

Leader: Blessing and glory, wisdom and thanksgiving,

People: honor and might be to our God! Amen.

WE PRAISE GOD TOGETHER

***Hymn # 82**

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

Responsive Prayer of Confession

L: You are a God of new life, yet we are bound to the old way of doing things. You are a God of infinite good news, yet we live in fear and dread. You are a God of resurrection, yet we spend our days proclaiming death. away from the depth of your redemption, you call us back and gift us with joy.

P: Lord, have mercy upon us. Forgive us and lead us to wholeness.

L: You are a God of abundance, yet we fear there is not enough grace. You are a God of empowerment, yet we doubt whether we can do your work. You are a God of forgiveness, yet we cannot forgive others or ourselves.

P: Lord, have mercy upon us. Forgive us and lead us to wholeness. 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"

Psalter Reading

Psalm 23

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

There Is Power in the Blood

Jones-Bennett

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Lessons

Acts 9: 36-43

Pew Bible p. 128 - New Testament

**Sermon Series
Message**

The Unexpected Acts of God
"An Astonishing Imitation"

Rev. Steve Starzer

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***Hymn of Response # 440**

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

*** Affirmation of Faith**

The Apostles' Creed

(inside Hymnbook)

Offering

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

Offertory

Spirituals

arr. Wells

***The Doxology #44**

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Closing Hymn # 345**

Jesus Calls Us o'er the Tumult

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

How Majestic Is Your Name

arr. Bettcher

* Those who are able, please stand.

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