



*"Rejoice
with me ...
I have found
my sheep that
was lost."*

Luke 15:6, NRSV

Fairfield
Presbyterian Church
Belong / Grow / Serve

As a Christian community,
together we BELONG to God,
GROW in Christ and SERVE led by the Spirit

FAIRFIELD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

September 15, 2019

14th Sunday after Pentecost

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude *Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart* Atkinson-Wagner

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome & Announcements

Introit *Come Away from Rush and Hurry*

Call to Worship

Leader: We come to this place to search for God,

People: but God is already searching for us.

Leader: We come to this place to speak to God,

People: but God is already speaking to us.

Leader: Let us worship and listen for God,

People: who calls us together and leads us home.

WE PRAISE GOD TOGETHER

***Hymn # 66**

To God Be the Glory

Unity Prayer of Confession

O Lord, you love and care for us, the sheep of your fold. You provide for us and nurture us with the food of your presence and the waters of your grace. Still, O Lord, we wander astray, as if we did not need your love. Still, O Lord, we wander astray, as if we could live this life on our own.

Forgive us, Lord, and call us back with a gentle word and a reminder of your promises. Forgive us, Lord, and call us back with a shepherd's crook and a glimpse of your providence. For we fear we cannot find our way home without the sound of your voice to guide us. 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 51: 1-10

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

I Love Thee

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Lessons

Luke 15: 1-10

Pew Bible p. 78 - New Testament

Sermon Series

What Disciples Do

Message

"Disciples Seek People for Christ and His Church"

Dr. Steve Starzer

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***Hymn of Response #422**

Amazing Grace!

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

Offering

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

Offertory

I Need Thee Every Hour

Lowry-Berry

***The Doxology #44**

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

***Prayer of Dedication**

Closing Hymn #82

Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

In Thee Is Gladness

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* Those who are able, please stand.

A Declaration of Faith Presbyterian Church in the United States 1977 Chapter 7 Lines 12-23

We acknowledge that Christ chooses to be known in the world
through this community of ordinary people,
therefore we dare not despise or abandon the church.

Christ is the head of the church,
therefore we are responsible to Christ
when we make policy and decisions in the church.

Christ is the foundation of the church,
therefore it will not fall despite our weakness.

We are confident that the Lord of the church
will judge and defeat our sinful intentions and actions,
help us in our weakness and blindness,
and use the church to accomplish his purposes.