

FAIRFIELD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

February 20, 2022

7th Sunday of Epiphany

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude

I Would Be True

arr. Harold DeCou

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome & Announcements

Introit

Your Hands
Praise Band Ladies

JJ Heller

Call to Worship

L: In this sacred space, trust the Holy Spirit.

P: **On this sabbath day, take delight in Jesus Christ.**

L: Among the faithful, commit your way to the Lord.

P: **We worship the triune God with gladness!**

WE PRAISE GOD TOGETHER

***Hymn # 598**

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

Unison Prayer of Confession

O Christ, the economy of your love is beautiful, expending goodness and extending lines of forgiveness beyond our imagining. The economy of our love is stingy and crooked. We invest love where it can be repaid. We spend mercy where it yields gain. We advance blessing we can bank on. We hold grudges with interest. We do all of this with no recognition of how deeply indebted we are to you. Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors, we pray with our whole hearts. Amen.
(Silent prayer and reflection)

Words of Assurance

Leader: Friends, in Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven!

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Psalter Reading

Psalm 37: 1-11, 39,40

- L: Do not be provoked by evildoers;
Do not be jealous of those who do wrong.
- P: For they shall soon wither like the grass,
and like the green grass fade away.**
- L: Put your trust in the Lord and do good;
dwell in the land and find safe pasture.
- P: Take delight in the Lord,
who shall give you your heart's desire.**
- L: Commit your way to the Lord; put your trust in the Lord,
and see what God will do.
- P: The Lord will make your vindication as clear as the light
and the justice of your case like the noonday sun.**
- L: Be still before the Lord and wait patiently.
Do not be provoked by the one who prospers,
the one who succeeds in evil schemes.
- P: Refrain from anger, leave rage alone;
do not be provoked; it leads only to evil.**
- L: For evildoers shall be cut off,
but those who hope in the Lord shall possess the land.
- P: In a little while the wicked shall be no more;
even if you search out their place, they will not be there.**
- L: But the lowly shall possess the land;
they will delight in abundance of peace.
- P: But the deliverance of the righteous comes from you, O Lord;
you are their stronghold in time of trouble.**
- L: You, O Lord, will help them and rescue them;
you will rescue them from the wicked and deliver them,
because in you they seek refuge.

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Anthem

No, Not One!

arr. Schrader

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Lesson

John 15: 9-17

Pew Bible p. 109 (Old Test.)

Sermon Series

Why the Church?

Message

"The Exhibition of the Kingdom of Heaven to the World"

Dr. Steve Starzer

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***Hymn of Response #372**

I Then Shall Live

*** Affirmation of Faith**

The Apostles' Creed

(inside Hymnbook)

Offering

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

Offertory

#4 from 12 Petites Pieces

Jean Langlais

***The Doxology #44**

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Closing Hymn #596**

Help Us Accept Each Other

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

Fanfare on "Praise, My Soul, The King of Heaven"

arr. Robert J. Hughes