

# FAIRFIELD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

July 24, 2022

7th Sunday after Pentecost

## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

**Prelude**

*Nearer, Still Nearer*

arr. Harold DeCou

**Chiming of the Hour**

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Introit**

*My Jesus I Love Thee*  
Tracy Green & Randy Green

**Call to Worship**

L: Let us hear what the Lord our God speaks:

**P: God speaks peace to God's people, to the faithful,  
to those who turn to God in their hearts.**

L: Seeking peace, in word, in song, and in prayer,  
let us worship God.

## WE PRAISE GOD TOGETHER

**\*Hymn # 507**

*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

**Unison Prayer of Confession**

Gracious God, we humbly confess that we have fallen short of who you call us to be. We seek peace and comfort in our lives, ignoring the needs of those around us. We live our lives in ways that bring chaos and calamity to our neighbors. Cleanse us from sin and show us your steadfast love, so that in turning to you, we may seek unity and peace for all of creation. (Silent prayer and reflection)  
Amen.

**Words of Assurance**

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

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**Psalter Reading**

Psalm 138

L: I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart;  
before the gods I will sing your praise.

**P: I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise  
your name, because of your love and faithfulness;**

L: for you have glorified your name  
and your word above all things.

**P: When I called you, you answered me;  
you increased my strength within me.**

L: All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O Lord,  
when they have heard the words of your mouth.

**P: They will sing of the ways of the Lord,  
that great is the glory of the Lord.**

L: The Lord is high, yet the Lord cares for the lowly  
and perceives the haughty from afar.

**P: Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe;  
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my  
enemies; your right hand shall save me.**

**All: O Lord, you will make good your purpose for me;  
O Lord, your love endures forever;  
do not abandon the works of your hands.**

**Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer**

**Anthem**

*Jesus Loves Me*  
Randy Green

**WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

**Scripture Lesson**

Colossians 2: 6-15

Pew Bible p. 200 (New Test.)

**Sermon Series  
Message**

Called  
"Belonging"

Dr. Steve Starzer

# WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

**\*Hymn of Response # 72**

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

**\* Affirmation of Faith**

Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.54-55

Biblical visions and images of the rule of Christ, such as a heavenly city, the household of God, a new heaven and earth, a marriage feast, and an unending day culminate in the image of the kingdom.

The kingdom represents God's triumph over all that resists the divine will and disrupts God's creation.

Already God's reign is present as a ferment in the world, stirring hope in all people and preparing the world to receive its ultimate judgment and redemption.

With an urgency born of this hope, the church applies itself to present tasks and strives for a better world.

It does not identify limited progress with the kingdom of God on earth, nor does it despair in the face of disappointment and defeat.

In steadfast hope, the church looks beyond all partial achievement to the final triumph of God.

**Offering**

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

**Offertory**

*Siciliana*

William Walond

**\*The Doxology #44**

*Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**\*Closing Hymn # 61**

*There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude**

*Day of Joy*

James Denton

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\* Those who are able, please stand.