

# FAIRFIELD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 19, 2023

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent

## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

**Prelude**

*Herzliebster Jesu*

Johannes Brahms

**Chiming of the Hour**

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Introit**

*My Master Was So Very Poor*

Young

**Call to Worship**

Leader: We come to sanctify ourselves.

**People: We come seeking to be worthy of our call.**

Leader: The Lord looks not at our outward selves,

**People: but seeks to know what is in our hearts.**

Leader: Let us learn what is pleasing to the Lord,

**People: that we might live as children of the Most High.**

## WE PRAISE GOD TOGETHER

**\*Hymn # 480**

*Open My Eyes, That I May See*

**Prayer of Confession**

God of compassion and mercy, we sometimes fail to see what you are doing in the world. We want you to act in ways we predict, but we forget: you do what is good, not what is expected.

Forgive us when we do not recognize your miracles. Forgive us when we doubt the wisdom of your actions. Most of all, forgive us when we do not respond to your call, ignoring what we need to do to show the world your love and grace.

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

L: The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

**P: The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures  
and leads me beside still waters.**

L: You restore my soul, O Lord,  
and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

**P: Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I shall fear no evil;  
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

L: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

**P: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

## Time for Children

Vicky Beamer

## Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

### Anthem

*No Rose Bloomed in Gethsemane*

Martin/Paige

## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

### Scripture Lesson

John 9: 1-7, 35-41

Pew Bible p. 102 - New Testament

### Sermon Series

Good Question!

### Message

"Who is He?"

Dr. Steve Starzer

## Reception of New Member - Sherri Woodburn

# WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

**\*Hymn of Response #501**

*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

## **Affirmation of Faith**

adapted from the Confession of 1967

God's reconciling act in Jesus Christ is a mystery  
which the Scriptures describe in various ways.

It is called the sacrifice of a lamb,  
a shepherd's life given for his sheep,  
atonement by a priest;

again it is ransom of a slave, payment of debt,  
vicarious satisfaction of a legal penalty,  
and victory over the powers of evil.

These are expressions of a truth  
which remains beyond the reach of all theory  
in the depths of God's love for humankind.

They reveal the gravity, cost,  
and sure achievement of God's reconciling work.

## **Offering**

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

**Offertory**

*Longing for Light*

Bernadette Farrell

**\*The Doxology #44**

*Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**\*Closing Hymn # 502**

*Be Thou My Vision*

**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude**

*Voluntary*

*Anonymous*

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\* Those who are able, please stand.