

FAIRFIELD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 26, 2023

5th Sunday in Lent

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude

Marche Funèbre

Louis Vierne

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome & Announcements

Introit

Take Time to Be Holy
Fairfield Ringers

arr. McChesney

Call to Worship

Leader: Wait for the Lord.

People: Our souls wait and hope in God's word.

Leader: Hope in the Lord.

**People: With God there is steadfast love,
and great power to redeem.**

Leader: Our souls wait for the Lord,
more than those who watch for the morning,

People: more than those who watch for the morning.

WE PRAISE GOD TOGETHER

***Hymn # 96**

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Prayer of Confession

God of resurrection, we know the power of death. We have seen its works, we have felt its sting. We have been to the valley of despair, and felt like there was no chance for life. We do not believe in your power to resurrect. We do not believe in your power to redeem our pain, and fashion something beautiful in this world.

Forgive us. We cry from the depths - however faint our call may be, we pray you hear our voice. 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 130

L: Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord;

P: O Lord, hear my voice!

Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.

L: If you were to keep watch over sins, O Lord, who could stand?

P: Yet with you is forgiveness, in order that you may be feared.

L: I wait for you, O Lord; my soul waits; in your word is my hope.

P: My soul waits for the Lord more than those who keep watch for the morning, more than those who keep watch for the morning.

L: O Israel, wait for the Lord, for with the Lord there is steadfast love; with the Lord there is plenteous redemption.

P: For the Lord shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

Time for Children

Grayson Palmore

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Anthem

Behold Him in Dark Gethsemane

Beall/Althouse

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Lesson

John 11: 1-6, 36-44

Pew Bible p. 104 - New Testament

Sermon Series

Good Question!

Message

"Where Is He?"

Dr. Steve Starzer

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***Hymn of Response #113**

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

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

The Old Rugged Cross
Fairfield Ringers

arr. Larson

***The Doxology #44**

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Closing Hymn #123**

Fairest Lord Jesus

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

Grand Triumphal March

arr. Mark L. Williams

* Those who are able, please stand.