

FAIRFIELD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

April 16, 2023

2nd Sunday of Easter

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude

Alleluia! Alleluia!

arr. Harold DeCou

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome & Announcements

Introit

Glory

Tuttle

Call to Worship

Leader: Risen Christ, you show up despite our efforts to keep you out.

People: Risen Christ, help us to trust.

Leader: You breathe your Spirit upon us, even when we aren't ready to receive it.

People: Risen Christ, help us to receive.

Leader: You show us the wounds in your hands and in your side.

People: Risen Christ, help us to believe.

Leader: The risen Christ is here, among us, now.

People: Let us worship the one who conquered the grave!

WE PRAISE GOD TOGETHER

***Hymn # 35**

Morning Has Broken

Prayer of Confession

How fickle we are, God our savior. You have shown us the meaning of the resurrection, yet still we are slow to believe. We demand proof when your evidence surrounds us. Forgive our stubbornness, increase our faith, open our hearts to those around us who bear the marks of your resurrected presence. Help us to believe. *(Silent prayer and reflection)* Amen.

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 16: 5-11

L: The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.

**P: The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;
I have a goodly heritage.**

L: I bless the Lord who gives me counsel;
in the night also my heart instructs me.

**P: I keep the Lord always before me;
because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.**

L: Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices;
my body also rests secure.

**P: For you do not give me up to Sheol,
or let your faithful one see the Pit.**

L: You show me the path of life.

**P: In your presence there is fullness of joy;
in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**

Children's Message

Celeste Underdown

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Anthem

Now the Green Blade Riseth

arr. Carter

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Lesson

John 20: 19-28

Pew Bible p. 115 - New Testament

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***Hymn of Response #461**

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

***Affirmation of Faith**

from "A Declaration of Faith" PC USA

We are certain that Jesus lives. He lives as God with us, touching all of human life with the presence of God. He lives as one of us with God. Because he shares our humanity and has bound us to himself in love, we have an advocate in the innermost life of God. We declare that Jesus is Lord. His resurrection is a decisive victory over the powers that deform and destroy human life. His lordship is hidden. The world appears to be dominated by people and systems that do not acknowledge his rule. But his lordship is real. It demands our loyalty and sets us free from the fear of all lesser lords who threaten us. We maintain that ultimate sovereignty now belongs to Jesus Christ in every sphere of life. Jesus is Lord' He has been Lord from the beginning. He will be Lord at the end. Even now he is Lord.

Offering

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

Offertory

Christ The Lord Is Risen Today

arr. Edwin T. Childs

***The Doxology #44**

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Closing Hymn # 51**

How Great Thou Art

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

Crowned With Honor

Tom Birchwood

* Those who are able, please stand.