

FAIRFIELD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

July 23, 2023

8th Sunday after Pentecost

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* arr. James Mansfield

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome & Announcements

Introit *There's Something About That Name* Gaither

Call to Worship

Leader: In the beginning, before time, before people, before the world began,

People: God WAS

Leader: Here and now, among us, beside us, enlisting the people of earth for

the purposes of heaven,

People: GOD IS

Leader: In the future, when all has turned to dust, and all we know has found its fulfillment

People: God WILL BE. Let us worship with joy!

WE PRAISE GOD TOGETHER

Hymn #131 *Surely the Presence* Wolfe

Prayer of Confession

God of our ancestors, you offer us blessing and promise, yet we turn the other way. We are fearful of what such blessing will call out from us. We are fearful of confronting ourselves and the damage we have caused. Despite our misgivings, you find us right where we are, giving us the courage to live into our beloved selves. Lord, in your mercy, forgive us, remind us that we are enough, and walk with us as we follow your way. *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

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Psalter Reading

Psalm 139: 1-14

L: O Lord, you have searched me and known me.

P: You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.

L: You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.

P: Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely.

L: You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

P: Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.

L: Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence?

P: If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.

L: For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

P: I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.

Children's Message

Vicky Beamer

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Anthem

Praise You in This Storm

Herms and Hall

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Lesson

Genesis 28: 10-19

Pew Bible p. 25- Old Testament

Sermon Series Message

Family Reunion 2023
"Works in Progress"

Rev. Mike Watson

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***Hymn of Response #23** *All Creatures of Our God and King* Lasst Uns Erfruen

***Affirmation of Faith** The Apostles' Creed (inside Hymnbook)

Offering

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

Offertory *We Are Climbing* African American Spiritual

***The Doxology #44** *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

*Prayer of Dedication

***Closing Hymn #393** *Blest Be the Tie That Binds* Dennis

*Benediction

***Postlude** *O God, Our Help in Ages Past* arr. Harold DoCou

* Those who are able, please stand.