

# FAIRFIELD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

August 20, 2023

12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

**Prelude**

*O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go*

arr. Harold DeCou

**Chiming of the Hour**

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Introit**

*This is The Day*

Hymn 652

(The Congregation is invited to sing today's Introit)

**Call to Worship**

Leader: Way beyond all journeying, truth behind all mystery,  
life within all leaving:

**People: We praise you.**

Leader: Salve for every soreness, mender of every brokenness,  
midwife of a better future:

**People: We praise you.**

Leader: Ground of all being, judge of all nations,  
conscience of the universe:

**People: We praise you.**

Leader: Maker, redeemer, confessor, companion, befriender, inspirer,  
God beyond all names:

**People: Let us worship you.**

## WE PRAISE GOD TOGETHER

**Hymn (insert)**

*God You Give Each Generation*

(This hymn is in honor of all those returning to school)

## Prayer of Confession

God of reconciliation, how often we wish to take an eye for an eye, to return violence with violence, to stew in our anger. Yet you call us to a different way. In Christ, you have shown us redemption, grace, and forgiveness. You have made all of creation whole again through your death and resurrection. Stir within our hurting hearts that we may come to be a people of grace, not vengeance. Forgive us for seeking our own ways instead of Yours. Set us free, that we may live into your love. (*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*

Greatorex

## Psalter Reading

Psalm 67

L: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us,

P: **That your way may be known upon earth,  
your saving power among all nations.**

L: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

P: **Let the nations be glad to sing for joy,  
for you judge the peoples with equity  
and guide the nations upon earth.**

L: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

P: **The earth has yielded its increase;  
God, our God, has blessed us.**

All: **May God continue to bless us;  
let all the ends of the earth revere him.**

## Children's Message

Celeste Underdown

## Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

### Anthem

*I Am Nothing*

Owens

Rachel Underdown, soloist (see 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 13: 1-4)

# WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

## Scripture Lesson

Genesis 45: 1-15

Pew Bible p. 42- Old Testament

## Sermon Series

Family Reunion 2023

## Message

"Becoming Whole Again"

Rev. Mike Watson

## Sacrament of Baptism

# WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

**\*Hymn of Response** (insert) *Help Us Accept Each Other*

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

The Apostles' Creed

(inside Hymnbook)

## Offering

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

## Offertory

*This is a Day of New Beginnings*

Carlton R. Young

**\*The Doxology #44**

*Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

## \*Prayer of Dedication

**\*Closing Hymn #424**

*How Can I Keep from Singing?*

Endless Song

## \*Benediction

## \*Postlude

*Joyful, Joyful Joy*

Robert W. Thygerson

\* Those who are able, please stand.