

# FAIRFIELD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

September 10, 2023

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

## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

**Prelude**

**Chiming of the Hour**

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Introit**

*Bless His Holy Name*

Crouch

**Call to Worship**

(from Psalms 133 and 134)

Leader: How good and lovely it is to live together in unity.

**People: Precious it is, like oil, poured out to anoint the head.**

Leader: Unity is like the dew falling on holy mountains.

**People: With it comes God's blessing: life for evermore.**

Leader: Come, bless the Lord, you servants, fulfilling God's commandments.

**People: Love and praise your maker, the God of heaven and earth.**

## WE PRAISE GOD TOGETHER

**Hymn #35**

*Morning Has Broken*

Bunessan

**Prayer of Confession**

God of life, how easy it is to pass judgment upon one another, to claim power for ourselves, to live only for our own benefit. How convenient it is to ignore our siblings who are mistreated and abused, refusing to love our neighbor as we love ourselves. In your great mercy, Lord, remind us that in life and death we all belong to you. Forgive us for our shortsightedness, open us to the lives of others, that we may be transformed in your love. (*Silent prayer and reflection*) Amen.

**Words of Assurance**

Leader: Friends, in Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven!

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**Psalter Reading**

Psalm 103: 8-17

L: The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

**P: He will not always accuse, nor will he keep his anger forever.**

L: He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.

**P: For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him.**

L: As far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us.

**P: As a father has compassion for his children, so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him.**

L: For he knows how we were made; he remembers that we are dust.

**P: As for mortals, their days are like grass; they flourish like a flower of the field;**

L: for the wind passes over it, and it is gone, and its place knows it no more.

**P: But the steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him, and his righteousness to children's children.**

**Children's Message**

Celeste Underdown

**Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer**

**Anthem**

*The Love of God*

Lehman

**WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

**Scripture Lesson**

Romans 14: 1-12

Pew Bible p. 163 - New Testament

**Message**

"Eat Your Veggies!"

Rev. Mike Watson

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

**\*Hymn of Response #615**    *Community of Christ*    Leoni

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

### **Offering**

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

### **Offertory**

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

### **\*Prayer of Dedication**

**\*Closing Hymn #614**    *Let There Be Peace on Earth*    Miller

### **\*Benediction**

### **\*Postlude**

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\* Those who are able, please stand.

We want to thank Martha Houchins for being our liturgist today.