FAIRFIELD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

September 17, 2023

16th Sunday after Pentecost

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude Variations on "Warrenton" arr. Edward Broughton

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome & Announcements

Introit Bless the Lord Crouch

Call to Worship (from Psalms 133 and 134)

Leader: God call us each by name

As we gather on holy ground.

People: We come to this place,

Seeking to know the great I AM.

Leader: Let us worship God.

WE PRAISE GOD TOGETHER

Hymn #40 For the Beauty of the Earth Dix

Prayer of Confession

Sometimes it sounds too hard: deny ourselves, take up crosses, lose our lives? Forgive us, Savior, but we'd rather you do it for us. Forgive us Christ, but we are overwhelmed with what you ask of us. We long to see you come in glory, but fear the road we must take. Have mercy on our weakness. Be patient with our stumbling. Do not leave us behind, even when we are slow to follow, and lead us in your ways of peace. (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 114

- L: Hallelujah! When Israel came out of Egypt, the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,
- P: Judah become God's sanctuary and Israel God's dominion.
- L: The sea beheld it and fled; Iordan turned and went back.
- P: The mountains skipped like rams, and the little hills like young sheep.
- L: What ailed you, O sea, that you fled, O Jordan, that you turned back,
- P: you mountains, that you skipped like rams, you little hills like young sheep?
- L: Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, at the presence of the God of Jacob,
- P: who turned the hard rock into a pool of water and flint-stone into a flowing spring.

Children's Message

Vicky Beamer

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Anthem

Redeemed

Crosby/Kirkpatrick, arr. Red

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Lesson

Psalm 107: 1-3

Pew Bible p. 559 - New Testament

Sermon Series

A Brief Statement of Faith

Message "A New Start, An Old Truth"

Dr. Steve Starzer

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*Hymn of Response #728 God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand

*Affirmation of Faith A Brief Statement of Faith

Lines 1-6, 77-80

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Offering

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

Offertory

Give Thanks

arr. Anthony Burger

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

*Prayer of Dedication

*Closing Hymn #748

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

Sicilian Mariners

*Benediction

*Postlude

Psalm of Glory

Dorothy Wells

^{*} Those who are able, please stand.