

FAIRFIELD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

September 24, 2023

17th Sunday after Pentecost

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude

Fantasia on "Praise Him! Praise Him!"

arr. Janelle A. Clark

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome & Announcements

Introit

Bless His Holy Name

Crouch

Call to Worship

Leader: We sing to God
and bless God's name forever and ever.

People: Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised!

Leader: We declare God's mighty acts
and celebrate God's abundant goodness.

People: Let us worship, singing of God's righteousness.

WE PRAISE GOD TOGETHER

Hymn #411

How Firm a Foundation

Foundation

Prayer of Confession

God of generosity, we find ourselves bitter when faced with your abundant grace. We believe ourselves more deserving than others. We nurse our anger and resentment at those you forgive, instead of rejoicing in the abundant love you show.

Forgive us when we wish your grace was scarce. Forgive the double standards we hold. Help us to know that we are all in need of your grace, and help us rejoice as we all gratefully receive your mercy. *(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

145: 1-8

L: I will exalt you, my | God and king,
and bless your name forever and ever.

P: **Every day | will I bless you
and praise your name forever and ever.**

L: Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised!
There is no end to your greatness.

P: **One generation shall praise your works to another
and shall declare your power.**

L: I will speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty
and all your | marvelous works.

P: **They shall tell of the might of your wondrous acts,
and I will recount your greatness.**

L: They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness;
they shall sing joyfully of your righteousness.

P: **The LORD is gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

Children's Message

Grayson Palmore

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Anthem

Holy, Holy, Holy

Schubert

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Lesson

Romans 14:8

Pew Bible p. 163 - New Testament

Sermon Series Message

A Brief Statement of Faith
"Unbreakable Relationship"

Dr. Steve Starzer

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***Hymn of Response #413** *When Our Confidence Is Shaken* CWM Rhondda

***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 *Rock of Ages* arr. Harold DeCou

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

*Prayer of Dedication

***Closing Hymn #414** *I Know That My Redeemer Lives!* Duke Street

*Benediction

***Postlude** *The Solid Rock* arr. Lani Smith

* Those who are able, please stand.