

# FAIRFIELD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

October 29, 2023

22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

**Prelude**

*My Song is Love Unknown*

Ralph Vaughan Williams

**Chiming of the Hour**

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Introit**

*You Alone are Worthy*  
Joy Choir

**Call to Worship**

Leader: We hear the voice of God calling,

**People: “love your neighbor as yourself.”**

Leader: We feel the Spirit moving among us,

**People: moving us to acts of compassion and justice.**

Leader: We know the love of Jesus.

**People: We love because Christ first loved us.**

Leader: Come, worship God together.

**People: Come, let us serve our God, who calls us by name.**

## WE PRAISE GOD TOGETHER

**Hymn #132**

*Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart*

Morecambe

**Prayer of Confession**

God of Love, Your commandments are so simple: love God, love neighbor, love self. Yet we cannot always muster that love. Your law commands us to love you with our entire soul, mind, and strength and to also love our neighbors as ourselves. Yet, too often we put our own interests above the health and welfare of our neighbors. We betray you and our best selves by living without regard for the ways our actions harm our neighbors in need and the planet entrusted to our care. Open our hearts to love. Open our minds to honestly acknowledging our role in wrongdoing. Forgive us. *(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 1

L: Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,  
nor lingered in the way of sinners,  
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

**P: Their delight is in the law of the Lord,  
and they meditate on God's teaching day and night.**

L: They are like trees planted by streams of water,  
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither;  
everything they do shall prosper.

**P: It is not so with the wicked;  
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**

L: Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes,  
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

**P: For the Lord knows the way of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.**

## Children's Message

Sarah Dobson

## Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

## Anthem

*Rain Down*

Cortez, arr. Carter

## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

## Scripture Lesson

Matthew 22: 34-40

Pew Bible p. 25 - New Testament

## Message

"The Greatest Commandment and the Other Like It"

Kaylyn McGhee

## Reception of New Members

### WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

**\*Hymn of Response #273** *Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love* Chereponi

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

#### Offering

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

**Offertory** *How Firm a Foundation* arr. Harold DeCou

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

#### \*Prayer of Dedication

**\*Closing Hymn #617** *A Place at the Table* Tablesong

#### \*Benediction

**\*Postlude** *A Mighty Fortress* arr. Anthony Burger

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\* Those who are able, please stand.