

FAIRFIELD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 17, 2024

Youth Sunday

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude

Prelude and Fugue in C Major

J. S. Bach

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome & Announcements

Introit

Marvelous Light

Holcomb & Varenkamp

Call to Worship

L: O praise the Lord with me,

P: Let us exalt God's name together.

L: O come, let us sing to the Lord and shout with joy to the rock
of our salvation!

**P: Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving,
singing joyful songs of praise.**

WE PRAISE GOD TOGETHER

***Hymn # 473**

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Converse

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, in your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world. The profit and pleasures we pursue lay waste the land and pollute the seas. The fears and jealousies that we harbor set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation. We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason, and have turned them into bonds of oppression.

Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us. Set us free to serve you in the world as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ. (Silent prayer and reflection) Amen.

Words of Assurance

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

P: **Thanks be to God!**

*Gloria Patri #734

"Glory Be to the Father"

Greatorex

Psalter Reading

Psalm 51: 6-12

L: You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.

P: **Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.**

L: Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.

P: **Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.**

L: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.

P: **Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me.**

All: **Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.**

Children's Message

Ella & Abbey Glass

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Lesson

Luke 14: 15-24

Pew Bible p. 77-New Testament

Skit

"Empty Chairs at the Table"

Youth Group

Anthem

Crowded Table

The Highwomen

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*Affirmation of Faith

Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.31

To be reconciled to God is to be sent into the world as God's reconciling community. This community, the church universal, is entrusted with God's message of reconciliation and shares God's labor of healing the enmities which separate people from God and from each other. Christ has called the church to this mission and given it the gift of the Holy Spirit. The church maintains continuity with the apostles and with Israel by faithful obedience to his call.

*Hymn # 68

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Nettleton

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Offering

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

Offertory

Holy Manna

arr. Lowenberg

*The Doxology #44

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

* Prayer of Dedication

*Closing Hymn #496

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

Showalter

*Benediction

* Benediction Song

May the Road Rise to Meet You

arr. Turner

Traditional Irish Blessing

*Postlude

Etude in A Major

Dmitry Kabalevsky, arr. Grant

* Those who are able, please stand.