

# FAIRFIELD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

April 21, 2024

4th Sunday of Easter

## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

**Prelude**                      *Through a Stained Glass Window*                      *Olive Nelson Russell*

**Chiming of the Hour**

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Introit**                                      *For the Beauty of the Earth*                                      Dix

**Call to Worship**

L: Are you awake? Are you alert?

**P: Christ is coming into our lives in a new way.**

L: Do you see opportunities for ministry? Do you see those on the margins, those who have no power, those whose needs are great?

**P: Christ is coming into our lives in a new way.**

L: Come, let us worship, and let us work in the reign of God.

**P: Christ has extended the invitation:**

**All: let us work together in the reign of God on earth. Let us be seekers of justice for all.**

## WE PRAISE GOD TOGETHER

**\*Hymn # 24**                      *God, You Spin the Whirling Planets*                      Hymn to Joy

**Prayer of Confession**

Holy and Perfect God, we admit that we put other things above you in our lives. We say we long for you, but we actually long for more money and more comfort for ourselves. Lord, you will come with darkness for us if our hearts remain captive to anything but you. We confess that we are openly rebellious against you. We are fallen, never to rise again unless you lift us up. We forget that we are in a

world where we separate our neighbors based on the statuses we create, leading to a system of unjust oppression; it reminds us no one is free until everyone is free. We long for justice to come abounding like a rushing river; we strive to truly worship you, God, seeking good, not evil. (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 33: 1-9

L: Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous, praise is fitting for the upright.

**P: Praise the Lord with the lyre; make music for God with a ten-stringed harp.**

L: Sing for the Lord a new song; play your instrument skillfully with joyful sounds.

**P: For your word, O Lord, is right, and faithful are all your works.**

L: You love righteousness and justice; your steadfast love fills the whole earth.

**P: By your word were the heavens made, by the breath of your mouth all the hosts of heaven.**

L: You gather up the waters of the ocean as in a water-skin and store up the depths of the sea.

**P: Let all the earth fear the Lord; let all who dwell in the world stand in awe.**

L: For God spoke, and it came to pass; God commanded, and it stood fast.

## Children's Message

Vicky Beamer

## Anthem

*I Want to Praise You, Lord*

Thomas/Scott

## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

### Scripture Lesson

Amos 5: 18-24 Pew Bible p. 854-Old Testament

### Sermon Series

Creation Care - Within A Garden

(A garden is the place of our beginning and a point of our survival. This is a place where the soil, the water, and the breath of life all come together, with various seeds feeding us as a community, healing our relationship with the land, and sustaining our physical bodies during our time on earth.)

### Message

"Where is the Water?"

Kaylyn McGhee

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

### \*Hymn # 571

*Christ, You Call Us All to Service*

In Bablone

### \*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

(inside Hymnbook)

### Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

### Offering

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

### Offertory

*For Everyone Born*

Brian Mann

### \*The Doxology #44

*Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

### \* Prayer of Dedication

### \*Closing Hymn (insert)

*Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples*

Kingfold

### \*Benediction

### \*Postlude

*For the Healing of the Nations*

arr. Alec Rowley

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\* Those who are able, please stand.