

FAIRFIELD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

May 12, 2024

7th Sunday of Easter

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

arr. Roger C. Wilson

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome & Announcements

Introit

My God is So Big!

JOY Choir

Call to Worship

L: What a blessing!

We gather to listen and to discern God's will.

P: What a fellowship!

We join together and share our testimony in the presence of God.

L: Our delight in God will be our song of praise.

P: We come to worship God with our whole hearts.

WE PRAISE GOD TOGETHER

***Hymn # 544**

The Church's One Foundation

Aurelia

Prayer of Confession

Saving God, your goodness supports us as we learn to hope and trust in it. As the world moves on, day by day, we hold onto your promise of life in the face of death, your salvation miracle. We yearn to build a community of faith in which we can flourish, so that, embracing this good news, we might share your grace and mercy with others. Hear our prayer. (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 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 judgement comes, nor the sinner in the council of righteous.

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

Litany for Christian Education Teachers (insert)

Children's Message

Celeste Underdown

Anthem

Yonder Come Day
(from the Georgia Sea Islands)

arr. Tucker

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Lesson

Acts 4:32-37 Pew Bible p. 122-New 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 “Reaping the Harvest in the Community” Dr. Steve Starzer

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

***Hymn # 580** *We Are Called to Be God’s People* Austrian Hymn

***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 *Canzon in D Maggiore* Domenice Zipoli

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

*** Prayer of Dedication**

***Closing Hymn # 393** *Blest Be the Tie That Binds* Dennis

***Benediction**

***Postlude** *Postlude on “Terra Beata”* arr. Edward Broughton

* Those who are able, please stand.

This sermon series and all the liturgy was prepared by Kaylyn McGhee to fulfill her project for her seminary internship.