

FAIRFIELD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

June 23, 2024

5th Sunday after Pentecost

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude *Heaven Came Down and Glory Filled My Soul* arr. Harold Decou

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

L: The God who first heard the morning stars sing never forgets the cry of the afflicted.

P: **You, O God, have not forsaken those who seek you.**

L: The God who sets the limits of the seas remains a stronghold for the oppressed.

P: **You, O God, have not forsaken those who seek you.**

L: Come, let us thank God for steadfast love, for all God's mighty works.

WE PRAISE GOD TOGETHER

***Hymn # 35**

Morning Has Broken

Bunessan

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, you stilled the waters and fished from them with friends; you answered Job from a whirlwind and gently water the earth with dew each day. Though you hold all power and glory, you do not use them to uphold the powerful but to uplift those brought low by oppression, trouble, and sorrow. May we use our power and privilege, in whatever measure, with the same spirit that you have used your power. May we learn wisdom as we consider the steadfast love that you have shown us in Jesus Christ, who did not consider equality with you as something to be grasped, but emptied himself and became obedient, even to death on a cross. *(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 133

L: How good and how pleasant it is, when kindred live together in unity!

P: **It is like fine oil upon the head, flowing down upon the beard, upon the beard of Aaron, flowing down upon the collar of his robe.**

All: **It is like the dew of Hermon flowing down upon the hills of Zion. For there the Lord has commanded the blessing; life forevermore.**

Anthem

I Know Where I'm Going
Celeste Underdown, soloist

unknown

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Lesson

Romans 8: 17-21 Pew Bible p. 158-New Testament

Sermon Series

Eight in Eight

Message

"The Liberation of Creation"

Dr. Steve Starzer

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***Hymn # 590**

Rise Up, O Saints of God!

Festal Song

***Affirmation of Faith**

adapted from Romans 8

We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus: and we know that in everything God works for good with those who love him, who are called according to his purpose. We are sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

