

# FAIRFIELD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

June 30, 2024

6th Sunday after Pentecost

## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

**Prelude**

*Prière (Prayer)*

Jean Langlais

**Chiming of the Hour**

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Introit**

*"Vivace" from Sonata in F*  
Debby Starzer, Flautist

George Philipp Telemann

**Call to Worship**

L: The steadfast love of God never ceases.

**P: God's mercies never come to an end;**

L: they are new every morning.

**P: Great is your faithfulness, O God.**

L: Weeping may linger for the night,

**P: but joy comes with the morning, for you hear us when we cry.**

L: So we will praise you and will not be silent.

**P: Sing praises, O you faithful ones, and give thanks to God's holy name.**

## WE PRAISE GOD TOGETHER

**\*Hymn # 478**

*Sweet Hour of Prayer*

Sweet Hour

**Prayer of Confession**

Merciful God, you listen to all our prayers - cries of joy and cries for help, shouts of frustration and speechless awe, wordless weeping and lengthy lament. Some of us wait decades for your response; others sense it immediately. May we come to know your presence, even when you seem absent, and seek your unexpected responses. Embolden us to keep praying through dismay and disappointment, for the Holy Spirit speaks for us when we are unable to pray. (*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 130

L: Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord;

P: **O Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.**

L: If you were to keep watch over sins, O Lord, who could stand?

P: **Yet with you is forgiveness, in order that you may be feared.**

L: I wait for you, O Lord; my soul waits; in your word is my hope.

P: **My soul waits for the Lord more than those who keep watch for the morning, more than those who keep watch for the morning.**

L: O Israel, wait for the Lord, for with the Lord there is steadfast love; with the Lord there is plenteous redemption.

P: **For the Lord shall redeem Israel from all their sins.**

Anthem

*"Largo" and "Allegro" from Sonata in F*  
Debby Starzer, Flautist

Telemann

## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Lesson

Romans 8: 22-27 Pew Bible p. 158-New Testament

Sermon Series

Eight in Eight

Message

"The Groaning of the Spirit"

Dr. Steve Starzer

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

\*Hymn # 475

*Eternal Spirit of the Living Christ*

Sursum Corda

\*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**

### **Offering**

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

**Offertory**                      *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying*                      Ken Medema

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

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**\*Closing Hymn # 476**                      *I Need Thee Every Hour*                      Need

**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude**                                      *Hope Eternal*                                      Edward Broughton

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\* Those who are able, please stand.

“My thanks to N. T. Wright, whose book “Into the Heart of Romans” has inspired this sermon series.”