

FAIRFIELD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

July 21, 2024

9th Sunday after Pentecost

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude *Blessed Assurance* arr. Van Denman Thompson

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome & Announcements

Introit *Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus*
Debby Starzer, soloist

Call to Worship

L: Christ call to us: "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest awhile."

P: O God, you prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.

L: You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

P: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life and I shall dwell in God's house my whole life long.

WE PRAISE GOD TOGETHER

Hymn #440 *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* Bradbury

Prayer of Confession

Christ our peace, you promise to make us one new humanity, reconciling us to God and building us into a dwelling place for the Most High, firm atop the foundation of the apostles and prophets. Like the prophets before us, you have called us to be shepherds who both guide and comfort. Model for us how to be good shepherds, not those who scatter the sheep with errant advice and wayward words, but those who lead them beside still waters, in right paths, for the sake of *your Holy Name. (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 23

L: The Lord is my shepherd;
I shall not be in want.

P: **The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.**

L: You restore my soul, O Lord,
and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

P: **Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.**

L: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

P: **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

Anthem

Two Arias in Rondeau
Debby Starzer, flautist

Jean-Jacques Naudot

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Lesson

Romans 8: 31-34 Pew Bible p. 158-New Testament

Sermon Series
Message

Eight in Eight
"Nothing Can Separate Us From God's Love"

Dr. Steve Starzer

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*Hymn #428

When Peace Like a River

Ville Du Havre

***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 *Children of the Heavenly Father* Swedish Folk Melody

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

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Closing Hymn #426** *Blessed Assurance* Assurance

***Benediction**

***Postlude** *Thine Is the Glory* arr. Anna Laura Page

* Those who are able, please stand.

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