

FAIRFIELD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

August 18, 2024

13th Sunday after Pentecost

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude

Take Time to be Holy

arr. Dorothy Wells

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

L: The Lord our God is with us.

P: Stop and listen; turn and see!

L: The Lord our God is with us.

P: This place is holy ground.

L: The Lord our God is with us.

P: So let us worship, together.

WE PRAISE GOD TOGETHER

Hymn #502

Be Thou My Vision

Slane

Prayer of Confession

God of our ancestors, you have remained faithful to us from generation to generation. But we have broken our promises. We hear your plans for us and we laugh in disbelief. We test your patience and question your providence. We grasp at what is not ours. We succumb to jealousy and betray those we love. Forgive us, re-create us as your people, and restore us to your image. Bless us and let us be a blessing to others. Keep us in your mercy and cover us with your grace, through Jesus Christ our Lord (*Silent prayer and reflection*) Amen.

Words of Assurance

L: Friends, in Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven!

P: Thanks be to God!

Psalter Reading

Psalm 11

- L: Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.
- P: Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them.**
- L: Full of honor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever.
- P: He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds; the Lord is gracious and merciful.**
- L: He provides food for those who fear him; he is ever mindful of his covenant.
- P: He has shown his people the power of his works, in giving them the heritage of the nations.**
- L: The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy.
- P: They are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.**
- L: He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever. Holy and awesome is his name.
- P: The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever.**

Anthem

Revelation Song

Rachel Underdown & Jerry Williamson, duet

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Lesson

Matthew 6: 1-8

Pew Bible p. 5-New Testament

**Sermon Series
Message**

Sermon on the Mount
"Practicing Righteousness"

Rev. Mike Watson

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*Hymn #489

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

***Affirmation of Faith**

Confession of 1967 (9.50)

The church responds to the message of reconciliation in praise and prayer. In that response it commits itself afresh to its mission, experiences a deepening of faith and obedience, and bears open testimony to the gospel. Adoration of God is acknowledgment of the Creator by the creation. Confession of sin is admission of every person's guilt before God and of their need for God's forgiveness. Thanksgiving is rejoicing in God's goodness to all people and in giving for the needs of others. Petitions and intercessions are addressed to God for the continuation of divine goodness, the healing of human ills, and deliverance from every form oppression. The arts, especially music and architecture, contribute to the praise and prayer of a Christian congregation when they help people to look beyond themselves to God and to the world which is the object of God's love.

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Offering

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

Offertory *Tiento De Falsas Del Sexto Tono* Sebastián Aguilere De Heredia

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

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Closing Hymn #481** *Every Time I Feel the Spirit*

***Benediction**

***Postlude** *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart* arr. Franklin Ritter

* Those who are able, please stand.