

# FAIRFIELD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

September 15, 2024

17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

**Prelude**

*Herzliebster Jesu*

Johannes Brahms

**Chiming of the Hour**

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Introit**

*Come Away From Rush and Hurry*

**Call to Worship**

**L:** We have been gathered in this place for this time,

**P:** **that we might hear the good news we can't help but share.**

**L:** On this day and each one to come,

**P:** **may the words of our mouths, the meditations of our hearts,  
and the actions of our lives proclaim our faith.**

## WE PRAISE GOD TOGETHER

**Hymn # 255**

*Beneath the Cross of Jesus*

St. Christopher

**Prayer of Confession**

Holy God, your wisdom cries out in the streets and your grace whispers in the wind. You speak to us in many ways. Help us to hear you in the carbonated laughter of a child and in weary sighs too deep for words. As you speak to us, let us speak of you, sharing what we believe with our words and our whole lives. (*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"*

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## Psalter Reading

Psalm 19

- L: The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky proclaims its maker's handiwork.
- P: One day tells its tale to another, and one night imparts knowledge to another.**
- L: Although they have no words or language, and their voices are not heard,
- P: their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends of the world, where God has pitched a tent for the sun.**
- L: It comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber; it rejoices like a champion to run its course.
- P: It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again; nothing is hidden from its burning heat.**
- L: The teaching of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.
- P: The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.**
- L: The fear of the Lord is clean and endures forever; the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.
- P: More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.**
- L: By them also is your servant enlightened, and in keeping them there is great reward.
- P: Who can detect one's own offenses? Cleanse me from my secret faults.**
- L: Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.
- P: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.**

**Anthem**

*Count Your Blessings*

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## **WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

**Scripture Lesson**

Mark 8: 27-38

Pew Bible p. 43-New Testament

**Message**

"Cross Words"

Dr. Steve Starzer

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

**\*Hymn # 474** *I Surrender All* Surrender

**\*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** *Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken* arr. Harold DeCo

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

#### **\*Prayer of Dedication**

**\*Closing Hymn #530** *Faith of Our Fathers* St. Catherine

#### **\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude** *Govotte* Matthew Camidge

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\* Those who are able, please stand.