

FAIRFIELD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

September 29, 2024

19th Sunday after Pentecost

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude

Ave Maria

Gerald Near

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome & Announcements

Introit

Come Away From Rush and Hurry

Call to Worship

L: We gather in this place seeking to live in faithful community and asking god to guide us.

P: Lord, revive our souls,

L: that we might lift each other up.

P: Lord, revive our souls,

L: that we might order our communities in ways that lead us toward love.

P: Lord, revive our souls!

WE PRAISE GOD TOGETHER

Hymn # 496

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

Showalter

Prayer of Confession

Loving God, give us each wisdom to recognize our part in bringing your kingdom to life here on earth. May those in positions of power use their influence for the benefit of all. May those with the knowledge to heal give freely of their gifts. May those with imagination work to enact justice. May we all join in telling the world of your work among us. (*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 124

L: If the Lord had not been on our side, let Israel now say;

P: **if the Lord had not been on our side, when enemies rose up against us,**

L: then would they have swallowed us up alive in their fierce anger toward us;

P: **turn would the waters have overwhelmed us and the torrent gone over us;**

All: **then would the raging waters have gone right over us.**

L: Blessed be the Lord who has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.

P: **We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the gowler; the snare is broken, and we have escaped.**

All: **Our help is in the name of the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.**

Anthem

God is Our Refuge (from Psalm 46)

Pote

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Lesson

Luke 1: 26-38

Pew Bible p. 56-New Testament

Sermon Series

Do Not Fear

Message

"Tune in to God's Presence (Part 2)

Dr. Steve Starzer

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*Hymn # 500

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

Affirmation of Faith

from a Brief Statement of Faith

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Offering

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

Offertory *The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came* Basque Melody

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

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Closing Hymn #499** *He Leadeth Me*

***Benediction**

***Postlude** *Festal March in C Major* J. Baptiste Calkin, arr. Grant

* Those who are able, please stand.