

FAIRFIELD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

October 13, 2024

21st Sunday after Pentecost

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude *Eternal Father, Strong to Save* arr. Robert J. Hughes

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome & Announcements

Introit *Holy Ground*

Call to Worship

L: The Israelites walked across the desert into the promised land.

P: Joshua marched around Jerico as God commanded him.

L: Jonah walked into Nineveh to share God's message.

P: Mary and Joseph walked to Bethlehem before giving birth to Jesus.

L: Jesus walked on water to tell Peter, "Do not be afraid."

P: We, too, are ready to walk wherever God may guide us.

L: Let us come before God with open hearts and minds.

P: Let us worship God together.

WE PRAISE GOD TOGETHER

Hymn # 345

Jesus Calls Us o'er the Tumult

Galilee

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, forgive us when we fear your call. Forgive us when we fear ridicule for standing up for another. Forgive us when we fear speaking out when it's the right thing to do. Forgive us when we fear we are not enough, when we don't know what to do, or can't find the right words to say. Our fears can get us stuck. Help us to trust you, one step at a time, to move us forward and be the people we are called to be: to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you. (*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 want.

P: **He makes me lie down in green pastures;**

L: He leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul.

P: **He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.**

L: Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil;

P: **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;

P: **you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.**

L: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life.

P: **and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.**

Anthem

God is Our Eternal Refuge

Parks

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Lesson

Matthew 14:22-33 Pew Bible p. 16-New Testament

Sermon Series

Do Not Fear

Message

"Take One Step at a Time"

Rev. Mike Watson

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*Hymn # 589

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

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*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 *'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus* arr. Lloyd Larson

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

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Closing Hymn (insert)** *We Are Marching in the Light of God*
vs. 2: dancing, vs. 3: praying, vs. 4: singing

***Benediction**

***Postlude** *Trumpet Voluntary* William Goodwin

* Those who are able, please stand.