## FAIRFIELD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

October 20, 2024

22nd Sunday after Pentecost

#### WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

**Prelude** Hymn of Promise arr. John Ferguson

**Chiming of the Hour** 

**Welcome & Announcements** 

Introit My Faith Looks Up to Thee
Fairfield Ringers

### Call to Worship

L: God's greatness is beyond our understanding, yet we proclaim ...

P: Bless the Lord, O my soul!

L: God stretched the heavens across the sky;

P: let us marvel at the stars that fill it.

L: God raised mountains above the depths;

P: let us gather in wonder before them.

#### WE PRAISE GOD TOGETHER

**Hymn** # 435 Like a River Glorious Wye Valley

# **Prayer of Confession**

No one can compare to you, O God. Human language cannot fully describe you. Still, you became human, and with words we could understand you called us to serve one another and showed us love even to death. Invite us once more into this mystery of our faith, that we may all, in our own ways, offer ourselves to one another. (*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 91: 9-16

L: Because you have made the Lord your refuge, and the Most High your habitation,

- P: no evil will befall you, nor shall affliction come near your dwelling.
- L: For God will give the angels charge over you, to guard you in all your ways.
- P: Upon their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.
- L: You will tread upon the lion cub and viper; you will trample down the lion and the serpent.
- P: I will deliver those who cling to me; I will uphold them because they know my name.
- L: They will call me, and I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and honor them.
- P: With long life will I satisfy them, and show them my salvation.

**Anthem** The Staff of Faith Courtney

#### WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

**Scripture Lesson** Exodus 1: 15-22 Pew Bible p. 49-Old Testament

Sermon Series Do Not Fear

Message "Persevere" Dr. Steve Starzer

### WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

\*Hymn # 428 When Peace Like a River Ville Du Havre

#### \*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** 

It is Well with My Soul Fairfield Ringers

arr. Larson

\*The Doxology #44

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Closing Hymn #473

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Converse

\*Benediction

\*Postlude

Praise Everlasting

**David Paxton** 

<sup>\*</sup> Those who are able, please stand.