

FAIRFIELD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

October 27, 2024

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude

Faith is the Victory

arr. Harold DeCou

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome & Announcements

Introit

You are My All in All

JOY Choir

Call to Worship

Proverbs 2

L: Incline your ear and hear my words, and apply your mind to my teaching.

P: It will be pleasant if you keep them within you, if all of them are ready on your lips.

L: So that your trust may be in the Lord, I have made them known to you today.

P: The rich and poor have this in common: the Lord is the maker of them all.

L: Let us worship God!

WE PRAISE GOD TOGETHER

Hymn # 71

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Lobe Den Herren

Prayer of Confession

O God, Giver of mercy, in Christ's name hear us as we confess our sin. We speak when we should listen; we hesitate when we should act. Anger prevents us from working your righteousness; selfishness inhibits our responding in faith. We are called to proclaim boldly the dawn of your kingdom, but our shouts turn out to be mere whispers. Cleanse us of wickedness, and fill us with meekness. Redeem us in Christ, in whose name we pray. (*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 126

L: When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,
then were we like those who dream.

P: **Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
and our tongue with shouts of joy.**

L: Then they said among the nations,
"The Lord has done great things for them."

P: **The Lord has done great things for us,
and we are glad indeed.**

L: Restore our fortunes, O Lord,
like the watercourses of the Negeb.

P: **Those who sowed with tears
will reap with songs of joy.**

All: **Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed,
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.**

Anthem

A Mighty Fortress

Luther, arr. Butler

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Lesson

Hebrews 11:1-3 & 12: 1-3

Pew Bible p. 225 - New Testament

Sermon Series
Message

Do Not Fear
"Perseverance 2"

Dr. Steve Starzer

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*Hymn # 73

The Lord My Shepherd Guards Me Well

Brother James' Air

***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 *We've Come This Far by Faith* Albert A. Goodson

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

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Closing Hymn #72** *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* Faithfulness

***Benediction**

***Postlude** *Strong in the Faith* Edward Broughton

* Those who are able, please stand.