



FAIRFIELD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

February 23, 2025

7th Sunday after Epiphany

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude Give Thanks arr. Anthony Burger

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome & Announcements

Introit I'll Fly Away A. E. Brumley

Praise Band

Call to Worship (from Isaiah 40)

L: Thus says the Lord: In a time of favor I have answered you, on a day of salvation I have helped you.

P: Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth; break forth, O mountains, into singing!

- L: I have kept you and given you as a covenant to the people. I have inscribed you on the palms of my hands.
- P: Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth; break forth, O mountains, into singing!
- L: Let us worship God!

WE PRAISE GOD TOGETHER

*Hymn # 728 God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand National Hymn

Unison Prayer of Confession

You call us to be servants of Christ and stewards of your mysteries, O God. Yet, we resist the basin and towel of discipleship and hesitate to wash others with the waters of our baptism. We shy away from the mysteries of the gospel and settle for comfortable truths. We know it is required of stewards that they be found trustworthy, yet we are seldom worthy of the trust you place in us. Bring to light the things now hidden in darkness as in Christ you forgive us our sin. (silent prayers of confession) Amen.

Words of Assurance

- L: Friends, in Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven!
- P: Thanks be to God!

*Gloria Patri #733

"Glory Be to the Father"

Meineke

Psalm 37: 1-11, 39-40

Psalter Reading

- L: Do not be provoked by evildoers; do not be jealous of those who do wrong.
- P: For they shall soon wither like the grass, and like the green grass fade away.
- L: Put your trust in the Lord and do good; dwell in the land and find safe pasture.
- P: Take delight in the Lord, who shall give you your heart's desire.
- L: Commit your way to the Lord; put your trust in the Lord, and see what God will do.
- P: The Lord will make your vindication as clear as the light and the justice of your case like the noonday sun.
- L: Be still before the Lord and wait patiently. Do not be provoked by the one who prospers, the one who succeeds in evil schemes.
- P: Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; do not be provoked; it leads only to evil.
- L: For evildoers shall be cut off, but those who hope in the Lord shall possess the land.
- P: In a little while the wicked shall be no more; even if you search out their place, they will not be there.
- L: But the lowly shall possess the land; they will delight in abundance of peace.
- P: But the deliverance of the righteous comes from you, O Lord; you are their stronghold in time of trouble.
- L: You, O Lord, will help them and rescue them; you will rescue them from the wicked and deliver them, because in you they seek refuge.

Anthem Even the Winter Audrey Assad
Rachel Underdown, soloist

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Lesson Leviticus 7:12 Pew Bible p. 93- Old Testament

Sermon Series Celebrating our Common Roots

Message "Giving Thanks" Dr. Steve Starzer

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*Hymn # 14 Now Thank We All Our God Nun Danket Alle Gott

*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 I Want Jesus to Walk with Me arr. Lynn

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

* Prayer of Dedication

*Closing Hymn #748 Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing Sicilian Mariners

*Benediction

*Postlude Now Thank We All Our God arr. Benjamin M. Culli

^{*} Those who are able, please stand.