

FAIRFIELD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

May 11, 2025

4th Sunday of Easter

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude

Just As I Am

arr. Gordan Young

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome & Announcements

Introit

He Has Made Me Glad!

Brethorst

Call to Worship

L: Bless the Lord, O my soul. With all that is within me I will bless your holy name.

P: Bless the Lord, O my soul. You forgive our iniquity and heal our diseases.

L: The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

P: So great is your love toward all those who fear you. Bless the Lord, O my soul.

L: Let us worship God!

WE PRAISE GOD TOGETHER

***Hymn #358**

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Beecher

Responsive Prayer of Confession

L: I will remove the names of Baals from your mouths.

P: Forgive us, O God, for we worship false gods.

L: I will make for you a covenant with the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, and the creeping things of the ground.

P: Forgive us, O God, when we despise your creation.

L: I will abolish war, and make you to lie down in safety.

P: Forgive us, O God, since we do not seek peace.

L: I will betroth you to me in righteousness.

P: Forgive us, O God, for we love not our neighbor.

L: I will betroth you to me in faithfulness, and you shall know the God of Israel.

P: Forgive us our sin, O God, and grant us your pardon. (*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

Psalter Reading

Psalm 23

**L: The Lord is my shepherd;
I shall not be in want.**

**P: The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.**

**L: You restore my soul, O Lord,
and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.**

**P: Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil;
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;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.**

**P: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

Anthem

Death, Where Is Your Sting?

Larson

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Lesson

Luke 18: 9-14

Pew Bible p. 81- New Testament

Sermon Series

Stories That Tell

Message

"Pharisee and the Tax Collector

Dr. Steve Starzer

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***Hymn # 354** *Just As I Am* Woodworth

***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 *Lord, Like the Publican I Stand* Charles H. Gabriel

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

*** Prayer of Dedication**

***Closing Hymn #372** *I Then Shall Live* Finlandia

***Benediction**

***Postlude** *The Golden Trumpet* Lani Smith

* Those who are able, please stand.