

FAIRFIELD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

May 18, 2025

5th Sunday of Easter

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude *Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love* arr. Robert J. Powell

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome & Announcements

Introit *Peals of Praise* Edwards

Call to Worship

- L: Love the Lord your God,
P: with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind!
- L: Love your neighbor as yourself,
P: with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind!
- L: Do this and you will live!
P: Let us worship God!

WE PRAISE GOD TOGETHER

***Hymn #84** *O God, Our Help in Ages Past* St. Anne

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we are your children, descendants of the God most high, yet, we do not behave to honor you and our actions belittle the love you have for us. We do not defend the weak. We do not uphold the poor or the oppressed. We do not commit to efforts to rescue the weak and the needy; we sometimes deliver them into solitude and neglect. Rise up to judge us, O God. We prefer your merciful justice, than living with guilt and fear. Straighten our path, so that we can be guided as a mother or a father guides beloved children. *(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 82

L: God has taken his place in the divine council; in the midst of the gods he holds judgment:

P: "How long will you judge unjustly and show partiality to the wicked?"

L: Give justice to the weak and the orphan; maintain the right of the lowly and the destitute.

P: Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked."

L: They have neither knowledge nor understanding, they walk around in darkness; all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

P: I say, "You are gods, children of the Most High, all of you;

L: nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, and fall like any prince."

P: Rise up, O God, judge the earth; for all the nations belong to you!

Anthem

Shout On!

Paxton

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Lesson

Luke 10: 25-37

Pew Bible p. 71- New Testament

Sermon Series

Stories That Tell

Message

"The Good Samaritan"

Rev. Mike Watson

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***Hymn # 624**

When the Poor Ones

El Camino

***Affirmation of Faith from the Confession of 1967, 9.53, 9.55**

God's redeeming work in Jesus Christ embraces the whole of life: social and cultural, economic and political, scientific and technological, individual and

corporate. It includes the natural environment as exploited and despoiled by sin. It is the will of God that the purpose from human life shall be fulfilled under the rule of Christ and all evil be banished from his creation.

With an urgency born of hope, the church applies itself to present tasks and strives for a better world. It does not identify limited progress with the kingdom of God on earth, nor does it despair in the face of disappointment and defeat. In steadfast hope, the church looks beyond all partial achievement to the final triumph of God.

Celebrating Christian Education

Response: *We are grateful, thanks be to God!*

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Offering

(Please sign and pass the Friendship Pads during this time)

Offertory	<i>Celebrate with Joy</i>	Dobrinski
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*The Doxology #44	<i>Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>
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*** Prayer of Dedication**

*Closing Hymn #596	<i>Help Us Accept Each Other</i>	Beck
	(to the tune of The Church's One Foundation)	

***Benediction**

*Postlude	<i>Cornet Voluntary</i>	John Travers
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* Those who are able, please stand.