

# FAIRFIELD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

August 31, 2025

# 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

# WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

# Prelude

## *Through a Stained Glass Window*

# Olive Nelson Russell

## Chiming of the Hour

# Welcome & Announcements

## Introit

*Before the Throne of God Above*

# Getty and Getty

# Call to Worship

from Psalm 116

L: I love the Lord, God heard my voice - God heard my cry for mercy.

**P: Because the Lord turned His ear to me, I will call on the Lord as long as I live.**

L: The cords of death entangled me, the anguish of the grave came upon me; I was overcome by trouble and sorrow.

**P: Then I called on the name of the Lord: “O Lord, save me!”**

L: The Lord is gracious and righteous; our God is full of compassion.

**P: Let us worship the Lord!**

# WE PRAISE GOD TOGETHER

**\*Hymn #426**

## Blessed Assurance

## Prayer of Confession

## Call to Confession

Come now. Turn your thoughts to the holiness of God and see how far we've strayed from God's hopes for us. We doze off when we should be awake. We close our eyes to truth. We mediate upon moral injuries that continue to haunt us.

We drift away, forgetting God's presence among us. We chase earthly dreams, while heaven is within reach. We fall into spiritual sleep - even as the Good News is being shared.

We need the life-giving touch of the Holy Spirit to wake us up, renew us, and restore us to life. Let us, as the church, take a few moments of silent, personal prayer - confessing our sins and seeking forgiveness. Let us also ask God to help us forgive those who have sinned against us. *(Silent prayer and confession)*  
*Amen.*

## Assurance of Pardon

L: Hear the Good News of the Gospel:  
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.  
We have been touched by the hand of God -  
The old is gone; behold, a new life has begun!  
Now live as forgiven people:  
Forgive others, love the undeserving, offer kindness to strangers,  
and share this amazing faith with those around you in the week to come.

P: **Amen.**

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| <b>*Gloria Patri #733</b> | <i>"Glory Be to the Father"</i> | Meineke |
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Psalter Reading Psalm 36: 5-9

L: Lord, your love reaches to the heavens, your loyalty to the skies.

**P: Your goodness is as high as the mountains. Your justice is as deep as the ocean. Lord, you protect both people and animals.**

L: God, your love is so precious. You protect people in the shadow of your wings.

**P: They eat the rich food in your house, and you let them drink from your river of pleasure.**

L: You re the giver of life.

**Anthem** *Just As I Am* arr. Maher, Cash, Galbraith

## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

**Scripture Lesson**                      Acts 20: 6-12                      Pew Bible p.140- New Testament

**Sermon Series** Faces of Faith  
**Message** “The Best Sermon Ever!?!” Rev. Keith Curran

# WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

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

**\*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**      *Improvisation from Suite Medievale*                      Jean Langlais

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

**\* Prayer of Dedication**

**\*Closing Hymn #710**                      *The Trees of the Field*

### **\*Benediction**

**Postlude**                      *Postlude*                      Henry Purcell  
arr. Lawrence Grant

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\* Those who are able, please stand.

Thank you to Rachel Underdown and Jerry Williamson for providing the Introit and Anthem today!