

FAIRFIELD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

September 14, 2025

14th Sunday after Pentecost

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude

Where Dwelleth Charity and Love, There God is Found

arr. Gerald Near

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome & Announcements

Introit

His Name is Wonderful

Call to Worship

L: The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance,

P: **that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.**

L: Though the strong wind of judgment blows, all is not ended. God will renew stubborn hearts and soften stiff necks,

P: **for Jesus welcomed sinners and ate with them,**

L: so we boldly come to make an offering of worship to the God of mercy, who seeks and saves the lost.

P: **Let us rejoice in the grace of our Lord!**

WE PRAISE GOD TOGETHER

***Hymn #393**

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

Dennis

Unison Prayer of Confession

Psalm 51: 1-4, 7, 10

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; in your great compassion blot out my offenses. Wash me through and through from my wickedness, and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my offenses, and my sin is ever before me. Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight; so you are justified when you speak and right in your judgment. Remove my sins with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be purer than snow. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. *(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

Psalms 14

L: Fools say in their hearts, "There is no God." They are corrupt, every deed is vile; there is no one who does any good.

P: The Lord looks down from heaven upon us all, to see if there is anyone who is wise, who seeks after God.

L: They have all proved faithless; all alike have turned bad; there is none who does good; no, not one.

P: Have they no knowledge, all those evildoers who eat up my people like bread and do not call upon the Lord?

L: See how they tremble with fear, because God is in the company of the righteous.

P: Your aim is to confound the plans of the afflicted, but the Lord is their refuge.

All: Oh, that Israel's deliverance would come out of Zion! When the Lord restores the fortunes of the people, Jacob will rejoice and Israel be glad.

Anthem

The Gift of Love

arr. Hopson

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Lesson

John 13:34-35

Pew Bible p.108- New Testament

**Sermon Series
Message**

Think on These Things
"From Example"

Dr. Steve Starzer

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***Hymn # 464**

May the Mind of Christ, My Savior

St. Leonards

***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

Blest Be the Tie

arr. Roger C. Wilson

***The Doxology #44**

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

*** Prayer of Dedication**

***Closing Hymn #595**

They'll Know We Are Christians

***Benediction**

Postlude

The Lord Reigneth

Lani Smith

* Those who are able, please stand.