

FAIRFIELD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 15, 2026

4th Sunday in Lent/ Youth Sunday

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

arr. Harold DeCou

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome & Announcements

Introit

Peace Like a River

Call to Worship

L: Jesus said, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener."

P: We come to abide in Him, the source of our life.

L: "Remain in Me, as I also remain in you."

P: Apart from Him, we can do nothing.

L: We will worship the One who sustains us.

All: We gather to bear much fruit and bring glory to God.

WE PRAISE GOD TOGETHER

***Opening Hymn #426** *Blessed Assurance*

Unison Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, you are the vine-grower, and your Son, Jesus, is the true vine. We confess that we have not always remained in the Redeemer. We have tried to live on our own strength, acting as self-sufficient branches that wither rather than abiding in your love. We confess our spiritual apathy, Lord, and our failure to produce fruit that lasts. We have not loved one another as Christ has loved us, choosing selfishness over sacrificial love, and choosing the works of the flesh over the fruits of the Spirit. Forgive us for when we have been stubborn, disloyal, and resistant to your pruning. Cleanse us from our sins and cut away the dead wood in our lives. That way, we may become more fruitful and draw deeply from your life-giving presence. Help us to abide in you alone, O God, so that our joy may be complete. In the name of Jesus Christ, our True Vine and our Redeemer, *(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 1 (CEB)

L: The truly happy person doesn't follow wicked advice, doesn't stand on the road of sinners, and doesn't sit with the disrespectful.

P: **Instead of doing those things, these persons love the Lord's instruction, and they recite God's Instruction day and night!**

L: They are like a tree replanted by streams of water, which bears fruit at just the right time and whose leaves don't fade. Whatever they do succeeds.

P: **That's not true for the ways of the wickedness, which is like dust that the wind blows away.**

L: And that's why wickedness will have no standing in the court of justice - neither does sin in the assembly of the righteous.

P: **The Lord is intimately acquainted with righteousness, but the way of wickedness is destroyed.**

Anthem

Trees of the Field

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Gospel Reading

John 15: 1-17

Pew Bible p. 109- New Testament

Skit

"Life on the Vine"

Message

Zoe Marker

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*Hymn # 723

For the Fruit of All Creation

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

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

Offertory

Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song

Peter Cutts

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

*** Prayer of Dedication**

***Closing Hymn # 502** *Be Thou My Vision*

***Benediction**

***Postlude** *A Song of Jubilant Praise!* Franklin Ritter

* Those who are able, please stand.