

FAIRFIELD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

August 23, 2026

13th Sunday after Pentecost

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude

Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

James K. Manley

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome & Announcements

Introit

Sweet, Sweet Spirit

Doris Akers

Call to Worship

L: Praise the Lord! God has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy.

P: **O Lord, save us; grant us success!**

L: Blessed are they who come in the name of the Lord.

P: **You are my God, and I will give you thanks.**

All: **You are my God, and I will exalt you.**

WE PRAISE GOD TOGETHER

***Opening Hymn #87** *Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

Unison Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, you forgive all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have been quick to excuse our faults and to lay the blame on others. Yet, you have been patient with us and showed us kindness and favor. Have mercy on us O God, in your loving kindness. Cleanse our minds and hearts. And renew a right spirit within us. *(silent prayers of confession)* Amen.

Words of Assurance

L: Friends, in Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven!

P: **Thanks be to God!**

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 55

- L: Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat!
- P: **Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy?**
- L: Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live;
- P: **and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, promised to David. Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples.**
- L: Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know, and a nation that did not know you, shall run to you,
- P: **because of the Lord your God, and the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.**
- L: "Seek the Lord while he may be found; call upon him while he is near.

Anthem

Center of My Joy
Gloria and William J. Gaither and Richard Smallwood

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Gospel Lesson

Galatians 5:22-26
Matthew 11:28-30

Pew Bible p. 191 - New Test.
Pew Bible p. 12 - New Test.

Scripture

"Gentleness"

Rev. Dr. Richard Haney

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***Hymn of Response #257**

What Wondrous Love Is This

***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

One Day At A Time

Marijohn Wilkin & Kris Kristofferson

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

*** Prayer of Dedication**

***Closing Hymn #348** *Softly and Tenderly*

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

Gavotte

Matthew Camidge

*Please stand

Thanks to Dennis Byrd for singing today's Introit, Anthem and Offertory today.