

FAIRFIELD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

April 18, 2010

3rd Sunday of Easter

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude

My Song Is Love Unknown

Edwards-Wood

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome & Announcements

Minute for Mission

Call to Worship

One: A voice calls our name: Come, see what God is doing.

All: God seeks us where we are.

One: A call is sensed in the outstretched hands of the poor,

All: A new dawning of insight while at prayer.

One: We have gathered to hear the good news of Jesus Christ,

All: A Word that renews us again and again.

One: Let us open our souls to the gentle wind of God's Spirit.

All: Let us worship God, the Source of every blessing.

WE PRAISE GOD TOGETHER

***Opening Hymn #59**

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Prayer of Confession

O God of mercy, we seek your forgiveness. You lead us beside still waters, but we are in a hurry to get back to business as usual. You walk with us in the valley of the shadow, but we are still afraid. Though our cup overflows, we plan and plot how we may get more. We turn neighbors away from your love because we are wrapped up in our own concerns. The poor are always with us, yet we do not see them.

Forgive our foolish ways. Wash us clean from our sin and restore us by your mercy. Open us to the presence of your Spirit that we may be faithful followers of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Words of Assurance

I Peter 1:3

Leader: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

***Gloria Patri #734**

“Glory Be to the Father”

Time with the Children

Mike Reasor

(* After the Children’s Message, children ages 4 through 2nd grade are welcome to go to Kid’s Worship (room # 6). Infants & younger children may go to our Toddler and Preschool Nurseries.)

Offering

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

Offertory *You Are My All in All* Jernigan-Tornquist

***Doxology** *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

***Prayer of Dedication**

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 55:1-3

(Pew Bible p. 685- Old Testament)

Anthem

Death, Where Is Your Sting?

Larson

New Testament Reading

Matthew 6:5-8

(Pew Bible p. 5 - New Testament)

Sermon

“Prayer as a Way of Listening”

Dr. Stephen J. Brachlow

Responsive Hymn #477

Come and Find the Quiet Center

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Pastoral Prayer, with the Lord's Prayer

* **Affirmation of Faith** (insert)

***Closing Hymn** #499

He Leadeth Me

***Benediction**

***Benediction Response**

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

***Postlude**

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

Paxton

* Those who are able, please stand.

Hearing assistance devices are available for anyone who needs them. Please ask an usher.