



Fairfield Presbyterian Church

PCA

For I am not ashamed of the Gospel...Romans 1:16

Celebration of Worship

July 20, 2025

Prelude

The Prelude is a time to begin transitioning from fellowshiping with our neighbors to preparing our hearts to worship God.

Please adjust all electronic devices so as not to interrupt the service.

Welcome and Announcements

Welcome to all our visitors. Please fill out the guest registration to let us know of your visit.

Silent Prayer of Preparation for Worship

Almighty and everlasting God, who hates nothing that you have made, and forgives the sins of all those that are penitent: create and make in us new and contrite hearts; that we, truly lamenting our sins, with unfeigned sorrow and abhorrence, and acknowledging our wretchedness with sincere resolution of amendment of life, may obtain from you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

This Is The Day

This is the day; This is the day
That the Lord hath made; That the Lord hath made
We will rejoice; We will rejoice
And be glad in it; And be glad in it
This is the day That the Lord hath made
We will rejoice and be glad in it
This is the day; This is the day
That the Lord hath made

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

Call to Worship

from Psalm 27:1-2, 4

Pastor: The Lord is my light and my salvation -

People: *Whom shall I fear?*

Pastor: The Lord is the stronghold of my life -

People: *Of whom shall I be afraid?*

Pastor: When evil men advance against me to devour my
flesh, when my enemies and my foes attack me,

People: *They will stumble and fall.*

Pastor: One thing I ask of the Lord, this is what I seek:

People: *That I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the
days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the
Lord and to seek Him in His temple.*

***Invocation and Adoration** (followed by the Lord's Prayer)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your Kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil; for Yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

***Worship in Song**

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All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above

(You may be seated)

Public Confession of Sin

ALL: We confess to You, O God, that we have sinned against heaven and in Your sight, and are not worthy to be called Your children. We have forgotten You, and have broken Your holy laws. We have been wayward and disobedient.

We have been selfish and unkind. For the sake of Your dear Son our Savior, we beseech You to pardon our sins, to make clean our hearts within us, and to grant us Your peace. Amen.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Comfort and Assurance of the Gospel

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ~ Romans 8:1

Corporate Confession of Faith - Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell.* The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic** church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Some versions of the Creed omit this phrase; it was inserted to affirm the reality of Christ's physical death;

**or universal; this phrase simply refers to the fact that the Church is made up of believers of all times in all nations.

PETITIONING GOD'S PROVIDENCE

Testimony of God's Work

Presentation of Communing Members

Covenant Baptism

Prayers of God's People

(The pastor will lead us in prayer, reading submitted praises and requests)

ADORING GOD'S GLORY

Public Reading of Scripture

Judges 14:1-20

(*Lectio Continua* – the practice of reading Scripture in sequence)

Scripture Context:

We will see Samson break his Nazarite vow and his sinful desire to marry a Philistine, yet God used it for His own purposes to bring judgment on the Philistines.

Samson went down to Timnah, and at Timnah he saw one of the daughters of the Philistines.² Then he came up and told his father and mother, "I saw one of the daughters of the Philistines at Timnah. Now get her for me as my wife."³ But his father and mother said to him, "Is there not a woman among the daughters of your relatives, or among all our people, that you must go to take a wife from the uncircumcised Philistines?" But Samson said to his father, "Get her for me, for she is right in my eyes."⁴ His father and mother did not know that it was from the LORD, for he was seeking an opportunity against the Philistines. At that time the Philistines ruled over Israel.⁵ Then Samson went down with his father and mother to Timnah, and they came to the vineyards of Timnah. And behold, a young lion came toward him roaring.⁶ Then the Spirit of the LORD rushed upon him, and although he had nothing in his hand, he tore the lion in pieces as one tears a young goat. But he did not tell his father or his mother what he had done.⁷ Then he went down and talked with the woman, and she was right in Samson's eyes.⁸ After some days he returned to take her. And he turned aside to see the carcass of the lion, and behold, there was a swarm of bees in the body of the lion, and honey.⁹ He scraped it out into his hands and went on, eating as he went. And he came to his father and mother and gave some to them, and they ate. But he did not tell them that he had scraped the honey from the carcass of the lion.¹⁰ His father went down to the woman, and Samson prepared a feast there, for so the young men used to do.¹¹ As soon

as the people saw him, they brought thirty companions to be with him.¹² And Samson said to them, "Let me now put a riddle to you. If you can tell me what it is, within the seven days of the feast, and find it out, then I will give you thirty linen garments and thirty changes of clothes,¹³ but if you cannot tell me what it is, then you shall give me thirty linen garments and thirty changes of clothes." And they said to him, "Put your riddle, that we may hear it."¹⁴ And he said to them, "Out of the eater came something to eat. Out of the strong came something sweet." And in three days they could not solve the riddle.¹⁵ On the fourth day they said to Samson's wife, "Entice your husband to tell us what the riddle is, lest we burn you and your father's house with fire. Have you invited us here to impoverish us?"¹⁶ And Samson's wife wept over him and said, "You only hate me; you do not love me. You have put a riddle to my people, and you have not told me what it is." And he said to her, "Behold, I have not told my father nor my mother, and shall I tell you?"¹⁷ She wept before him the seven days that their feast lasted, and on the seventh day he told her, because she pressed him hard. Then she told the riddle to her people.¹⁸ And the men of the city said to him on the seventh day before the sun went down, "What is sweeter than honey? What is stronger than a lion?" And he said to them, "If you had not plowed with my heifer, you would not have found out my riddle."¹⁹ And the Spirit of the LORD rushed upon him, and he went down to Ashkelon and struck down thirty men of the town and took their spoil and gave the garments to those who had told the riddle. In hot anger he went back to his father's house.²⁰ And Samson's wife was given to his companion, who had been his best man.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord!

All: *Thanks be to God.*

The Giving of First Fruits

*Honor the LORD with your wealth and with the firstfruits of all your produce;¹⁰
then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with
wine. ~Proverbs 3:9-10*

***The Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him all creatures
here below; praise Him above ye heavenly hosts; praise Father,
Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Prayer of Thanks and Dedication**

***Worship in Song**

His Mercy Is More

Chorus

***Praise the Lord His mercy is more
Stronger than darkness new every morn
Our sins they are many His mercy is more***

Verse 1

What love could remember no wrongs we have done
Omniscient all knowing He counts not their sum
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

Chorus

Verse 2

What patience would wait as we constantly roam
What Father so tender is calling us home
He welcomes the weakest the vilest the poor
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

Chorus

Verse 3

What riches of kindness He lavished on us
His blood was the payment His life was the cost
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

Chorus

***Praise the Lord His mercy is more
Stronger than darkness new every morn
Our sins they are many His mercy is more***

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Only A Holy God

Verse 1

Who else commands all the hosts of heaven
Who else could make every king bow down
Who else can whisper and darkness trembles
Only a Holy God

Verse 2

What other beauty demands such praises
What other splendour outshines the sun
What other majesty rules with justice
Only a Holy God

Chorus

**Come and behold Him
The One and the Only
Cry out sing holy
Forever a Holy God
Come and worship the Holy God**

Verse 3

What other glory consumes like fire
What other power can raise the dead
What other name remains undefeated
Only a Holy God

Chorus

**Come and behold Him
The One and the Only
Cry out sing holy
Forever a Holy God
Come and worship the Holy God**

Instrumental

Verse 4

Who else could rescue me from my failing
Who else would offer His only Son
Who else invites me to call Him Father
Only a Holy God
Only my Holy God

Chorus

**Come and behold Him
The One and the Only
Cry out sing holy
Forever a Holy God
Come and worship the Holy God**

Holy, holy, holy
Lord God Almighty
Early in the morning
Our song shall rise to Thee

Holy, holy, holy
Merciful and mighty
God in three persons
Blessed Trinity

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PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading & Prayer of Illumination

Sermon Text: **John 5:9-17**

Preaching of the Word

What About the Sabbath?

*** Closing Hymn**

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Come, Let Us Join with One Accord

***Benediction**

Just as God has the first word in worship, he also has the last word. For those who are in Christ Jesus, these are always words of blessing. We look up and extend our hands out in a posture of receiving the blessing of God.

Postlude

* Indicates please stand if able.

Memory Verse of the Week:

2 Samuel 22:7 "In my distress I called upon the LORD; to my God I called. From his temple he heard my voice, and my cry came to his ears.

Announcements

Post VBS Meeting

For all volunteers, staff, and parents today Sunday, July 20th immediately following Worship Service. The purpose is to discuss improvements and suggestions for 2026 VBS.



Save the date! *We will be having a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, July 27th to present plans for facility expansion and to seek approval of the congregation. We would encourage all members to attend. This is a time to come together and thank God for our growing congregation.*

Men's 1st & 3rd Saturday Morning Bible Study at 8 AM

Screwtape Letters by CS Lewis

Breakfast will be provided. This is a time to sharpen and encourage one another to be faithful. Study resumes Aug. 16th. See Pastor Ralph for questions.

Women's 1st & 3rd Saturday Morning Bible Study at 9:30

AM

Disciplines of a Godly Woman by Barbara Hughes

A light breakfast with coffee and pastries will be served. It is not too late to join. All women are encouraged to attend. See Robin LaGuardia or Linda Bauer for questions. Study resumes Aug. 2nd.