



Fairfield Presbyterian Church

PCA

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

Celebration of Worship

June 1, 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 God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

Call to Worship

from Psalm 98:1-4

Pastor: Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things!

People: *His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.*

Pastor: The LORD has made known his salvation; he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.

People: *He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.*

Pastor: All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

People: *Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises!*

***Invocation and Adoration**

***Worship in Song**

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Exalt the Lord, His Praise Proclaim

(Psalm 135:1-7, 21; *The Psalter*, 1912)

Public Confession of Sin

ALL: Eternal & Almighty Father, we acknowledge and confess before your Holy Majesty that we are poor, wretched sinners.

We were conceived and born into guilt and corruption, and we are prone to do evil. We transgress, without end, your holy commandments. We have drawn upon ourselves your just sentence of condemnation. But Lord, with deep and heartfelt sorrow, we repent of our offenses. O Lord, have mercy upon us, for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, our Lord. Remove our guilt and pollution and grant us the daily increase of your blessed Holy Spirit that we may mortify sin and produce the fruits of holiness. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Comfort and Assurance of the Gospel

Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. ~Isaiah 55:7

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

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 10:1-18

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

Scripture Context:

The cycle of deliverance, disobedience, and oppression begins again.

After Abimelech there arose to save Israel Tola the son of Puah, son of Dodo, a man of Issachar, and he lived at Shamir in the hill country of Ephraim.² And he judged Israel twenty-three years. Then he died and was buried at Shamir.³ After him arose Jair the Gileadite, who judged Israel twenty-two years.⁴ And he had thirty sons who rode on thirty donkeys, and they had thirty cities, called Havvoth-jair to this day, which are in the land of Gilead.⁵ And Jair died and was buried in Kamon.⁶ The people of Israel again did what was evil in the sight of the LORD and served the Baals and the Ashtaroth, the gods of Syria, the gods of Sidon, the gods of Moab, the gods of the Ammonites, and the gods of the Philistines. And they forsook the

* Indicates please stand if able.

LORD and did not serve him.⁷ So the anger of the LORD was kindled against Israel, and he sold them into the hand of the Philistines and into the hand of the Ammonites,⁸ and they crushed and oppressed the people of Israel that year. For eighteen years they oppressed all the people of Israel who were beyond the Jordan in the land of the Amorites, which is in Gilead.⁹ And the Ammonites crossed the Jordan to fight also against Judah and against Benjamin and against the house of Ephraim, so that Israel was severely distressed.¹⁰ And the people of Israel cried out to the LORD, saying, "We have sinned against you, because we have forsaken our God and have served the Baals."¹¹ And the LORD said to the people of Israel, "Did I not save you from the Egyptians and from the Amorites, from the Ammonites and from the Philistines?"¹² The Sidonians also, and the Amalekites and the Maonites oppressed you, and you cried out to me, and I saved you out of their hand.¹³ Yet you have forsaken me and served other gods; therefore I will save you no more.¹⁴ Go and cry out to the gods whom you have chosen; let them save you in the time of your distress."¹⁵ And the people of Israel said to the LORD, "We have sinned; do to us whatever seems good to you. Only please deliver us this day."¹⁶ So they put away the foreign gods from among them and served the LORD, and he became impatient over the misery of Israel.¹⁷ Then the Ammonites were called to arms, and they encamped in Gilead. And the people of Israel came together, and they encamped at Mizpah.¹⁸ And the people, the leaders of Gilead, said one to another, "Who is the man who will begin to fight against the Ammonites? He shall be head over all the inhabitants of Gilead."

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**

(Tune: As the Hart)

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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.

***Prayer of Thanks and Dedication**

***Worship in Song**

10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord)

Chorus:

Bless the Lord O my soul

O my soul

Worship His holy name

Sing like never before

O my soul

I'll worship Your holy name

Verse 1

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes

Bless the Lord O my soul

O my soul

Worship His holy name

Sing like never before

O my soul

I'll worship Your holy name

Verse 2

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger
Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

***Bless the Lord O my soul
O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before
O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name***

Verse 3

And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore

***Bless the Lord O my soul
O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before
O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name***

***I'll worship Your holy name
Yes, I'll worship Your holy name***

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Ancient of Days

Verse 1

Though the nations rage
Kingdoms rise and fall
There is still one King
Reigning over all

So I will not fear for this truth remains:
That my God is the Ancient of Days

Chorus

None above Him, none before Him
All of time in His hands
For His throne it shall remain and ever stand
All the power, all the glory
I will trust in His name
For my God is the Ancient of Days

Verse 2

Though the dread of night
Overwhelms my soul
He is here with me
I am not alone
O His love is sure and He knows my name
For my God is the Ancient of Days

Chorus

None above Him, none before Him
All of time in His hands
For His throne it shall remain and ever stand
All the power, all the glory
I will trust in His name
For my God is the Ancient of Days

Instrumental

Verse 3

Though I may not see
What the future brings
I will watch and wait
For the Saviour King
Then my joy complete standing face to face
In the presence of the Ancient of Days

Chorus
None above Him, none before Him
All of time in His hands
For His throne it shall remain and ever stand
All the power, all the glory
I will trust in His name

For my God is the Ancient of Days
For my God is the Ancient of Days

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PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading & Prayer of Illumination

Sermon Text: **John 4:27- 30**

Preaching of the Word

Surprising Grace

***Hymn of Response and Preparation** **459**

I Am Not Skilled to Understand
(vss. 1-3)

COMING TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Invitation to the Table

Fairfield Presbyterian Church welcomes all baptized Christians who actively trust in Jesus Christ for salvation, who are willing to forsake their sin, and who are members of congregations that proclaim the gospel to receive the Holy Communion with us. **If**

you are not able to receive Communion, please use this time to meditate on one of the following prayers in the bulletin below.

Prayer of Consecration and Confession of Sin Distribution of the Elements

PLEASE NOTE: The cups in the outer ring contain wine; all other cups *inside* contain *grape juice*.

Please **hold the bread** and we will partake together signifying our unity in one Body; please **drink the cup upon receiving it** in acknowledgment of your personal union to Christ in His shed blood.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

* Closing Hymn

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*I Am Not Skilled to Understand
(vss. 4-5)*

*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

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Memory Verse of the Week:

1 Samuel 16:7 But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him. For the LORD sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart."

Prayer for Those Searching for Truth. Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open me to the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life you promise. Amen.

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Prayer of Belief. Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared admit, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserved in order to offer me complete forgiveness. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord. Amen.

Prayer for Those Overcome with Sin Lord Jesus, grant that I may see in you the fulfillment of all my need, and may turn from every false satisfaction to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely, and run with perseverance the race set before me, looking to you, the pioneer and perfecter of my faith. Amen.

Prayer for Covenant Children (Not Yet Communing) Lord Jesus, thank you for placing me inside your family, the church. Help me more and more to know you, to love you, and to follow you as your faithful disciple. Amen.

Announcements

- ❖ *There is a **VBS Craft Training meeting** for Monday, June 2nd at 10 AM and Saturday, June 7th at 5 PM. Teachers are encouraged to attend.*
- ❖ ***Photographs** for the church directory are currently in the process. If your last name begins with letters A-K, please see Abigail Weaver to have your picture taken.*
- ❖ ***Join Us** this Saturday, June 7th at 8 AM for our Men's Fellowship, and at 9:30 AM for our Women's Bible Study.*
- ❖ ***Midweek Study** begins at 6 PM every Wednesday evening. Pastor Ralph is currently reviewing the previous Sunday's sermon along with discussion questions followed with a time of prayer. All are encouraged to attend.*