



Fairfield Presbyterian Church

PCA

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

Celebration of Worship

June 29, 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

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

Call to Worship

from Psalm 145

Pastor: I will exalt you, my God the King; I will praise your name forever and ever.

People: *Every day I will praise you and extol your name forever and ever.*

Pastor: Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom.

People: *One generation will commend your works to another; they will tell of your mighty acts.*

Pastor: They will speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty, and I will meditate on your wonderful works.

People: *They will tell of the power of your awesome works, and I will proclaim your great deeds.*

Pastor: They will celebrate your abundant goodness and joyfully sing of your righteousness.

ALL: *The LORD is gracious and compassionate; slow to anger and rich in love. The LORD is good to all; he has compassion on all he has made.*

***Invocation and Adoration**

The invocation should acknowledge that our worship is in vain if it is not Spirit-inspired. Often, the invocation will also employ the language of adoration and praise, which is very fitting in light of the vertical, God-focused dimension of this prayer.

***Worship in Song**

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All People That on Earth Do Dwell

(You may be seated)

Public Confession of Sin

All: *Our Father, we are sinful and you are holy. We recognize that we have heard in your Law difficult words, knowing how often we have offended you in thought, word and deed, not only by obvious violations, but by failing to conform to its perfect commands, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. There is nothing in us that gives us reason for hope, for where we thought we were well, we are sick in soul. Where we thought we were holy, we are in truth unholy and ungrateful. Our hearts are filled with the love of the world; our minds are dark and are assailed by doubts; our wills are too often given to selfishness and our bodies to laziness and unrighteousness. By sinning against our neighbors, we have also sinned against you, in whose image they were created. Please forgive us for Christ's sake. Amen.*

Silent Prayer of Confession

Comfort and Assurance of the Gospel

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; *it is* the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. **Ephesians 2:8-9**

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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;

‡The word catholic means 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

Prayers of God's People

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

ADORING GOD'S GLORY

Public Reading of Scripture

Judges 12:1-15

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

Scripture Context:

Jephthah's struggle with Ephraim implies God's judgement on Jephthah for the sacrifice of his daughter. And his shortened judgeships of Jephthah and the next 3 judges indicate the continued downward spiritual spiral of Israel.

The men of Ephraim were called to arms, and they crossed to Zaphon and said to Jephthah, "Why did you cross over to fight against the

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Ammonites and did not call us to go with you? We will burn your house over you with fire.” ²And Jephthah said to them, “I and my people had a great dispute with the Ammonites, and when I called you, you did not save me from their hand. ³And when I saw that you would not save me, I took my life in my hand and crossed over against the Ammonites, and the Lord gave them into my hand. Why then have you come up to me this day to fight against me?” ⁴Then Jephthah gathered all the men of Gilead and fought with Ephraim. And the men of Gilead struck Ephraim, because they said, “You are fugitives of Ephraim, you Gileadites, in the midst of Ephraim Manasseh.” ⁵And the Gileadites captured the fords of the Jordan against the Ephraimites. And when any of the fugitives of Ephraim said, “Let me go over,” the men of Gilead said to him, “Are you an Ephraimite?” When he said, “No,” ⁶they said to him, “Then say Shibboleth,” and he said, “Sibboleth,” for he could not pronounce it right. Then they seized him and slaughtered him at the fords of the Jordan. At that time 42,000 of the Ephraimites fell. ⁷Jephthah judged Israel six years. Then Jephthah the Gileadite died and was buried in his city in Gilead. ⁸After him Ibzan of Bethlehem judged Israel. ⁹He had thirty sons, and thirty daughters he gave in marriage outside his clan, and thirty daughters he brought in from outside for his sons. And he judged Israel seven years. ¹⁰Then Ibzan died and was buried at Bethlehem. ¹¹After him Elon the Zebulunite judged Israel, and he judged Israel ten years. ¹²Then Elon the Zebulunite died and was buried at Aijalon in the land of Zebulun. ¹³After him Abdon the son of Hillel the Pirathonite judged Israel. ¹⁴He had forty sons and thirty grandsons, who rode on seventy donkeys, and he judged Israel eight years. ¹⁵Then Abdon the son of Hillel the Pirathonite died and was buried at Pirathon in the land of Ephraim, in the hill country of the Amalekites.

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; 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**

The Lord Is My Salvation

Verse 1

The grace of God has reached for me
And pulled me from the raging sea
And I am safe on this solid ground
The Lord is my salvation

Verse 2

I will not fear when darkness falls
His strength will help me scale these walls
I'll see the dawn of the rising sun
The Lord is my salvation

Chorus

***Who is like the Lord our God
Strong to save faithful in love
My debt is paid and the victory won
The Lord is my salvation***

Verse 3

My hope is hidden in the Lord
He flows each promise of His Word
When winter fades I know spring will come
The Lord is my salvation

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Verse 4

In times of waiting times of need
When I know loss when I am weak
I know His grace will renew these days
The Lord is my salvation

Chorus

Verse 5

And when I reach the final day
He will not leave me in the grave
But I will rise He will call me home
The Lord is my salvation

Chorus

Bridge

Glory be to God the Father
Glory be to God the Son
Glory be to God the Spirit
The Lord is our salvation

Chorus

***Who is like the Lord our God
Strong to save faithful in love
My debt is paid and the victory won
The Lord is my salvation***

Ending

The Lord is our salvation
The Lord is our salvation

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My Worth Is Not in What I Own

My worth is not in what I own
Not in the strength of flesh and bone
But in the costly wounds of love at the cross

² My worth is not in skill or name
In win or lose in pride or shame
But in the blood of Christ that flowed at the cross

Chorus:

***I rejoice in my Redeemer
Greatest treasure Wellspring of my soul
I will trust in Him no other
My soul is satisfied in Him alone***

³ As summer flowers we fade and die
Fame youth and beauty hurry by
But life eternal calls to us at the cross

⁴ I will not boast in wealth or might
Or human wisdom's fleeting light
But I will boast in knowing Christ at the cross

Chorus:

***I rejoice in my Redeemer
Greatest treasure Wellspring of my soul
I will trust in Him no other
My soul is satisfied in Him alone***

⁵ Two wonders here that I confess
My worth and my unworthiness
My value fixed my ransom paid at the cross

Chorus:

***I rejoice in my Redeemer
Greatest treasure Wellspring of my soul
I will trust in Him no other***

My soul is satisfied in Him alone

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(You may be seated)

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD **Scripture Reading & Prayer of Illumination**

Sermon Text: **Mark 8:27-38**
Preaching of the Word

Cross-Fit Training

Welcome Reverend Tim Rott, Guest Speaker

***Closing Hymn** **370**
Revive Thy Work, O LORD

***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

Memory Verse

John 13:34-35 A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; just as I have loved you, you are to also love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.

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Announcements

- ❖ **Photographs** for the church directory are currently in the process. We are finishing up with taking photos. If you have not had your photo taken yet, please see Abigail Weaver.
- ❖ **Men's Fellowship** has ended for the summer and will resume Aug. 16th. See Pastor Ralph for questions.
- ❖ **Women's Bible Study** has ended for the summer. Studies will resume Aug. 2nd. See Linda Bauer or Robin LaGuardia for more information.
- ❖ As a reminder there will be no Hymn Sing tonight.