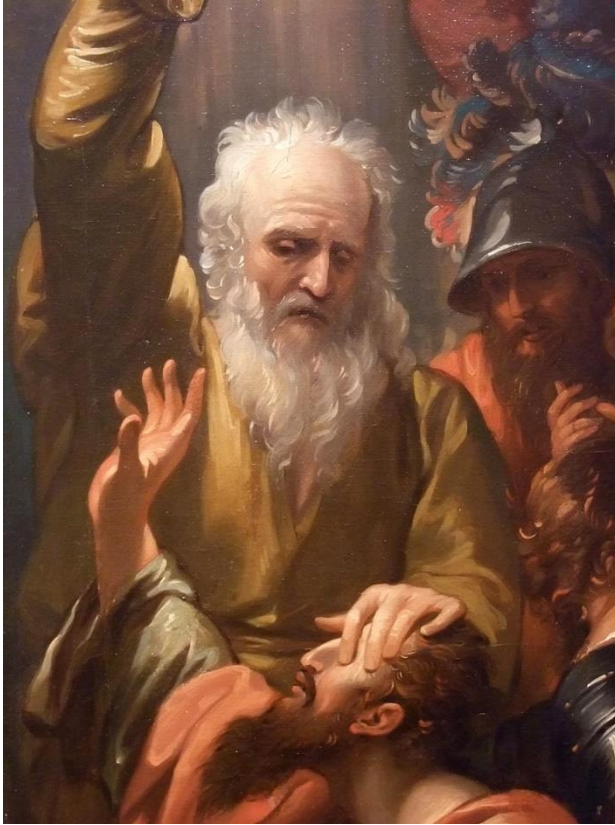


FAIRPLAIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 24, 2021

9:30 am e-Worship



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WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Let us prepare our hearts for worship in prayer.

PRELUDE "Prelude in E Minor Op.28 No.4" Muyu Zou
F. Chopin

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS David Schell

CALL TO WORSHIP *adapted from Common Worship*

Almighty and eternal God, by your grace you have called us to this time and place to be your servant people as we follow our servant Lord. Make your Holy Spirit move within and among us, that together we may live a new life in the crucified and risen Christ. Bind us together in faith, so that as we receive all spiritual gifts needed to fulfill our calling, we may support one another in common ministry; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

HYMN #391 "Take My Life" *verses 1, 2, and 6*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *adapted from Common Worship*

Merciful and loving God, you have called us to be your people and claimed us for the service of Jesus Christ. We confess that we have not lived up to our calling to proclaim the good news in word and deed. We are quick to speak when we ought to listen and remain silent when it is time to speak. We put too much faith in our own actions and fail to trust the strength of your Spirit. O God, forgive our foolish and sinful ways. Strengthen us anew to follow Christ's way in the world. By your Holy Spirit, give us the grace we need to be faithful disciples and fulfill our common calling; through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.

TIME OF SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

adapted from Eph. 4:1-3

One: Lead a life worthy of your calling -- with humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another in love, and making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! We are reconciled to God, and we are reconciled to one another.

All: Alleluia, Amen.

GLORIA PATRI

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WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING Jonah 3:1-5, 10

ANTHEM

"Mary Did You Know"
Mark Lowry and Buddy Greene

Wherever Two ...

NEW TESTAMENT READING I Corinthians 7:29-35

SERMON

"Letters from Paul"

David Schell

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

INSTALLATION OF ELECTED DEACONS AND RULING ELDERS

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Eloise Gundersen

OFFERTORY

"All Glory Be to Christ"
Dustin Kensrue

Wherever Two ...

Prayer of Dedication

Doxology

MORNING PRAYER and THE LORD'S PRAYER

David Schell

HYMN #343 "Called as Partners in Christ's Service" *verses 1, 3, and 4*

BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

David Schell

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

"Go Now in Peace"

POSTLUDE

"Why?"
J.M. Moore

Muyu Zou

VIRTUAL SHARING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST & FELLOWSHIP

*Please send messages of peace or make phone calls to loved ones,
especially from this congregation,
and join us for virtual coffee hour at 10:45!*

Cover Image: *"Conversion of St. Paul," by Benjamin West, ca. 1786.*

Pastor's Note: Paul was Jewish, not Caucasian, but the image was so striking I felt I had to use it.