

# FAIRPLAIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**January 28, 2024**

**9:30 am In-Person / Online Hybrid Worship**



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## **WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME**

*Let us prepare our hearts for worship in prayer.*

PRELUDE      "Will You Come and Follow Me"      Clyde McLennan  
(Kelvingrove)

### MEDITATION

"Education is even more powerful than exorcism."  
-Paraphrase of Ree Enlow

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS      David Schell

CALL TO WORSHIP      *adapted from Psalm 111:1-4*

**ALL: Praise the HOLY GOD!**

**I will give thanks to the LIVING GOD with my whole heart,  
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.**

**Great are the works of the MIGHTY GOD,  
studied by all who delight in them.**

**Full of honor and majesty is God's work,  
and God's righteousness endures forever.**

**God has gained renown by God's wonderful deeds;  
the GOD WHO LOVES is gracious and merciful.**

HYMN #345      "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind"

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**ALL: Holy God, we confess that sometimes we let our demons win. We confess that we listen to their words instead of your incarnate Word, Jesus Christ. Help us when we feel locked into spirals of falsehoods about who we are and whose we are, we pray in Jesus' name, Amen.**

## TIME OF SILENT PRAYER

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*adapted from Romans 8:38-39, NIV*

One: For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! We are reconciled to God, and we are reconciled to one another.

**All: Alleluia, Amen.**

## GLORIA PATRI

*on screen*

## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING Genesis 5:21-24, 6:1-4

ANTHEM

"All Glory Be to Christ"  
By D. Kensrue

Wherever Two ...

GOSPEL READING

Mark 1:21-28

SERMON

"Demon Stories"

David Schell

SECOND SONG

"Neither Death Nor Demon"

Greg Scheer

# WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Kim Edinger

OFFERTORY            "Wading Deep Waters"  
                                 Traditional

Wherever Two ...

Prayer of Dedication

Doxology

MORNING PRAYER and THE LORD'S PRAYER

David Schell

HYMN (Screen and Insert)

"His Eye is On the Sparrow"

BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

David Schell

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

"Go Now in Peace"

POSTLUDE            Piano Improv on "All Things  
                                 Bright and Beautiful"

Sarah Bereza

VIRTUAL SHARING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST AND FELLOWSHIP

*Please send messages of peace or make phone calls to loved ones,  
especially from this congregation.*

# 661 Why Should I Feel Discouraged?

## His Eye Is on the Sparrow



- 1 Why should I feel dis - cour - aged? Why should the shad - ows come?  
2 "Let not your heart be trou - bled," his ten - der word I hear,  
3 When - ev - er I am tempt - ed, when - ev - er clouds a - rise,



Why should my heart be lone - ly and long for heaven and home,  
and rest - ing on his good - ness, I lose my doubts and fears;  
when song gives place to sigh - ing, when hope with - in me dies,



when Je - sus is my por - tion? My con - stant friend is he:  
though by the path he lead - eth but one step I may see:  
I draw the clos - er to him; from care he sets me free:



his eye is on the spar - row, and I know he watch - es me;



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*Refrain*

I sing be-cause I'm hap-py, (I'm hap-py) I sing be-cause I'm free, (I'm free)

for his eye is on the spar-row, and I know he watch-es me.

This hymn based on Jesus' saying about God's care for all creatures (Matthew 10:29–30/Luke 12:6–7) began with the refrain's last line, inspired by a woman who had endured much illness. It was first sung in public at the Royal Albert Hall, London, during evangelistic services in 1905.

TEXT: Civilla Durfee Martin, 1905  
MUSIC: Charles H. Gabriel, 1905

SPARROW  
Irregular