

# FAIRPLAIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



**Fourth Sunday in Eastertide**

**April 21, 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          "Jesus Christ is Risen Today"          Clyde McLennan  
   Robert Williams, 1817

## MEDITATION

"Never once in my life did I ask God for success or wisdom or power or fame. I asked for wonder, and he gave it to me."

-Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS          David Schell

## CALL TO WORSHIP

**ALL: Almighty God,  
you sent Jesus, our good shepherd,  
to gather us together.  
May we not wander from his flock,  
but follow wherever he leads us,  
listening for his voice and staying near him,  
until we are safely in your fold,  
to live with you forever;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever. Amen.**

HYMN #455          "All Creatures of Our          *verses 1, 2, 3, and 6*  
   God and King"

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**ALL: God who is good, God who is love, we confess that we live in a world where terrible things are happening and we are complicit in them and feel helpless to stop them and helpless to end our complicity. If there were only one or two things broken that we could work to heal, maybe we could find the energy, but it feels like we are trapped in the chaotic and overwhelming awfulness of this moment. Forgive us our inaction, God, and inspire us to take one small step that might make a difference, we pray in Jesus' name, Amen.**

## TIME OF SILENT PRAYER

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*adapted from 1 John 3:18-20*

One: Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and knows everything. 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

NEW TESTAMENT READING 1 John 3:16-24

ANTHEM

"Joshua Fought the Battle of Jericho"

Samuel

Traditional Spiritual,

Ortiz, piano

Arr. Nancy and Randall Faber

NEW TESTAMENT READING      Acts 4:5-12

SERMON                                      Holy Curiosity                                      David Schell

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING                                      Kristen Schell

OFFERTORY      "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"                                      David Ortiz, piano  
   American Folk Hymn Arranged  
   by Nancy and Randall Faber  
Prayer of Dedication  
Doxology

MORNING PRAYER and THE LORD'S PRAYER                                      David Schell

HYMN #172      "Psalm 23 - My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"

BLESSING AND BENEDICTION                                      David Schell

BENEDICTION RESPONSE                                      "Go Now in Peace"

POSTLUDE                                      "Piano Interlude 4"                                      Sarah Bereza  
   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.*

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