

A special note to children and their parents:

We welcome all children in worship! Please pick up a worship bag filled with activities to engage the children, right outside the Sanctuary. For infants and toddlers (up to 4 years old) the nursery is available in room 245. For those wishing to attend the service with children outside the Sanctuary, the Gathering Room is located up the stairs from the Narthex and is equipped with a television that shows the service. Toys are also available.

Sunday Express is our Sunday morning program For Pre-K - 5th grade students. As a part of their education program, the children will join us in the Sanctuary at 11:15 am until the Conversation with Children and resume their *Sunday Express* in their respective classrooms. Parents are asked to pick up their children after the service. However, TODAY, except for those in the nursery, children will remain in worship for the children's musical.

If you need a hearing assistance device or large print bulletins, please see an usher. The sanctuary is equipped with a T Loop System; set your hearing aid to the "T" position.

Services For The Lord's Day:

Third Sunday of Easter

8:45 & 11:15 a.m. Services of Worship

*Please stand, if you are able. #The ushers will seat worshipers.

Gather Around God's Word

INTROIT

PRELUDE *Let the Little Children Come*
arr. Sharon Wilson

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive) **Yena Hwang**

L: God raised Jesus from the grave to give us new life!

P: Alleluia!

L: By his resurrection we are free from the fear of death.

P: Alleluia! Praise the Lord!

L: By his love we are made new in the living and enduring Word of God.

P: Alleluia! Thanks be to God!

L: Let us give our praise, honor, and thanksgiving through this time of worship.

P: Alleluia! We are here to worship!

WELCOME

#* HYMN 37 *Let All Things Now Living*

* CALL TO CONFESSION **Henry Brinton**

L: Trusting in God's love for us, let us confess our sins before God and one another.

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of the oppressed, our world is filled with corruption: power disguises itself as truth; convenience masquerades as goodness; selfish pleasure imitates love. We confess to you that we have been caught in the web of the world's sin. By the power of your liberating love, save us from these deceptions that oppress us and set us free. Help us to see the joy of Jesus' resurrection and receive the promise of everlasting life in your Son Jesus. Amen.

(Time for silent confession)

* ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (responsive)

L: God, who freed the Hebrew slaves from the oppression of the Egyptian masters, frees us!

P: God, who raised Jesus from the dead, raises us!

L: Hear and accept the good news: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

P: Alleluia! Amen.

* RESPONSE TO OUR ASSURANCE

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today (v. 4)

Sing we to our God a-bove, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise e - ter - nal

as God's love, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise our God ye heav'n-ly host,

Al - le - lu - ia! Fa - ther, Son, and

Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

#* THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

L: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

P: And also with you.

Proclaim God's Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION **Greta Richmond (8:45)**
Barbara Henderson (11:15)

SCRIPTURE LESSON Based on Exodus 7-15

L: The grass withers, the flower fades, but the Word of our God will stand forever. (Isaiah 40:8)

P: Thanks be to God.

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* HYMN 52 *When Israel Was in Egypt's Land*
(Pass prayer cards to center aisles)

SERMON *We're Outta Here!*
by Gretchen Kuhrmann
Presented by the Carol & Chapel Choirs
Erin Sanzero, Director of Carol & Chapel Choirs

Respond to God's Word

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (unison) **Ben Campbell**

The Lord is my strength and my might, the Lord is my salvation... Your right hand, O Lord, glorious in power — your right hand, O Lord, shattered the enemy. In the greatness of your majesty you overthrew your adversaries; you sent out your fury, it consumed them like stubble. At the blast of your nostrils the waters piled up, the floods stood up in a heap; the deeps congealed in the heart of the sea. You blew with your wind, the sea covered them; they sank like lead in the mighty waters. 'Who is like you, O Lord, among the gods? Who is like you, majestic in holiness, awesome in splendor, doing wonders? You stretched out your right hand, the earth swallowed them. 'In your steadfast love you led the people whom you redeemed; you guided them by your strength to your holy abode.

(from Exodus 15, Song of Moses)

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS & PRAYER CONCERNS

(11:15) MORNING PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

OFFERING OF CHRIST'S PEOPLE

OFFERTORY *Jesus Loves Me*
Arr. Bradley Sowash

* DOXOLOGY *Praise God from Whom All Things Flow*

Praise God, from whom all bless- ings flow, praise God all crea- tures here be -

low; Al-le - lu - ia, Al-le - lu - ia! Praise God a-bove ye heav'n-ly host: Praise

Fath - er, Son and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le -

lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia, Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia!

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

Thank you, God, for delivering the Hebrews from the hands of their oppressors. Thank you for guiding us through our own Red Seas of fear and doubt and leading us into freedom and faith found in your love. Bless these gifts and use them for freeing our neighbors who live under various oppressions in our community. Amen.

(8:45) THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Communion will be received at the table. When instructed, please walk to the table via the center of the Sanctuary, take a wafer or a piece of bread, dip it in the cup, and partake. You may then return to your seat by a side aisle. Please raise your hand if you need to be served in the pew.

Follow God's Word Into the World

* HYMN 65

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

* BENEDECTION

* POSTLUDE *Glory, Glory, Hallelujah!*

arr. Bradley Sowash

We invite you to remain and listen to the Postlude.

If you prefer to greet the pastors or visit with other members, you may proceed to the Narthex.

NOTES ON WORSHIP

OUR USHERS today are **Ellen MacGregor, Isaac Bumgardner, Eleanor Duffield, Carolyn Gore-Ashe, Gary Sowers, Rob Updegrave, Bill Staples, Mike Stewart, Jennifer Browne, and Clark Bowden.**

Today At Fairfax Presbyterian

- GRACE Youth are on Survivor Weekend!
- Christian Formation Classes are today at 10AM, Wired Word in Room #135, and Basic Bible in Room #134 with Henry Brinton. The second installment of Theology of Star Wars continues this week in Room #234!
- A Book Talk with author of "Ruined," Ruth Everhart. Come and listen to her talk about her latest book, a memoir on how she struggled to survive through an unspeakable act of violence done to her, and her extraordinary journey toward healing. TODAY in the Sanctuary at 4PM, with a book signing afterward.

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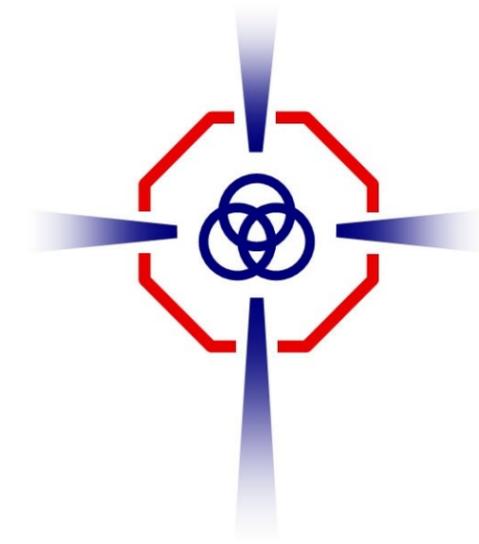
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An Uncommon Christian Community
Embracing all people with God's love and grace.

By the power of the Holy Spirit,
We at FPC worship God with honesty, joy, and imagination;
Nurture our lives of faith in Christ;
Extend hospitality and grace to all people;
Serve a world in need; and
Work for reconciliation among people of diverse perspectives.

April 30, 2017

Visitors: Welcome to Fairfax Presbyterian Church

We are glad you have joined us for worship and want you to feel warmly welcomed to this community of faith. We hope you will experience the Holy Spirit moving in this place through our worship, fellowship and mission. Please sign the red friendship pad, including your name, address, email and phone number so that we might be in touch to welcome you to our congregation. You are invited to join us for a cup of coffee or tea in the Narthex outside the Sanctuary following the service.