

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 *Sunday Express* begins at 10 am and continues through the end of the 11:15 worship service. 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.

*Please note that *Sunday Express* goes on break beginning May 21 - June 11 as we gear up for **Summer Express**, which is our summer program for Pre-K-3rd grades. *Summer Express* begins Sunday, June 18th.

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: 5th Sunday of Easter
Mother's Day Sunday
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 *Praeludium*, BWV 870a
J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive) **Yena Hwang**
L: We are here to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God.
P: We are here to offer ourselves in this service of worship.

L: Through Jesus Christ our Lord, may our service be pleasing to God and bring honor to God.

P: Let us worship our Risen Lord.

WELCOME

#* HYMN 237 (vv. 1-2 only) *Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands*

* CALL TO CONFESSION **Henry Brinton**
L: Whoever believes in Christ will not be put to shame. Confident in this promise, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)
Almighty God, your word offers freedom from sin, but we confess that we have not obeyed your word. We have harbored malice toward our enemies; we have been deceitful in our relationships; we have been insincere in

our commitments; through gossip we have slandered our friends. Forgive us our sins and lead us to genuine repentance. Help us to long for your spiritual nourishments and to long to know the joy of being your beloved community. Amen.
(Time for silent confession)

* ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (responsive)
L: Friends, once we were not a people, but now we are God's people;
P: Once we had not received mercy, now we have received mercy.

L: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
P: Thanks be to God! Amen.

* RESPONSE TO OUR ASSURANCE
Jesus Christ Is Risen Today (v. 4)



#* 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

ANTHEM *Christ lag in Todesbanden*, BWV 4 (8:45)
J. S. Bach
4. Jesus Christus, Gottes Sohn
Katherine Welch, Soprano

Christ lag in Todesbanden, BWV 4 (11:15)
1. Sinfonia
2. Versus 1. *Christ lag in Todesbanden*
Sanctuary choir
(translation - see hymn 237, verse 1)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION **Eleanor Duffield (8:45)**
Jaimee Nygaard (11:15)

SCRIPTURE LESSON John 14:1-14

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

P: Thanks be to God.

(11:15) SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM
Calling Forth
Meaning of Baptism
Questions to the Parents/Congregation
Thanksgiving over water/Act of Baptism
Welcome
Hymn 482 (verse 1 only)

(11:15) CONVERSATION WITH CHILDREN & RECOGNITION OF SUNDAY EXPRESS TEACHERS
The nursery (in room 245 for children under 3) is available during the service. Today, we present students in the third grade with the Bible and encourage them to get to know the Word of God personally. Also, we recognize and give gratitude to the volunteer teachers who make the Sunday Express program possible. Today is the last regular Sunday Express for this program year. Summer Express will begin on Sunday, June 18.

* HYMN 237 (vv. 3-4) *Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands*
(Pass prayer cards to center aisles)

SERMON *Travel Plans* **Yena Hwang**

Respond to God's Word

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (unison)
We are people of hope who confess Jesus Christ is Lord over a Kingdom in which no one is hungry, violence is no more, and all suffering is gone. All sit together around a shared table, wolves and lambs enjoy each other's company, and every tear is wiped away from every eye. Our hope is not simply that we will experience this Kingdom, which is truly kin-dom, in the future, but that, as Christ's prayer demands, this Kingdom comes "to earth as it is in heaven." So strong is this hope that we lament any and all instances of its absence. When we witness hunger, injustice, discrimination, violence, or suffering, we grieve deeply and repent of our sins that have enabled such brokenness to persist - knowing that these things should not be. [...] We believe God's Kingdom comes not because we are confident in our own capacities, but because we trust in God, who can do more than we can ask or imagine. We are humbled and amazed that, in and through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, God includes us in the work of redeeming all creation and reconciling the whole world.

(Preamble to the Sarasota Statement - see "Today At Fairfax Presbyterian")
COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS & PRAYER CONCERNS

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

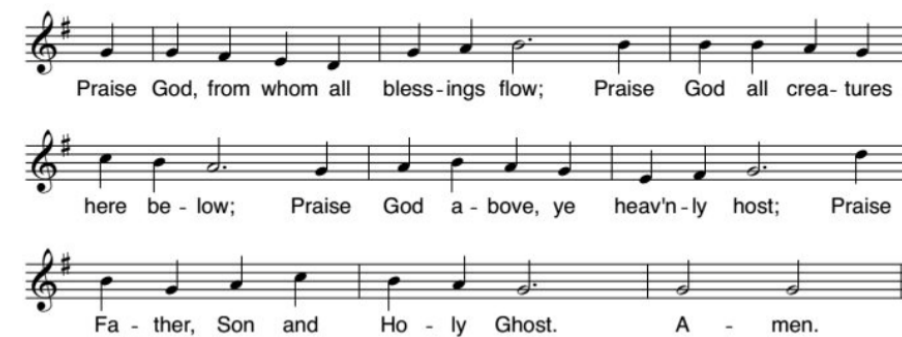
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power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

OFFERING OF CHRIST'S PEOPLE

OFFERTORY *Lord, I Stretch My Hands to You (8:45)*
Jay Althouse (b.1951)
Katherine Welch, Soprano

Christ lag in Todesbanden, BWV 4 (11:15)
4. Jesus Christus, Gottes Sohn
Sanctuary Choir
(translation - see hymn 237, verse 2)

* DOXOLOGY #606 *The Old Hundredth*



* PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)
Almighty God, receive the gifts we bring in gratitude for your astounding goodness. Along with these gifts, we offer our lives as an acceptable offering to you. 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 749 *Come! Live in the Light!*
- * BENEDICTION
- * CHORAL BENEDICTION
- * POSTLUDE *Christ lag in Todesbanden, BWV 625*
J. S. Bach
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.

ABOUT THE MUSIC

Martin Luther, the German reformer, wrote many hymns to be used in worship services. "Christ lag in Todesbanden" was based on an old Medieval melody and first published in 1524. The text stresses the struggle between life and death based on both the Old and New Testaments. It became the main hymn of German Lutheranism and remains so today. The cantata by J. S. Bach with the same title is based solely on this text by Luther and the main melody. It was written early in Bach's career for Easter Sunday in 1707. Unlike future works of Bach, the melody is unchanged throughout the work. In the first verse, the sopranos have the tune above free counterpoint in the lower three voices. The elaborate "Hallelujahs" at the end of the movement are based on that one melodic fragment at the end of each verse. The third verse is normally sung as a tenor solo with solo violin accompaniment. Despite the somewhat stark melody (I lovingly refer to this as "German joy"), the hymn is musically very powerful in its resolution and Bach's treatment of the tune gives unquestionable finality to Christ's victory over the sting of death. As a musician, I cannot think of another Easter hymn with such strength, the ultimate exclamation mark!

NOTES ON WORSHIP

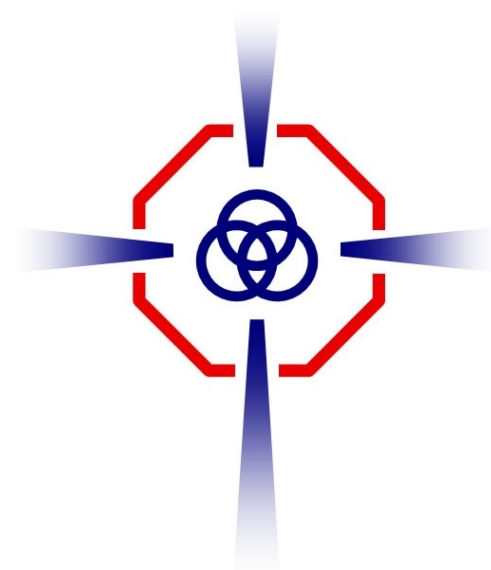
The flowers today are given by Rob Updegrave in appreciation for the caring and kindnesses of mothers and grandmothers everywhere.

OUR USHERS today are **Mike Britton, Susan Mangin, Jenny Buffa, Gary Cage, Barbara Henderson, Harriet Otchere, Brandon Cage, and Ben Cage.**

Today At Fairfax Presbyterian

- Sarasota Statement is a new confessional statement released by NEXT Church at its 2017 National Gathering. This statement was made possible by a partnership between NEXT Church and the Presbyterian Foundation (PCUSA). We will be using parts of this Statement in future worship services. The complete Sarasota Statement can be found at <http://nextchurch.net/the-sarasota-statement/>
- Today is our last regularly scheduled Christian Formation Classes for this program year. Summer Express for PreK-3rd grades will resume on Sunday, June 18. We thank all the Sunday Express teachers for their dedication and commitment to nurturing our children! WE NEED VOLUNTEERS! If you're interested, please contact Pastor Yena, yena@fairfaxpresby.com
- Baptized today is Claire Rynne Grogan, daughter of Glen and Sharon Grogan, and joined by grandparents Bryan & Julie Rosenberg, and Pat & Judy Grogan.
- Also baptized today is Aria May Smith, daughter of Matthew and Maryam Smith. They are joined today by Karen Smith (grandmother), Mahtab Emdadi (aunt), Ali Emdadi (grandfather), and Lauleh Yousefi (grandmother).

Fairfax Presbyterian Church



*Fairfax Presbyterian Church is
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.*

May 14, 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.