

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. During the school year, *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.

Summer Express, which is our summer program for Pre-K-3rd grades is on now!

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

**Service For The Lord's Day: 6th Sunday After Pentecost
9:30 a.m. Service of Worship**

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

Gather Around God's Word

PRELUDE *By and By*
arr. Bradley Sowash

WELCOME

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

L: We have gathered to... _____

#* HYMN 610 *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

* CALL TO CONFESSION **Tim Leslie**

L: God wants to sow God's Word in our hearts, but our hearts are not receptive. Let us confess our sins, so that we can receive God's Word.

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Patient and persistent God, we come before you with humble heart of repentance. We confess that we have been too timid in sharing your Good News. We confess that rather than living in the abundance model which you have demonstrated for us, we have lived in a scarcity model. Help us to be generous with ourselves and with each other. Help us to rely on your promise of bringing much fruition through our sharing of your Words.

(Time for silent confession)

* ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (responsive)

L: There is therefore, no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. The Spirit of God wells in you. If you hear nothing else today, hear these words: there is no condemnation. In the name of Jesus, you are forgiven.

P: Thanks be to God! Amen.

* RESPONSE TO OUR ASSURANCE *Gloria Patri*

#* 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 *Jesus Loves Me*
arr. Bradley Sowash
Kenneth Law, Cello

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION **Tim Leslie**

SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 13:1-9; 18-23

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

P: Thanks be to God.

CONVERSATION WITH CHILDREN

*The nursery is available during the service for children under 4 in room 245.
Rising Prek-3rd graders are invited to room 244.*

* HYMN 451 *Open My Eyes, That I May See*
(Pass prayer cards to the center aisles)

SERMON

So(w) What?

Yena Hwang

Respond to God's Word

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (unison)

With the whole church, we affirm that we are made in God's image, befriended by Christ, empowered by the Spirit. With people everywhere, we affirm God's goodness at the heart of humanity, planted more deeply than all that is wrong. With all creation, we celebrate the miracle and wonder of life, the unfolding purpose of God, forever at work in ourselves and the world. Amen.

(from the Iona Community Book of Prayer)

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS & PRAYER CONCERNS

MORNING PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 *Meditation*
Jules Émile Frédéric Massenet (1842-1912)
Kenneth Law, Cello

* DOXOLOGY *Old Hundredth*

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)
Giver of life, as the sower casts seeds abundantly, hopefully, so we long to participate in your work of sowing. Receive these gifts as token of our lives. Send your nurturing and cultivating Spirit to work among us until we yield and grow in grace. Amen.

Follow God's Word Into the World

* HYMN 714 *For the Life That You Have Given* (sing twice)

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE *This Little Light of Mine*
arr. Mark Hayes

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.

Today At Fairfax Presbyterian

- CFM invites you to join us in the Gathering Room, to watch one of the plenary sessions from the National Gathering of the NEXT Church led by Dr. Roger Nishioka. Light refreshments will be provided.
- We are grateful to have the cellist Ken Law provide music during our worship service today.

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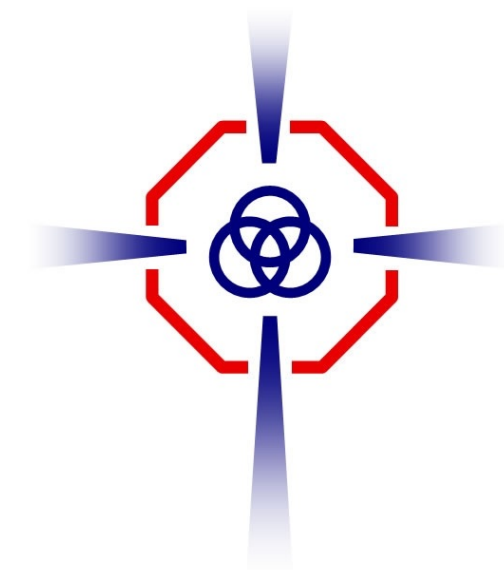
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NOTES ON WORSHIP

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given by Linda Turner in memory of husband Jim Turner.

OUR USHERS today are Mike Britton, Susan Mangin, Jenny Buffa, and Becca Peterson.

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.*

July 16, 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.