

Fair Street Reformed Church

Morning Worship ~ August 15, 2021

Worshipping together since 1849, Fair Street is a community striving to live into our call to love God and neighbor. We welcome you, friend and neighbor, into this space and time to worship, in hopes that you will be able to experience God's love, grace, presence and welcome in these moments.

Please note:

Entering the Zoom Worship Space PRIOR to worship: you are welcome to say hello and check in with everyone. The Space will be open and active by 9:30am each week.

If you join us after 10am, please enter the room quietly and mute your microphone. As long as you can hear Pastor Kendra, you will be able to participate in worship.

Please note that if you are able to join us on video but not print up the liturgy, the liturgy will now be shared on the Zoom screen as we worship!

*For prayer requests, joys and concerns please email pastorkendra1@gmail.com by Saturday night, or you can text her on her cell phone. You will also be able to send them in the chat conversation that will be to the right of the video screen on Sunday.

*Following worship, remain online, unmute yourself and join us for our virtual coffee hour!

*Be sure to check the Fair Street Weekly for updates and announcements for the week!



Please let us know that you are here! Open the camera on your phone, scan this code and then click on the link that shows up

at the top of your screen. **This code will bring you to your email, in which you will be able to safely send an email to the Church Office to let us know you are here!** *Please include: your name, mailing address, phone number, and if you would like a call from the Pastor, or if you have any questions about Fair Street.* Thanks for joining us today!



Do you have a Prayer Requests with a Joy or Concern you would like to share with the Fair Street Community?

Open the camera on your phone, scan this code, and then click on the link that shows up at the top of your screen. **This code will bring you to your texting app in which you will be able to safely share a prayer request, joy or concern with Pastor Kendra.** Pastor Kendra will share your request later during the service. If you prefer her to not share with the congregation, please be sure to include the words: "Please do not share".



Safely make an offering to Fair Street Church from your phone.

Open the camera on your phone, scan this code, and then click the link that shows up at the top of your screen. **This code will bring you to our secure giving page where you can give your offering online.** Offering Plates are also at the entrance of the Sanctuary in which you are invited to place your offering as you arrive, or as you leave. Today's worship service will be posted and shared on the website by Monday afternoon.

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God Gathers the Church

GATHERING AND WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

God is gracious and merciful and trustworthy.

Let us join our voices in giving thanks.

The works of God are all around us.

Those who share in God's work lack for nothing.

We are called to faithfulness, as God is faithful.

We are people of the covenant, gathered to please God.

Holy and awesome is God's name.

The fear of God is the beginning of wisdom.

Come, then, as wise and faithful people.

Come as a beloved community of the redeemed.

We are amazed that God remembers us.

We reach out to the God who cares for us.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

CALL TO AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, we confess that we have lived so comfortably in the abundance of our times that we have made things our gods. We spend our days dreaming of (and working for) possessions that cannot satisfy. The pursuit of riches replaces the quest for faith and faithful relationships. We do not know you, God, and our relationship with others is superficial at best. Redeem us, we pray, from our self-destructive ways and restore us to your covenant community. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

GUIDE FOR GRATEFUL LIVING

Ephesians 4:32-5:2

And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

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God's Word Is Proclaimed

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Ephesians 5:15-20

¹⁵ Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, ¹⁶ making the most of the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷ So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸ Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹ as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, ²⁰ giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

*This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.***

SERMON

Rev. Kendra VanHouten

HYMN

The Church Responds to God

AFFIRMING OUR FAITH TOGETHER: APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE SHARING OF THE GIFTS OF THE PEOPLE WITH OUR GIFTS:

While the social distancing makes it a challenge to worship in person, and serve alongside one another, ministry is still happening. We ask that you consider either mailing in your offering contribution or sending it online through our secure website: <https://fairstreetreformedchurch.org/>, and click on the [support us](#) page. Your offering supports the work and ministry of the church as we continue to seek for ways in which we can love our neighbor, with no exceptions, even from a distance.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND CONCERN AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (debts/debtors)*

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.

BENEDICTION