

# Morning Worship ~ July 19, 2020

*As you enter the Zoom meeting, you're invited to enjoy the music playing in the background and visit with one another while we wait to begin. 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!*

***Worship on Zoom Continues:*** *While it was announced this week that gatherings for worship of 10 or less are now allowed in the State of NY. The Elders and Safe Church Ministry Team wanted to send a brief update on how we're responding to this announcement. With 46% of the Fair Street Community in the vulnerable, at-risk population when it comes to COVID19, and because there are still many unknowns, the Elders and Safe Church Team have agreed that it is in the best and safest interest of everyone to continue worshipping together on Zoom. We will plan to do this until we feel it is safer for the Fair Street Community to gather in person. This will also allow us time to prepare the Sanctuary space for when we are able to gather in person once again.*

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

\*For prayer requests, joys and concerns please email [pastorkendra1@gmail.com](mailto: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.

PLEASE NOTE THAT ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK ALONG WITH WEEKLY ZOOM GATHERING OPPORTUNITIES AND INSTRUCTIONS ARE POSTED ON THE WEBSITE MEDIA PAGE AND WILL ALSO BE EMAILED OUT ON MONDAY.

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## God Gathers the Church

### GATHERING AND WELCOME

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

If today we hear God's voice in our hearts, we must follow it.

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Come, everyone, let's sing to the Lord. Let us tell the world that God has saved us.

Let us thank him from the bottom of our hearts.

Let us sing songs of praise to him.

**If today we hear God's voice in our hearts, we must follow it.**

Come, let us bow down our heads and pray to God.

Let us kneel before the God who made us. He is our God. We are his people. He loves us.

**If today we hear God's voice in our hearts, we must follow it.**

Today if you hear the voice of God in your hearts, follow it.

Do not grumble or argue the way the people in the desert did when everything didn't go the way they expected it to.

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### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

#### CALL TO AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Jesus, who sat at the table with outcasts and sinners, we confess that too often our words and actions are not consistent with our beliefs. Often we ignore the needy, show indifference to the lonely, and reject those who seem different from us. Forgive us, we pray. Empower us to reach out in love and acceptance through your name. **Amen.**

### WORDS OF ASSURANCE

#### GUIDE FOR GRATEFUL LIVING

*Mathew 22:37-40*

**Our Lord Jesus said: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."**

## God's Word Is Proclaimed

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

#### SCRIPTURE FOR TODAY: *Luke 10:25-37*

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."

But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

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

#### SERMON:

Rev. Kendra VanHouten

### The Church Responds to God

**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 setting it on online on 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)\***

#### BENEDICTION