

# FAIRPLAIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



**29th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**October 20, 2024**

**9:30 am In-Person / Online Hybrid Worship**



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# WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

*Let us prepare our hearts for worship in prayer.*

PRELUDE                      Guide Me, O Thou                      Vladimir Slavujevic  
Great Jehovah (By John Hughes)                      Organ

## MEDITATION

“And anyway, it has been my experience that what makes us the saints of God is not our ability to be saintly but God's ability to work through sinners. The title 'saint' is always conferred, never earned... I have come to realize that all the saints I've known have been accidental ones...”                      -Rev. Nadia Bolz-Weber, *Accidental Saints*

INTROIT                      “King of Kings”                      Chancel Choir  
By Sophie Conty and Naomi Batya

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS                      Rev. Mark Pawlowski

CALL TO WORSHIP                      Branka Slavujevic

Leader: Rejoice in the Lord, oh you people of God,

**People: Sing to God a new song!**

Leader: For the word of the Lord is upright,

**People: And all God's work is done in faithfulness,**

Leader: Our God loves righteousness and justice;

**People: The earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord.**

HYMN #319                      “Spirit”                      Blue Hymnal

## CALL TO CONFESSION

Branka Slavujevic

Leader: The new covenant God has made with Israel, and with us, begins in forgiveness. Though we continually break covenant with God, God remains faithful. We confess our sins to God, trusting that God will forgive us and remember our sins no more.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Branka Slavujevic

**ALL: Gracious God, we confess that we do not meditate on your commands and teachings all day long. We do not keep your word before us always and in all things. Instead, we turn away from your demanding truth and wander toward easier options. Forgive us, we pray, for pursuing our own desires rather than yours. Forgive us for growing weary in following you; for losing hope in your power to transform the powers of this world. Turn our hearts to your ways we pray. Amen.**

## TIME OF SILENT PRAYER

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rev. Mark Pawlowski

Pastor: The Scriptures are given to correct our ways, to train us in righteousness, and to equip us for every good work. In the name of Christ Jesus, the only judge of the living and the dead, we give thanks for the gift of forgiveness. Amen.

**All: Alleluia, Amen.**

## GLORIA PATRI

*on screen*

## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 46

Branka Slavujevic

ANTHEM "As I Went Down to the River to Pray" Chancel Choir

NEW TESTAMENT READING Romans 8:31-39 Rev. Mark Pawlowski

MESSAGE "Coming to Terms with Death" Rev. Mark Pawlowski

## **WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING Branka Slavujevic

OFFERTORY "They'll Know We Are Christians  
By Our Love" (By Peter Scholtes,  
Arranged by Vladimir Slavujevic) Family Slavujevic  
Chimes, Bells &  
Voices

Prayer of Dedication

Doxology *on screen*

MORNING PRAYER Rev. Mark Pawlowski

HYMN #398 "There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit" Blue Hymnal

BLESSING AND BENEDICTION Rev. Mark Pawlowski

BENEDICTION RESPONSE "Go Now in Peace"

POSTLUDE "We Have This Hope"  
By Wayne Hooper Vladimir Slavujevic,  
Organ

VIRTUAL SHARING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST AND FELLOWSHIP

*Please send messages of peace or make phone calls to loved ones,  
especially from this congregation.*

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