Fairview Presbyterian Church October 19, 2025 • 19 Psalms of Lament

We Gather Around the Word

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "There's a Song in the Air" Christmas Hymn

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 27)

Sally Campbell

Leader: The LORD is my light and my salvation;

whom shall I fear?

People: The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

Leader: One thing I asked of the LORD; this I seek:

People: to live in the house of the LORD all the days of my

life, to behold the beauty of the LORD,

and to inquire in his temple.

Leader: For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will set me high on a rock

People: I will offer sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the LORD.

*HYMN#435 "God of Grace and God of Glory" American

CALL TO CONFESSION (from Psalm 32)

Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Happy are those to whom the LORD imputes no iniquity and in whose spirit there is no deceit. In that spirit of openness, let us confess our sin trusting in God's mercy.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (from Psalm 32)

While I kept silent, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the guilt of my sin. Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayer to you; at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them. You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with glad cries of deliverance.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (from Psalm 32) Many are the torments of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the LORD. Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

Sung Response

Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory in the highest, Glory to God, Glory to God, Alleluia, Alleluia!

We Hear the Word Proclaimed

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (from Psalm 19) Sally Campbell The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the LORD are sure, making wise the simple; the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eyes; the fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the LORD are true and righteous altogether. Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

FIRST READING

Romans 5:1-5

ANTHEM

"Be Still My Soul"

Psalm 37

SECOND READING

Psalm 13

SERMON

"The Wisdom of Tears"

Rev. Melissa Tidwell

We Respond to the Word

*HYMN#712

"Be Still, My Soul"

Classical

Congregation

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

This world would deny you, Lord, and rely on human wisdom in their search for answers to questions they have yet to ask, but we will praise you, and exalt your name,

for we know that you are Alpha, the beginning of all things, and Omega, the end, and all that is between. We have known your healing.

We have known your provision, We have known your victory.

Our sorrow has turned into dancing and our tears to songs of joy. We shall praise you ever more. Amen (written by John Birch for Faith and Worship)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION & THE LORD'S PRAYER

CALL FOR OFFERING

We are called to present to the Lord a harvest of righteousness. Not by virtue of our own merit, but by the grace of the one who began a great work in us, and is even now bringing it to completion. Let us bring this offering of thanksgiving to the Lord.

OFFERTORY

"Let There Be Praise"

Contemporary

*DOXOLOGY "Lord Of All Good" Genevan Psalter

Lord, of all good, our gifts we bring to You, Use them Your holy purpose to fulfill, Tokens of love and pledges brought anew, That our whole life is offered to Your will.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Giving and gracious God, you are the one who first has given to us all that we need for life. Guide us to use what we now gather for the well-being of your church, for those in need of shelter and food, for all who suffer for want of your word. For nurturing faith in your people in the name of Christ Jesus our Lord, Amen.

We Carry the Word into the World

HYMN#654

"Change My Heart, O God"

Contemporary

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE "Go To The World" Mod. Go to the World! Go into every place. Go live the world of God's redeeming grace. Go seek God's presence in each time and space. Alleluia, Alleluia.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Until we meet again, may the peace of our Lord be with you. And also with you. Amen.