

Fairlawn Christian Reformed Church

# MORNING WORSHIP

September 7, 2014      10:15 A.M.

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## PREPARATION AND PRAISE

*Upon entering the sanctuary please maintain silence and turn off all electronic devices for the sake of the congregation's preparation for worship.*

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

## ENTER HIS GATES WITH THANKSGIVING

Silent Prayer and Preparation

- \* Call to Worship: Hebrews 12

You have come to Mount Zion, to the heavenly Jerusalem, the city of the living God. You have come to thousands upon thousands of angels in joyful assembly, to the church of the firstborn, whose names are written in heaven. You have come to God, the judge of all men, to the spirits of righteous men made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant.

**Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe, for "our God is a consuming fire."**

- \* Hymn: PH 438, stanza 1-4      "When Morning Gilds the Sky" LAUDES DOMINI

- \* God's Greeting:

Grace and peace be to you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**Who made heaven and earth.**

Blessed be God,

**And blessed is his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

- \* Prayer of the Day:

**Lord God, who casts down the mighty from their thrones and exalts those who are lowly in heart, deliver us from pride and vanity of spirit, from self-seeking and false ambition. Give to us a humble and contrite spirit, that we will not be centered on ourselves, but that we might serve others and above all serve you to the glory of your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

- \* Response: PH 438, stanza 5      "When Morning Gilds the Sky" LAUDES DOMINI

Then let us join to sing to Christ, our loving King:

May Jesus Christ be praised! Be this the eternal song  
through all the ages long: May Jesus Christ be praised!

## CONFESSION AND PRAYER

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

**Eternal God our Father, we were born in sin and corruption, and our hearts and minds are inclined toward evil thoughts and desires, and we are unable to keep your commandments. We know our sin and confess it to you in the presence of your congregation. We come again to you in repentance, seeking your forgiveness and asking you to heal and restore us through your Son Jesus Christ. Remove from us the guilt and shame of our sin and cause us to grow in grace through the power of the Holy Spirit. May we be enabled by your Spirit to walk in your ways and seek your paths, through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray.** Silent Prayer and Confession Minister: Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

John 6

Mission Report: Josh Kitchen

Congregational Prayer

## THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

- \* Hymn "Amazing Grace – My Chains Are Gone" MY CHAINS ARE GONE  
(Children age 3 - grade Pre-K may leave during the hymn.)

Scripture Reading:

Ephesians 4:17-24

Sermon: *Recovering Spiritual Formation*

Prayer

- \* Hymn: "Behold the Lamb" COMMUNION HYMN

## THE OFFERING OF TRIBUTE

- \* Offertory Prayer

Offering: Fairlawn General Fund

- \* Doxology: PH 638 "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" OLD HUNDREDTH  
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

## THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION THE LORD'S SUPPER

- \* *CONFESSION OF FAITH*: The Nicene Creed (Inside back cover of the Psalter Hymnal)

*THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION*

*PRAYER OF CONSECRATION*

Heavenly Father, show forth among us the presence of your life-giving Word and Holy Spirit, to sanctify us and your whole church through this sacrament. Grant that all who share the body and blood of our Savior Jesus Christ may be one in him, and remain faithful in love and hope. And as this grain has been gathered from many fields into one loaf, and these grapes from many hills into one cup, grant, O Lord, that your whole church may soon be gathered from the ends of the earth into your kingdom. Now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we pray:

**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.**

## THE INVITATION TO THE TABLE

### THE DEDICATORY PRAYER

**We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your great and manifold mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord, whose nature it is to always have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the sacrament of the body and blood of Jesus Christ, that we may evermore dwell in him and he in us. Amen.**

### THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE BREAD AND WINE

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us.

**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

The gifts of God for the people of God.

(Please hold each element until all have been served.  
The outer ring holds wine; the inner rings, grape juice.)

### THE THANKSGIVING

Congregation in Christ, since the Lord has fed us at his table, let us praise his holy name with thanksgiving.

**Praise the LORD, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name. Praise the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits—who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion. Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise.**

Response:

“Behold the Lamb”

COMMUNION HYMN

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise to respond—  
and to remember our call to follow in the steps of Christ as his body here on earth.  
As we share in his suffering, we proclaim Christ will come again!  
And we'll join in the feast of heaven around the table of the King.

## BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

\* Blessing:

Now may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God our Father, and the abiding fellowship and peace of the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you now and forever. **Amen.**

\* Doxology: PH 461, stanza 4

“Beautiful Savior”

ST. ELIZABETH

Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations! Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be thine!

Postlude

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