

Fairlawn Christian Reformed Church

MORNING WORSHIP

September 14, 2014

10:15 A.M.

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: "What God Ordains Is Always Right"

Walther

Welcome and Announcements

ENTER HIS GATES WITH THANKSGIVING

Silent Prayer and Preparation

* Call to Worship:

Psalm 92

It is good to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praises to your name, O Most High; to declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your faithfulness by night. For you, O LORD, have made me glad by your work; at the work of your hands I sing for joy.

The righteous flourish like the palm tree and grow like a cedar in Lebanon. They are planted in the house of the LORD; they flourish in the courts of our God. They still bear fruit in old age, to declare that the LORD is upright; he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness with him.

* Hymn: PH 428, stanzas 1-4

"O Worship the King"

LYONS

* 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:

Almighty and merciful God, it is only by the gift of your grace that your faithful people offer you true worship and service. Grant that we may run the race without stumbling, so that we may at the last day hear your commendation 'well done,' to the glory of your name, through Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.

* Response: PH 428, stanza 5

"O Worship the King"

LYONS

O measureless Might, unchangeable Love,
whom angels delight to worship above!
Your ransomed creation, with glory ablaze,
In true adoration shall sing to your praise!

CONFESSION AND PRAYER

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

Adapted from Augustine's *Confessions*, XI, i; X, ii

O Lord, eternity is yours, so you cannot be ignorant of what we tell you. By confessing our own miserable state to you and acknowledging your mercy towards us, we open our hearts to you, so that you may set us free from our sin and that we may find our happiness in You. Therefore, we acknowledge our sin before you. O Lord, the depths of our conscience lie bare before your eyes. Could anything of ours remain hidden from You, even if we refused to confess it? We should only be shielding our eyes from seeing You, not hiding ourselves from You. For you have called us to be poor in spirit, hungry and thirsty for righteousness, merciful, meek, pure in heart, and peacemakers. Forgive us for every failure to be what you have called us to be, what the Lord Christ saved us to be, and what we ourselves, by your grace, desire to be, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Silent Prayer and Confession

Minister: Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

I Timothy 1

Mission Report: Rev. Jack Gray

Congregational Prayer

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

* Hymn: PH 171

"It Is Good to Sing Your Praises"

ELLESDIE

(Children age 3 - grade Pre-K may leave during the hymn.)

Scripture Reading:

Romans 12:1-2

Sermon: *Recovering Spiritual Formation*

Prayer

* Hymn:

"Ten Thousand Reasons"

THE OFFERING OF TRIBUTE

* Offertory Prayer

Offering: Fairlawn General Fund

Offertory: "Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer"

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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 323, stanza 1 "Forth in the Peace of Christ We Go"

DUKE STREET

Forth in the peace of Christ we go; Christ to the world with joy we bring;
Christ in our minds, Christ on our lips, Christ in our hearts, the world's true King.

Postlude
