

Fairlawn Christian Reformed Church
FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

February 22, 2015 10:15 A.M.

PREPARATION AND PRAISE

Prelude: "What A Friend We Have in Jesus"
"Oh Sacred Heart, Now Wounded"

Mahnke
Callahan

Welcome and Announcements

ENTER HIS GATES WITH THANKSGIVING

Silent Prayer and Preparation

- * Call to Worship: Psalm 84
How lovely is your dwelling place, LORD Almighty! My soul yearns, even faints, for the courts of the LORD; my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God. Even the sparrow has found a home and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may have her young – a place near your altar, LORD Almighty, my King and my God.

Blessed are those who dwell in your house; they are ever praising you. Blessed are those whose strength is in you, whose hearts are set on pilgrimage. They go from strength to strength, till each appears before God in Zion.

- * Hymn: PH 239 "Amid the Thronging Worshipers" BOVINA

- * 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 God, whose Son was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by Satan, may you sustain us who are assaulted by many temptations, and, as you know the weakness of each one of us, may we find you mighty to save, through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.

Children's Sermon: "The Transfiguration"

CONFESSION AND PRAYER

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

Liturgy of John Knox, 1560

Almighty God, we are unworthy to come into your presence because of our many sins. We do not merit any grace or mercy from you, if you dealt with us as we deserve. We have sinned against you, and have offended your holy majesty. And yet, O Lord, as we acknowledge you to be a merciful God and a loving and gracious Father to all who turn to you, we humbly ask you, for the sake of Jesus Christ your Son, to show mercy to us and forgive us all our offenses. Forgive the sins of our youth and the sins of our old age. By your Spirit, O God, take possession of our hearts, so that not only the actions of our lives, but also the words of our mouths and the thoughts and attitudes of our minds, may be guided and governed by you, through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

Silent Prayer and Confession

Minister: Amen

Assurance of Pardon:

Micah 7

Choral Anthem: "Amazing Grace"

Arr. Craig Courtney

Congregational Prayer

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

* Hymn: "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days"
(Children age 3 - grade Pre-K may leave after the hymn.)

* The Reading from the Gospel: Luke 9:51-62

Sermon: *Jesus' Journey to Jerusalem: The Call to Pilgrimage*

Prayer

* Hymn: PH 543 "Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer" CWM RHONDDA

THE OFFERING OF TRIBUTE

* Offertory Prayer

Offerings: Fairlawn General Fund

Offertory: "Ah, Holy Jesus"

Callahan

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 373, stanza 1 “Lift High the Cross”

CRUCIFER

Refrain: *Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.*

Come, Christians, follow where our Savior led,
our King victorious, Jesus Christ, our Head. (*repeat refrain*)

Postlude: “Postlude”

Cooke
