

Fairlawn Christian Reformed Church
FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 15, 2015 10:15 A.M.

PREPARATION AND PRAISE

Prelude: "What Wondrous Love Is This"

Callahan/Johns

Welcome and Announcements

ENTER HIS GATES WITH THANKSGIVING

Silent Prayer and Preparation

* Call to Worship:

Psalm 111

I will extol the Lord with all my heart, in the council of the upright and in the assembly. Great are the works of the LORD; they are pondered by all who delight in them. Glorious and majestic are his deeds, and his righteousness endures forever.

The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy. He provided redemption for his people; he ordained his covenant forever – holy and awesome is his name. To him belongs eternal praise.

* Hymn: PH 478

"Tell Out My Soul"

WOODLANDS

* 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, you alone can bring into order the unruly will and affections of our hearts. Give us grace, we pray, to love what you command and desire what you promise, that among the swift and varied changes of the ways of the world, our hearts may surely be fixed where true joys are found, through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.

* Reception of New Members: Jonathan and Rebecca Blumhofer and Bruce and Peggy Gay

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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:

Psalm 103

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptism of Lydia Margaret Blumhofer, daughter of Jonathan and Rebecca Blumhofer
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Hymn: PH 440

"Children of the Heavenly Father"

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

Congregational Prayer

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

* The Reading from the Gospel:

Luke 15:11-24

Sermon: *The Parable of Two Sons*

Prayer

* Hymn: page 7 of bulletin

"In Christ Alone"

THE OFFERING OF TRIBUTE

* Offertory Prayer

Offerings: Fairlawn General Fund

Offertory: "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

Doran

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 4

"Lift High the Cross"

CRUCIFER

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

O Lord, once lifted on the tree of pain,
draw all the world to seek you once again. *(repeat refrain)*

Postlude: