

Fairlawn Christian Reformed Church
FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 22, 2015 10:15 A.M.

PREPARATION AND PRAISE

Prelude: "What A Friend We Have in Jesus"
"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

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Welcome and Announcements

ENTER HIS GATES WITH THANKSGIVING

Silent Prayer and Preparation

* Call to Worship:

Psalm 84

How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of Hosts! My soul longs, yes faints for the courts of the LORD; my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.

For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. For the LORD is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favor and honor. No good thing does he withhold from those who walk uprightly. O LORD of Hosts, blessed is the one who trusts in you.

* Hymn: PH 253

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

LOBE DEN HERREN

* 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, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking for what we truly need. Have compassion on us in our weakness, and mercifully give to us those things which we in our unworthiness dare not ask, and in our blindness do not ask, through the merits of Jesus Christ our Lord we pay, Amen.

* Response: PH 169

"I Will Sing of the Mercies of the Lord"

FILLMORE

CONFESSION AND PRAYER

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

Psalm 51, *adapted*

Have mercy upon us, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy, blot out our transgressions. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquities, and cleanse us from our sins, for we know our transgressions, and our sin is ever before us. Against you, you alone have we sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are justified when you speak, and blameless when you judge. Indeed, we were born guilty, sinners when our mothers conceived us. Hide your face from our sins, and blot out all our iniquities. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Do not cast us away from your presence, and do not take your Holy Spirit from us. This we pray through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Silent Prayer and Confession

Minister: Amen

Assurance of Pardon:

Psalm 103

The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love.

He does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities.

For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him.

As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him.

For he knows how we are formed, he remembers that we are dust.

Congregational Prayer

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

* Hymn: page 5 of bulletin "We Come, O Christ, To You"

DARWALL

* The Reading from the Gospel:

Luke 15:11-24

Sermon: *The Parable of Two Sons, Part II*

Prayer

* Hymn: PH 498

"I Sought the Lord"

FINLANDIA

THE OFFERING OF TRIBUTE

* Offertory Prayer

Offerings: Fairlawn General Fund

Offertory: "Oh God Beyond All Praising"

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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 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.*

Let every race and every language tell
Of him who saves our lives from death and hell. (*repeat refrain*)

Postlude: