

Fairlawn Christian Reformed Church

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 19, 2015

10:15 A.M.

PREPARATION AND PRAISE

Prelude: "Rejoice, the Lord is King"

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Welcome and Announcements

ENTER HIS GATES WITH THANKSGIVING

Silent Prayer and Preparation

* Call to Worship:

Psalm 18

The LORD is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. I called to the LORD, who is worthy of praise, and I have been saved from my enemies.

The LORD lives! Praise be to my Rock! Exalted be my Savior! Therefore I will praise you, LORD, among the nations; I will sing the praises of your name.

* Hymn: page 5 of bulletin

"Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna"

HYMN TO JOY

* 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 our Father, who by the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light, grant that we, who have been raised with him, may walk in his presence and rejoice in the hope of eternal glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.

* Response:

"In Christ Alone"

TOWNEND/ARR. GETTY

There in the ground his body lay, light of the world by darkness slain:

then bursting forth in glorious day up from the grave he rose again!

And as he stands in victory sin's curse has lost its grip on me,

For I am his and he is mine – bought with the precious blood of Christ.

CONFESSION AND PRAYER

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

Father, we confess that we have not always believed your Word or lived according to its truth. We have wrongly believed that the hardships, struggles, trials, and pain of our lives are a sign of your condemnation of us. We have found our hearts growing hard and bitter towards you, and in our troubles, we have been filled with anger and unbelief. Forgive us, we pray, for failing to trust your Word and for not believing that our trials are meant to correct and transform us into that which we cannot now see. Give us grace to believe the gospel when we suffer and to understand that you are training us in holiness, wisdom, and faithfulness as you form the image of Jesus Christ within us. In your mercy renew the vision of your goodness, your compassion, and your love towards us in the midst of our troubles, so that we may trust you ever more deeply and obey you ever more willingly, through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray.

Silent Prayer and Confession Minister: Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

Isaiah 53

Congregational Prayer

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

* Hymn: PH 402

“Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks”

CHURCH STREET

[Children age 3 - grade Pre-K may leave after the hymn.]

Reading from the Scripture:

Psalms 16:7-11

Sermon: *The Pathway to Joy*

Prayer

* Hymn: PH 404, stanzas 1-3 “Sing, Choirs of New Jerusalem”

LYNGHAM

THE OFFERING OF TRIBUTE

* Offertory Prayer

Offerings: Fairlawn General Fund

Offertory: “Christ the Lord is Risen Today”

arr. David Music

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 404, stanza 4 “Sing, Choirs of New Jerusalem”

LYNGHAM

All glory to the Father be, all glory to the Son, all glory to the Son,
all glory to the Spirit be while endless ages run,
while endless ages run, while endless ages run.

Postlude: “The Strife is O’er”

arr. Cassier