

Fairlawn Christian Reformed Church

THE SUNDAY AFTER THE ASCENSION OF JESUS CHRIST

May 17, 2015 10:15 A.M.

PREPARATION AND PRAISE

Prelude: "Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise"

Travis

Welcome and Announcements

ENTER HIS GATES WITH THANKSGIVING

Silent Prayer and Preparation

* Call to Worship: Psalm 47

God has ascended amid shouts of joy, the LORD amid the sounding of trumpets.
Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises.

For God is the King of all the earth; sing to him a psalm of praise. God reigns over the nations, for the kings of the earth belong to him; sing praises to his name.

* Hymn: PH 409, stanzas 1-4 "Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise" LLANFAIR

* 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 Jesus Christ, who after your resurrection appeared to your apostles, showing yourself alive with many convincing proofs, and in their sight ascended into heaven to prepare a place for us; give us grace that we may set our affection on things above where you are seated at the right hand of the Father, and may we faithfully serve you here on earth until our life's end, to the glory of your name. Amen.

There we shall with you remain, Alleluia!
partners of your endless reign, Alleluia!
see you with unclouded view, Alleluia!
find our heaven of heaven in you. Alleluia!

CONFESSION AND PRAYER

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

Most gracious Father, who keeps covenant with those who love and obey you, we come seeking your forgiveness and mercy for our offenses against your holy majesty. We have sinned before you and before the angels, and our sins are as numerous as the sands upon the seashore. Do not turn away from us nor hide your face from us, but look upon us with compassion and mercy and remove from us those punishments which our sins deserve. Forgive us for our transgressions and cleanse us from that which defiles our conscience and stains our souls. For the sake of your great name, have mercy upon us. Protect us with the shield of your truth so that the fiery arrows of Satan may not harm us, through Jesus Christ our Lord, we pray.

Silent Prayer and Confession Minister: Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

Hebrews 8

"This is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord;

"I will put my laws into their minds, and write them on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my peoples.

"And they shall not teach, each one his neighbor and each one his brother, saying 'Know the Lord;' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest.

"For I will be merciful toward their iniquities, and I will remember their sins no more."

Congregational Prayer

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

* Hymn: PH 406

"Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"

LOWELL

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

* Reading from the Gospel:

Luke 11:1-13

Sermon: *The Paradox of Prayer, Part II*

Prayer

* Hymn: PH 412, stanza 1-4

"Jesus Shall Reign"

DUKE STREET

THE OFFERING OF TRIBUTE

* Offertory Prayer

Offerings: Fairlawn General Fund

Offertory: "Jesus Shall Reign"

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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 412, stanza 5

“Jesus Shall Reign”

DUKE STREET

Let every creature rise and bring the highest honors to our King,
angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud amen.

Postlude: “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

Hopson
