

Fairlawn Christian Reformed Church

MORNING WORSHIP

June 28, 2015 9:30 A.M.

PREPARATION AND PRAISE

Prelude: "God of Grace and God of Glory"
"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

Cherwich
Manz

Welcome and Announcements

ENTER HIS GATES WITH THANKSGIVING

Silent Prayer and Preparation

* Call to Worship: Psalm 98

Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things! The LORD has made known his salvation; he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations. He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness.

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises! With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD!

* Hymn: PH 48, stanzas 1-4 "Great Is the Lord Our God" DIADEMATA

* 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:

Eternal God our Father, you have taught us in your Word that love is the fulfillment of all the Law. Pour into our hearts, by the Holy Spirit, the grace of your love, so that we may love you above all else and love our neighbor as we do ourselves. Through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.

* Response: PH 48, stanza 5 "Great Is the Lord Our God" DIADEMATA

Observe her palaces, mark her defenses well,
that to the children following you her glories you may tell.
For God as our own God forever will abide,
and till life's journey close in death will be our faithful guide.

CONFESSION AND PRAYER

Responsive Reading of the Law: PH 1014

Prayer of Confession:

Our Father, we are sinful and you are holy. We recognize that we have heard in your Law difficult words, knowing how often we have offended you in thought, word and deed, not only by obvious violations, but by failing to conform to its perfect commands by what we have done and by what we have left undone. There is nothing in us that gives us reason for hope, for where we thought we were well, we are sick in soul. Where we thought we were holy, we are in truth unholy and ungrateful. Our hearts are filled with the love of the world; our minds are dark and are assailed by doubts; our wills are too often given to selfishness and our bodies to laziness and unrighteousness. By sinning against our neighbors, we have also sinned against you, in whose image they were created. Have mercy upon us, we pray, and forgive us our sins, for the sake of Jesus Christ your Son.

Silent Prayer and Confession Minister: Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

Acts 13

Mission Report: Emma Kuipers

Congregational Prayer

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

- * Hymn: Bulletin p. 3 “God, We Sing Your Glorious Praises” NETTLETON
[Children age 3 - grade Pre-K may leave after the hymn.]

Scripture Reading:

Colossians 1:24-29

Sermon: *The Measure of Maturity in Christ*

Prayer

- * Hymn: PH 291 “May the Mind of Christ, My Savior” ST. LEONARDS

THE OFFERING OF TRIBUTE

- * Offertory Prayer

Offerings: Fairlawn General Fund

Offertory: “Nettleton”

Manz

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: “May the Mind of Christ My Savior” ST. LEONARDS

May his beauty rest upon me as I seek the lost to win,
and may they forget the channel, seeing only him.

Postlude: “To God Be the Glory”

Doran
