

Fairlawn Christian Reformed Church

MORNING WORSHIP

July 26, 2015 9:30 A.M.

PREPARATION AND PRAISE

Prelude: "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands" arr. Livingston

ENTER HIS GATES WITH THANKSGIVING

Silent Prayer and Preparation

* Call to Worship: Psalm 89

I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD forever; with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations. O LORD God of hosts, who is mighty as you are with your faithfulness all around you.

The heavens are yours; the earth also is yours; the world and all that is in it, you have founded them. Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne; steadfast love and faithfulness go before you.

* Hymn: PH 170 "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" ST. ANNE

* 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 Almighty, whose Son restored the sight of all those who were blind, remove from us the blindness of our hearts so that we might behold the glory of Jesus Christ revealed to us in the gospel, that we may grow in true love and spiritual understanding, through the same Lord Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

* Response: PH 620, stanza 3 "By the Sea of Crystal" CRYSTAL

"Unto God Almighty, sitting on the throne,
and the Lamb, victorious, be the praise alone."
God has wrought salvation; he did wondrous things.
Who shall not extol thee, holy King of kings!

CONFESSION AND PRAYER

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

Adapted from John Calvin's *Liturgy of 1543*

Lord God, eternal and almighty Father: We acknowledge before your holy majesty that we are poor sinners, conceived and born in guilt and in corruption, prone to do evil, unable of our own power to do good. Because of our sin, we endlessly violate your holy commandments. But with heartfelt sorrow we repent and turn away from all our offenses. We condemn ourselves and our evil ways with true sorrow, asking that your grace will relieve our distress. Have compassion on us, most gracious God, Father of mercies, for the sake of your son Jesus Christ our Lord. And in removing our guilt, also grant us daily increase of the grace of your Holy Spirit, and produce in us the fruits of holiness and of righteousness pleasing in your sight, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Silent Prayer and Confession

Minister: Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

Proverbs 28

Congregational Prayer

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

* Hymn: Bulletin p. 3

"In Christ Alone"

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

Scripture Reading:

Philippians 3:7-16

Sermon: *The Attitude of Maturity in Christ*

Prayer

* Hymn: PH 291

"May the Mind of Christ, My Savior"

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THE OFFERING OF TRIBUTE

* Offertory Prayer

Offerings: Fairlawn General Fund

Offertory: "Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling"

arr. Thompson

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"

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

* Postlude: "Psalm 19"

Marcello
