

Fairlawn Christian Reformed Church

MORNING WORSHIP

August 16, 2015

9:30 A.M.

PREPARATION AND PRAISE

Prelude: "Jesus Loves Me"
"The Gift of Love"

arr. Haan
arr. Lowe

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 460

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

ST. DENIO

* 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:

Give us grace, Lord God, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to set our hearts on things above, so that now as we live among the things that are passing away, may we hold fast to that which is eternal, through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.

* Response: PH 169

"I Will Sing of the Mercies of the Lord"

FILLMORE

I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever, I will sing, I will sing.

I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever, I will sing of the mercies of the Lord.

With my mouth will I make known your faithfulness, your faithfulness;

with my mouth will I make known your faithfulness to all generations.

I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever, I will sing of the mercies of the Lord.

All the hosts of the angels sing God's praise forever for the things he has done.

All the hosts of the angels sing God's praise forever,

all the hosts of the angels sing God's praise.

Who can be compared to God in faithfulness, in faithfulness?

Who can be compared to God in faithfulness to all generations?

I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever, I will sing of the mercies of the Lord.

CONFESSION AND PRAYER

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

Our Father, although you are a holy God who cannot look upon sin, look upon Christ our Savior and forgive us for his sake. You have promised us that if we confess our sins, you are faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. And when we sin, we have an Advocate before your throne, Jesus Christ the Righteous, and he is the propitiation for our sins. Give us your pardon by your mercies, dear Father, for you have clothed us in Christ's righteousness. We ask also that you would give us an increase of the grace of your Holy Spirit, so that we may learn the wisdom of your ways and walk in your holy paths, for the glory of your name and the good of our neighbor.

Silent Prayer and Confession

Minister: Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

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Congregational Prayer

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

* Hymn: Bulletin p. 4 "O, the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus!"

EBENEZER

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

Scripture Reading:

I Corinthians 8:1-6

Sermon: *The Priority of Love*

Prayer

* Hymn: "How Deep the Father's Love for Us"

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure,
That he should give his only Son to make a wretch his treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss the Father turns his face away,
As wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.

Behold the Man upon a cross, my sin upon his shoulders;
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held him there until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life—I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything, no gifts, no power, no wisdom;
But I will boast in Jesus Christ, his death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from his reward? I cannot give an answer.
But this I know with all my heart: his wounds have paid my ransom.

Stuart Townend, 1995 Kingsway's Thankyou Music, CCLI 1099351

THE OFFERING OF TRIBUTE

* Offertory Prayer

Offerings: Fairlawn General Fund

Offertory: "They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love"

arr. Wilson

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 501, stanza 7 "Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" AZMON

To God all glory, praise, and love
be now and ever given
by saints below and saints above,
the church in earth and heaven.

* Postlude: "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" Manz
