

Fairlawn Christian Reformed Church

MORNING WORSHIP

August 23, 2015

9:30 A.M.

PREPARATION AND PRAISE

Prelude: "Intermezzo"

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ENTER HIS GATES WITH THANKSGIVING

Silent Prayer and Preparation

* Call to Worship:

Isaiah 43

But now, this is what the LORD says—he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze. For I am the LORD, your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

"Do not be afraid, for I am with you; I will bring your children from the east and gather you from the west. I will say to the north, 'Give them up!' and to the south, 'Do not hold them back.' Bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the ends of the earth—everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

* Hymn: PH 500

"How Firm a Foundation"

FOUNDATION

* 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, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and by loving our neighbor. Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure love, through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.

* Response: "Be Thou My Vision"

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Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art—
thou my best thought by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

CONFESSION AND PRAYER

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

Almighty God, maker of all things and judge of all peoples, we confess our sins and iniquities before you, which we, from time to time, have committed in thought, word, and deed against your holiness. The remembrance of them is grievous, and the burden of them is intolerable. Grant us repentance for the wrong which we have done and forgive us all that is past. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father, for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ and give us grace that we may from now on serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your name.

Silent Prayer and Confession

Minister: Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

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Congregational Prayer

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

* Hymn: PH 573 “O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee” MARYTON
[Children age 3 - grade Pre-K may leave after the hymn.]

Scripture Reading: I Corinthians 1:26-31; II Corinthians 5:16-17

Sermon: *Seeing the Best in Each Other*

Prayer

* Hymn: PH 568 “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” HYFRYDOL

THE OFFERING OF TRIBUTE

* Offertory Prayer

Offerings: Fairlawn General Fund

Offertory: “Meditation from Thaïs” Massenet

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

* Blessing:

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace. **Amen.**

* Doxology: PH 621, stanza 5 “The God of Abraham Praise” LEONI

Triumphant hosts on high give thanks to God and sing,
and “Holy, holy, holy” cry, “Almighty King!”
Hail, Abraham’s God and ours! One mighty hymn we raise.
All power and majesty be yours and endless praise!

* Postlude: “Hymn to Joy” Beethoven/arr. Broughton
