

Fairlawn Christian Reformed Church

# MORNING WORSHIP

September 27, 2015

10:15 A.M.

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## PREPARATION AND PRAISE

Prelude: "Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word"

Walther

## ENTER HIS GATES WITH THANKSGIVING

Silent Prayer and Preparation

\* Call to Worship:

Psalm 68

O kingdoms of the earth, sing to God; sing praises to the LORD, to him who rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; behold, he sends out his voice, his mighty voice. Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over Israel, and whose power is in the skies.

**Awesome is God from his sanctuary; the God of Israel—he is the one who gives power and strength to his people. Blessed be God!**

\* Hymn: PH 475

"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"

LAUDA ANIMA

\* 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:

**Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear us than we are to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, through the merits of Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

\* Response: PH 169, stanza 1 "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.

## CONFESSION AND PRAYER

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

**Father, we confess that we have not always believed your Word or lived according to its truth. We have too often believed that the hardships, struggles, trials, and pain of our lives are a sign of your condemnation and judgement. We have found our hearts growing hard and bitter towards you, and in our troubles, we have been filled with doubt and unbelief. May we see that our trials are meant to correct and transform us into that which we cannot now see. Give us grace to believe the gospel when we suffer and to understand that you are training us in holiness, wisdom, and faithfulness as you form the image of Jesus Christ within us. In your mercy, renew the vision of your goodness and compassion towards us so that we may trust you more deeply and obey you more willingly, through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray.**

Silent Prayer and Confession      Minister: Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

Psalm 130

If you, O LORD, kept a record of sins, O LORD, who could stand?

**But with you there is forgiveness; therefore you are feared.**

Choir Anthem: "O Come, Let Us Sing"

Berry

Congregational Prayer

## THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

\* Hymn: Bulletin pp. 3-4

"Speak, O Lord"

SPEAK, O LORD

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

Scripture Reading:

I John 1

Sermon: *If We Confess*

Prayer

\* Hymn: PH 490

"Blessed Assurance: Jesus Is Mine"

ASSURANCE

(Please sing the Refrain after the last stanza only.)

## THE OFFERING OF TRIBUTE

\* Offertory Prayer

Offerings: Fairlawn General Fund

Offertory: "Grace and Peace to You"

Logan

## 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: "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"

REGENT SQUARE

Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son,  
laud and honor to the Spirit, ever Three and ever One;  
One in might, and One in glory, while unending ages run.

\* Postlude: "My Jesus I Love Thee"

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