

Fairlawn Christian Reformed Church
REFORMATION SUNDAY

October 25, 2015 10:15 A.M.

PREPARATION AND PRAISE

Prelude: "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

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ENTER HIS GATES WITH THANKSGIVING

Silent Prayer and Preparation

* Call to Worship:

Psalm 46

God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea.

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place where the Most High dwells. God is within her, she will not fall.

The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

"Be still and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth."

The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

* Hymn: PH 469

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

EIN FESTE BURG

* 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 God, through the preaching of your servants, the blessed Reformers, you have caused the light of the gospel of Jesus Christ to shine in our darkened world. Grant us to know its saving power, to faithfully guard and defend it against all enemies, and to joyfully proclaim it to the ends of the earth, for the salvation of those who know not our Lord Jesus and for the glory of your name, through the same Lord Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

* Response: PH 454, stanza 1

"Now Thank We All Our God"

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Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done, in whom his world rejoices;
who from our mothers' arms has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is our today.

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:

Romans 5

Congregational Prayer

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

* Hymn: Bulletin p. 3 "I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art" TOULON

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

* Confession of Faith: The Heidelberg Catechism; Lord's Day 7, Q. & A. 21 PH 867

Scripture Reading: Romans 8:28-39

Sermon: *The Consummation of Our Salvation*

Prayer

* Hymn: PH 500 "How Firm a Foundation" FOUNDATION

THE OFFERING OF TRIBUTE

* Offertory Prayer

Offerings: Fairlawn General Fund

Offertory: "How Firm a Foundation" Weidner

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 454, stanza 3 "Now Thank We All Our God" NUN DANKET

All praise and thanks to god the Father now be given,
The son and spirit blest, who reign in highest heaven—
The one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore'
For thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

* Postlude: "Now Thank We All Our God" Kaufmann
