

Fairlawn Christian Reformed Church

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

November 1, 2015 10:15 A.M.

PREPARATION AND PRAISE

Prelude: "All Glory Be to God on High"

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ENTER HIS GATES WITH THANKSGIVING

Silent Prayer and Preparation

* Call to Worship:

Exodus 15

I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider he had thrown into the sea.

The LORD is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation; this is my God, and I will praise him, my father's God, and I will exalt him.

Who is like you, O LORD, among the gods? Who is like you, majestic in holiness, awesome in glorious deeds, doing wonders?

You have led in your steadfast love the people whom you have redeemed; you have guided them by your strength to your holy abode. The LORD will reign forever and ever.

* Hymn: PH 505, stanzas 1-6

"For All the Saints"

SINE NOMINE

* 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:

Heavenly Father, you have called us by your grace to be a colony of heaven here on earth. Deepen within us a sense of our communion with the saints in glory, and grant that through all the days of pilgrimage in this world we may humbly walk with you in the way of holiness and purity of heart, until we come into your everlasting kingdom, through the mercy of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CONFESSION AND PRAYER

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

Adapted from Augustine's *Confessions*, XI, i; X, ii

O Lord, eternity is yours, so you cannot be ignorant of what we tell you. By confessing our own miserable state to you and acknowledging your mercy towards us, we open our hearts to you, so that you may set us free from our sin and that we may find our happiness in You. Therefore, we acknowledge our sin before you. O Lord, the depths of our conscience lie bare before your eyes. Could anything of ours remain hidden from You, even if we refused to confess it? We should only be shielding our eyes from seeing You, not hiding ourselves from You. For you have called us to be poor in spirit, hungry and thirsty for righteousness, merciful, meek, pure in heart, and peacemakers. Forgive us for every failure to be what you have called us to be, what the Lord Christ saved us to be, and what we ourselves, by your grace, desire to be, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Silent Prayer and Confession Minister: Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

Isaiah 44

Choral Anthem: "Sine Nomine"

Williams

Congregational Prayer

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

- * Hymn: Bulletin p. 5 "God, We Sing Your Glorious Praises" NETTLETON
[Children age 3 - grade Pre-K may leave after the hymn.]

Scripture Reading:

Hebrews: 13:8-16

Sermon: *We Have an Altar*

Prayer

- * Hymn: PH 161 "The LORD's My Shepherd" BROTHER JAMES' AIR

THE OFFERING OF TRIBUTE

- * Offertory Prayer

Offerings: Fairlawn General Fund

Offertory: "Holy God, We Praise Your Name"

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- * Doxology: PH 638 "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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 505, stanza 7 "For All the Saints" SINE NOMINE

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost: Alleluia, alleluia!