

Fairlawn Christian Reformed Church

WORSHIP SERVICE

November 8, 2015

10:15 A.M.

PREPARATION AND PRAISE

Prelude: "Meditation on Joy"
"Meditation"

Parker
Curtis

ENTER HIS GATES WITH THANKSGIVING

Silent Prayer and Preparation

* Call to Worship:

Isaiah 61

I delight greatly in the LORD; my soul rejoices in my God.

For he has clothed me with garments of salvation and arrayed me in a robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom adorns his head like a priest, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

For as the soil makes the sprout come up and a garden causes seeds to grow,
so the Sovereign LORD will make righteousness and praise spring up before all nations.

* Hymn: PH 249, stanzas 1-3 "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty"

NICEA

* 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, who resists the proud and gives grace to the humble, set us free from all spiritual pride and self-sufficiency, and grant us an ever deepening sense of our own unworthiness and of your unfailing mercy, through him who is our only righteousness, even Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we pray. Amen.

* Response: PH 249, stanza 4 "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty"

NICEA

CONFESSION AND PRAYER

Responsive Reading of the Law: PH 1017

Prayer of Confession:

Lord God Almighty, who searches our hearts and knows our thoughts and intentions, we confess that we have not loved you with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength. And we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have loved what we ought not to have loved, and we have coveted what is not ours. Our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has for us become a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past we cannot change and open to us a future in which we can be changed, and grant us grace to grow in the likeness of Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we pray.

Silent Prayer and Confession

Minister: Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

Isaiah 44

Congregational Prayer

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

* Hymn: Bulletin pp. 3-4 "Amazing Grace-My Chains Are Gone"

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

* Reading from the Gospel:

Luke 7:11-17

Sermon: *The Heart of the Gospel*

Prayer

* Hymn: PH 545

"Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"

TEMPLE

THE OFFERING OF TRIBUTE

* Offertory Prayer

Offerings: Fairlawn General Fund

Offertory: "Amazing Grace, My Chains Are Gone"

Shackley/McDonald

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 630

"Now Blessed Be the Lord Our God"

CORONATION

Now blessed be the Lord our God, the God of Israel,
for he alone does wondrous works: his glorious deeds excel;
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And blessed be his glorious name through all eternity;
the whole earth let his glory fill: Amen! so shall it be;
The whole earth let his glory fill: Amen! so shall it be.

* Postlude: "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

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