

Fairlawn Christian Reformed Church

EPIPHANY SUNDAY

January 3, 2016 10:15 A.M.

PREPARATION AND PRAISE

Prelude: "Christmas Rejoicing Medley"
"Messiah Suite"

arr. Ham
Handel/arr. Fettke

ENTER HIS GATES WITH THANKSGIVING

Silent Prayer and Preparation

* Call to Worship: Psalm 102:12-13, 18-22

But you, O LORD, sit enthroned forever; your renown endures through all generations. You will arise and have compassion on Zion, for it is time to show favor to her; the appointed time has come.

For the LORD will rebuild Zion and appear in his glory. He will respond to the prayer of the destitute; he will not despise their plea.

Let this be written for a future generation, that a people not yet created may praise the LORD:

"The LORD looked down from his sanctuary on high, from heaven he viewed the earth, to hear the groans of the prisoners and release those condemned to death."

So the name of the LORD will be declared in Zion and his praise in Jerusalem when the peoples and the kingdoms assemble to worship the LORD.

* Hymn: PH 253 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" LOBE DEN HERREN

* 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:

Almighty God, you are the source of light and life. You made us in your image and called us to new life in Jesus Christ. In all times and places your people proclaim your glory in unending praise. Your faithful people have served you in joy and sorrow, in toil and in glory. May we be strengthened by their witness and supported by their fellowship, that we may run with perseverance the race that lies before us. But above all, focus our eyes on you, that we may be encouraged by your presence, until at last we see you face to face. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

* Response: "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

HOUSTON

I want to walk as a child of the light;
I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world;
the star of my life is Jesus.

Refrain: In him there is no darkness at all;
the night and day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God;
shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

I want to see the brightness of God;
I want to look at Jesus.
Clear Sun of righteousness, shine on my path,
and show me the way to the Father. *Refrain*

I'm looking for the coming of Christ;
I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run with patience the race,
we shall know the joy of Jesus. *Refrain*

CONFESSION AND PRAYER

Call to Confession:

Heidelberg Catechism, Q. & A. 88-90

Prayer of Confession:

God of love, in the wrong we have done and in the good we have not done, we have sinned in ignorance; we have sinned in weakness; we have sinned through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry. We repent and turn to you. Forgive us and renew our lives through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Silent Prayer and Confession

Minister: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

All: Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

II Corinthians 5:14-17

Congregational Prayer

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

* Hymn: Insert

"Blessed Be Your Name"

BLESSED BE YOUR NAME

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

Scripture Reading:

Hebrews 11:29-12:2; Jeremiah 23:23-29

Sermon: *With Our Eyes Fixed on Jesus*

Prayer

* Hymn: PH 544

"Lead Me, Guide Me"

LEAD ME

THE OFFERING OF TRIBUTE

* Offertory Prayer

Offerings: Fairlawn General Fund

Offertory: "Christmas Majesty"

arr. Ham

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

* Blessing:

Numbers 6:24-26

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

* Doxology: PH 561, stanzas 4-5 "Rejoice, O Pure in Heart"

MARION

At last the march shall end; the wearied ones shall rest,
the pilgrims reach their home at last, Jerusalem the blest.
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

Praise God, who reigns on high, the Lord whom we adore:
the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, one God forevermore.
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

* Postlude