

Fairlawm Christian Reformed Church
THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

February 28, 2016 10:15 A.M.

PREPARATION AND PRAISE

Prelude: "Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven"
"A Song of Lent"

Behnke
Taylor

ENTER HIS GATES WITH THANKSGIVING

Silent Prayer and Preparation

* Call to Worship: Romans 11:33-36

Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God!

How unsearchable his judgments, and his paths beyond tracing out!

"Who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been his counselor?"

"Who has ever given to God, that God should repay him?"

For from him and through him and to him are all things.

To him be the glory forever! Amen.

* Hymn: Insert "Ten Thousand Reasons"

* 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:

God of all faithfulness, you have opened the gate of mercy for your people and are always ready to welcome those who turn to you. Look on us in your compassion, that we may gladly respond to your love and faithfully walk in your way. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

* Response: PH 280

"Blessed Jesus, at Your Word"

LIEBSTER JESU

CONFESSION AND PRAYER

Call to Confession:

2 Peter 3:8-9

Prayer of Confession:

Almighty God, since you daily invite us to repentance and since our own consciences remind us of the sins we have committed, grant that we will not remain committed to these sins or hardened by foolish thinking. Let us be conquered by your word, so that we may offer to you the worship of pure and sincere hearts. May our whole life be committed to your glory.

Silent Prayer and Confession

Minister: Lord, in your mercy,

All: **Hear our prayer. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon:

Titus 2:11-14

God's Will for Our Lives:

Colossians 3:12-17

Response: PH 573

"O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"

MARYTON

Congregational Prayer

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

* Hymn: PH 551

"Oh, for a Closer Walk with God"

BEATITUDO

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

Scripture Reading:

Isaiah 55:1-9; Luke 13:1-9

Prayer

Sermon: "*Cut it Down!*"

Theme: The Finite Patience of the Lord

Prayer:

O Lord, we give you our lives.

May our hearts, our minds, and our desires be yours. May our hands and feet and voices move as you would choose. May our moments and days flow in endless praise. Amen.

* Hymn: PH 285

"O Jesus, I Have Promised"

NYLAND

THE OFFERING OF TRIBUTE

* Offertory Prayer

Offerings: Fairlawn General Fund

Offertory: "Of You, Jehovah, I Will Sing"

Drischner

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

* Blessing:

Celtic Daily Prayer

May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you, wherever He may send you.

May He guide you through the wilderness, protect you through the storm.

May He bring you home rejoicing at the wonders He has shown you.

May He bring you home rejoicing once again into our doors.

* Benediction:

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **Amen.**

* Doxology: PH 475, v. 1 "Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven"

LAUDA ANIMA

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; to his feet your tribute bring.

Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore his praises sing.

Alleluia, alleluia! Praise the everlasting King!

* Postlude: "Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

Behnke