

Fairlawn Christian Reformed Church  
**FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT**

March 6, 2016 10:15 A.M.

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**PREPARATION AND PRAISE**

Prelude: "Bringing in the Sheaves"

Thygerson

**ENTER HIS GATES WITH THANKSGIVING**

Silent Prayer and Preparation

\* Call to Worship:

Psalm 36:5-9

Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds.

**Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains, your judgments are like the great deep; you save humans and animals alike, O LORD.**

How precious is your steadfast love, O God! All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

**They feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them drink from the river of your delights. For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light.**

\* Hymn: PH 620

"By the Sea of Crystal"

CRYSTAL

\* 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:

**Lord, you have put gladness in our hearts; you have satisfied our hunger with good things. In giving all, you have not withheld from us your own dear Son. How can we withhold anything from you, our Lord and our God? Renew us day by day with the gift of your Spirit, that we may give ourselves completely to your service and walk with joy in the footsteps of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

\* Response: PH 307, vv. 3, 5

"O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts"

QUEBEC

We taste you, everliving Bread, and long to feast upon you still;  
we drink of you, the fountainhead, our thirst to quench, our souls to fill.

O Jesus, ever with us stay; make all our moments calm and bright!  
Chase the dark night of sin away; shed o'er the world your holy light!

**CONFESSION AND PRAYER**

Call to Confession:

Psalm 32:1-5

Prayer of Confession:

**Almighty God, you despise nothing you have made, and you forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create in us new and contrite hearts, that, truly repenting of our sins and acknowledging our brokenness, we may obtain from you, the God of all mercy, full pardon and forgiveness.**

Silent Prayer and Confession

Minister: Lord, in your mercy,

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

Assurance of Pardon:

II Corinthians 5:16-21

God's Will for Our Lives:

Romans 6:11-13

Choral Anthem: "In Christ Alone"

arr. Hayes

Congregational Prayer

## THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

\* Hymn: PH 550

"My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"

RESIGNATION

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

Scripture Reading:

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Prayer

Sermon: *Welcome Home, My Child*

Theme: Return of the Prodigal

Prayer:

**Take us, Lord, from busy-ness, to the place of quietness,  
from the tumult without cease, into your great unending peace.  
Help us, then, our Lord to see, what we are and ought to be.  
God of life, God of peace, God of wonders that will not cease.  
God eternal, Trinity, God everlasting, come with us be. Amen.**

\* Hymn: "How Deep the Father's Love for Us"

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure,  
That he should give his only Son to make a wretch his treasure.  
How great the pain of searing loss the Father turns his face away,  
As wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.

Behold the Man upon a cross, my sin upon his shoulders;  
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.  
It was my sin that held him there until it was accomplished;  
His dying breath has brought me life—I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything, no gifts, no power, no wisdom;  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ, his death and resurrection.  
Why should I gain from his reward? I cannot give an answer.  
But this I know with all my heart: his wounds have paid my ransom.

Stuart Townend, 1995 Kingsway's Thankyou Music, CCLI 1099351

## THE OFFERING OF TRIBUTE

\* Offertory Prayer

Offerings: Fairlawn General Fund

Offertory: "Andante"

Chaminade

\* Doxology: PH 638 "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

OLD HUNDRETH

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.