

Fairlawn Christian Reformed Church
FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 13, 2016 10:15 A.M.

PREPARATION AND PRAISE

Prelude: "Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands" (PH 398)

Scherdt/Zachau

ENTER HIS GATES WITH THANKSGIVING

Silent Prayer and Preparation

* Call to Worship:

I Peter 1:3-6a

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade.

This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.

In all this we greatly rejoice!

* Hymn: PH 373, vv. 1-4

"Lift High the Cross"

CRUCIFER

* 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:

O Lord, whose cross is the site of our redemption from sin and whose empty tomb is our hope for victory over death, grant us this day to remember, know, and live the power of your resurrection. May your life in us bring us to lasting and eternal life with you. Amen.

* Response: PH 629

"Worthy Is Christ"

DIGNO ES JESUS

Worthy Is Christ, worthy is Christ;

to him be praise and glory: worthy is the Lord.

He gave his life, he died for me;

to him be praise and glory: worthy is the Lord.

CONFESSION AND PRAYER

Prayer of Confession:

O Lord, you did what we have not. You were tempted and did not sin. We have been tempted and we have sinned. And yet, we come—prompted by your word to seek your mercy and grace in our time of need. Forgive our sins of neglect and indifference. Forgive our sins of willful stubbornness and selfishness. Forgive the sins we have done openly and spoken aloud. Forgive the sins that we try to hide, even from you. Forgive the sins about which our consciences accuse us, which now come to our minds.

Silent Prayer and Confession

Minister: Lord, in your mercy, All: **Hear our prayer. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon:

Colossians 2:13-15

God's Will for Our Lives:

Philippians 4:4-9

Response: PH 291

"May the Mind of Christ, My Savior"

ST. LEONARDS

Congregational Prayer

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

* Hymn: PH 267

"And Can It Be"

SAGINA

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

Scripture Reading:

Philippians 3:4-14; John 12:1-8

Prayer

Sermon: *Pressing for the Grand Prize*

Theme: The Power of His Resurrection

Prayer:

Grant, O Lord, that what has been said with our lips we may believe in our hearts, and that what we believe in our hearts we may practice in our lives, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

* Hymn: Bulletin p. 3

"Be Still, My Soul"

FINLANDIA

THE OFFERING OF TRIBUTE

* Offertory Prayer

Offerings: Fairlawn General Fund

Offertory: "Christ, the Life of All the Living"

Zachau

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:

Hebrews 13:20-21

May the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. **Amen.**

* Doxology: PH 373, vv. 5, 7

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* Postlude: "O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High"

Dunstable

