

Fairlawn Christian Reformed Church
THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 17, 2016 10:15 A.M.

PREPARATION AND PRAISE

Prelude: "Step by Step"
"Glorify thy Name"

Beaker/arr. Tornquist
Adkins/arr. Hayes

ENTER HIS GATES WITH THANKSGIVING

Silent Prayer and Preparation

* Call to Worship: Hebrews 12:22–24; Psalm 96:9

But you have come to Mount Zion, to the heavenly Jerusalem, the city of the living God. You have come to thousands upon thousands of angels in joyful assembly, to the church of the firstborn, whose names are written in heaven. You have come to God, the judge of all men, to the spirits of righteous men made perfect, to Jesus the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

Worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness; tremble before him, all the earth.

* Hymn: PH 238 "We Come, O Christ, to You" EASTVIEW

* 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, since you have not built a temple of wood and stone, but instead dwell among us by your Son and Spirit, may we be a fitting sanctuary for your glory and worthy ministers of your grace. Amen.

* Response: PH 622 "Magnify the Lord" (Sing two times.) MAGNIFICAT

CONFESSION AND PRAYER

Call to Confession:

Hebrews 3:12–13

Prayer of Confession:

O Lord, you know the visible sins we have committed in our lives—whether harsh words or violent acts or taking what is not ours—

O Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

O Lord, you know the invisible sins we have committed in our minds—whether unkind thoughts or indecent fantasy or unethical scheme—

O Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

O Lord, you know our fears and failures, our guilty consciences and weak efforts, and the worry that for all of these things you might take your love away—

O Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, grant us your peace.

Silent Prayer and Confession

Minister: Lord, in your mercy,

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

Assurance of Pardon:

Hebrews 5:7–9

God's Will for Our Lives:

II Peter 1:3–8

Response: "Step by Step"

STEP BY STEP

O God, you are my God and I will ever praise you. (2X)

I will seek you in the morning

and I will learn to walk in your ways

and step by step you'll lead me

and I will follow you all of my days.

Beaker, 1991, Edward Grant, Inc., CCLI 1099351

Congregational Prayer

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

* Hymn: Insert

"My Life Flows On in Endless Song"

HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING

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

Scripture Reading:

Acts 9:36–43; John 10:22–30

Prayer

Sermon: *Salvation Secured*

Theme: Safe from Eternity to Eternity

Prayer:

**We bind unto ourselves the name, the strong name of the Trinity;
By invocation of the same, the Three in One, and One in Three,
Of whom all nature hath creation; Eternal Father, Spirit, Word:
Praise to the Lord of our salvation, salvation is of Christ the Lord!
Amen!**

* Hymn: PH 23

"The LORD, My Shepherd, Rules My Life"

CRIMOND

THE OFFERING OF TRIBUTE

* Offertory Prayer

Offerings: Fairlawn General Fund

Offertory: "Were You There? / Crown Him with Many Crowns"

arr. Ham

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 God bless you and keep you; may Christ smile upon you and give you his grace; may he unveil his face to you and bring you his peace. **Amen.**

* Doxology: PH 634

"Father, We Love You"

GLORIFY THY NAME

* Postlude