

Fairlawn Christian Reformed Church

SUNDAY OF THE ASCENSION OF JESUS CHRIST

May 1, 2016 10:15 A.M.

PREPARATION AND PRAISE

Prelude: "Walking with the Savior"

R. Blake

ENTER HIS GATES WITH THANKSGIVING

Silent Prayer and Preparation

* Call to Worship: Psalm 47:1–2, 5–6

Cadet: Clap your hands, all you nations; shout to God with cries of joy.

All: How awesome is the LORD Most High, the great King over all the earth!

Cadet: God has ascended amid shouts of joy, the LORD amid the sounding of trumpets.

All: Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises!

* Hymn: PH 409

"Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise"

LLANFAIR

* 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:

All-powerful God, your only Son came to earth as a servant and is now enthroned at your right hand, where he rules in glory. As he reigns as King in our hearts, may we rejoice in his peace, glory in his justice, and live in his love. For with you and the Holy Spirit he rules now and forever. Amen.

* Response: PH 410, v. 3

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

DIADEMATA

Crown him the Lord of peace; his kingdom is at hand.

From pole to pole let warfare cease and Christ rule every land!

All hail, Redeemer, hail, for you have died for me.

Your praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.

CONFESSION AND PRAYER

Call to Confession:

I John

Prayer of Confession:

Forgive us, Lord, for not obeying you as our king. We have acted like we are more important than you. We have forgotten to love you with our whole lives. We have not served each other in your name. Forgive us, Lord, and help us to love and honor you. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

John 3

God's Will for Our Lives:

Cadet: Cadets, what is your verse?

All Cadets: "If you love me, you will keep my commandments." (John 14:15)

Cadet: When Jesus was asked what God's commandments mean, he said: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

Cadet Report

Response: PH 292

"Living for Jesus"
(Sing refrain after 3rd stanza only.)

Living for Jesus

Congregational Prayer

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

* Hymn: PH 279

"O Word of God Incarnate"
[Children age 3 - grade Pre-K may leave after the hymn.]

MUNICH

Scripture Reading:

Luke 24:44-53; Acts 1:1-11

Sermon: *Gone, But Never to Be Forgotten*

Theme: The Ascension: Carried Right to Heaven

Prayer:

ANONYMOUS

**Break through our darkness with Thy light.
Show us Thyself in Jesus suffering on a Tree,
Rising from the grave,
Reigning from a throne with all power and love for us unchanging.
So shall our fear be gone
And our feet set upon a radiant path.**

* Hymn: PH 412, vv. 1-4

"Jesus Shall Reign"

DUKE STREET

THE OFFERING OF TRIBUTE

* Offertory Prayer

Offerings: Fairlawn General Fund

Offertory: "Voluntary in C"

J. Stanley

* Doxology: PH 638

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

OLD HUNDREDDTH

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.