

Fairlawn Christian Reformed Church

MORNING WORSHIP

May 29, 2016 9:30 A.M.

PREPARATION AND PRAISE

Prelude: "Holy God, We Praise Your Name"

Peeters

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 prepay him?"

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

To him be the glory forever! Amen.

* Hymn: PH 244 "God Himself Is with Us"

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* 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:

Eternal Light, shine into our hearts;

eternal Goodness, deliver us from evil;

eternal Power, be our support;

eternal Wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance;

eternal Love, have mercy upon us,

that with all our heart and mind and strength

we may seek your face

and be brought by your infinite mercy to your holy presence

through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

* Response: PH 61, vv. 1, 2, 4

"Listen to My Cry, Lord"

LISTENING

CONFESSION AND PRAYER

Call to Confession:

Romans 2:12–16

Prayer of Confession:

Almighty God, you have not built a temple of wood and stone among us, but dwell among us through the Spirit of your Son. Forgive the sins that make us unworthy temples of your glory. Consecrate our lives for your service, so that your name is glorified in us for as long as we live.

Silent Prayer and Confession

Minister: Lord, in your mercy,

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

Assurance of Pardon:

Acts 13:38–39

God's Will for Our Lives:

Psalm 15

Response: PH 551, vv 1, 5

“Oh, for a Closer Walk with God”

BEATITUDO

Congregational Prayer

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

* Hymn: PH 554

“In Sweet Communion, Lord, with You”

PRAYER

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

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 55:1–13; Hebrews 4:12–13;

I John 1:9, John 13:10–15

Sermon: *Knowing God Is Real*

Theme: On Scripture Study, Confession and Service

Prayer:

O Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace.

Where there is hatred, let me sow love;

Where there is injury, pardon;

Where there is discord, harmony;

Where there is doubt, faith;

Where there is despair, hope;

Where there is darkness, light;

Where there is sorrow, joy.

Oh Divine Master,

Grant that I may not so much seek

To be consoled as to console;

To be understood as to understand;

To be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive;

It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;

And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

* Hymn: PH 42, vv 1, 3, 7

“As a Deer in Want of Water”

GENEVAN 42

THE OFFERING OF TRIBUTE

* Offertory Prayer

Offerings: Fairlawn General Fund

Offertory: "Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove"

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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 go before you to lead you.

May God go behind you to guard you.

May God go beneath you to support you.

May God go beside you to befriend you.

Do not be afraid.

Let the blessing of God—the Father, the Son, the Holy Spirit—

Come upon you today and settle in around you.

Do not be afraid. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Amen.**

* Doxology: PH 501, vv. 1,7 "Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

AZMON

Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!

To God all glory, praise, and love be now and ever given
by saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heaven.

* Postlude: "O God, Beyond All Praising"

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