

Fairlawn Christian Reformed Church

MORNING WORSHIP

July 24, 2016

9:30 A.M.

PREPARATION AND PRAISE

Prelude: "Largo"

Handel

ENTER HIS GATES WITH THANKSGIVING

Silent Prayer and Preparation

* Call to Worship:

Psalm 100

Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.

Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.

Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us and we are his;

we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.

For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

* Hymn: PH 475

"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"

LAUDA ANIMA

* 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:

God of all faithfulness,

**you have opened the gate of mercy for your people
and are always ready to welcome those who turn to you.**

**Look on us in your compassion,
that we may gladly respond to your love
and faithfully walk in your way
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

For the glories of God's grace let us bring unceasing praise.
From our fallen, sinful ways we are reconciled to God.

God's good news of love we bring to the lost and wandering.
Come, believe, rejoice, and sing: we are reconciled to God.

CONFESSION AND PRAYER

Call to Confession:

Psalm 51

Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God. Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness. In your great compassion, cleanse us from sin.

Prayer of Confession:

Psalm 51

Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Do not cast us from your presence, or take your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Silent Prayer and Confession

Minister: Lord, in your mercy,

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

Assurance of Pardon:

Heidelberg Catechism Q & A 56

Your sins are forgiven.

**I believe that God,
because of Christ's atonement,
will never hold against me
any of my sins nor my sinful nature,
which I need to struggle against all my life.
Rather, in his grace
God grants me the righteousness of Christ
to free me forever from judgment.**

God's Will for Our Lives:

Micah 6:8

Response: PH 256

"Out of the Depths I Cry"

SANDON

Congregational Prayer

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

* Hymn: PH 486

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

NETTLETON

Scripture Reading:

Matthew 12:39-41

Sermon: *The Sign of Jonah*

Theme: How Can You Get Angry at a Gracious God?

Prayer:

**O Lord, our God,
you have given to us the glorious gospel of our risen Savior and Master:
Grant that as we joyfully receive the good news for ourselves,
so we may gratefully share it with others,
and ever give glory to you, by whose grace alone we are what we are:
through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

* Hymn: PH 462

"Amazing Grace—How Sweet the Sound"

NEW BRITAIN

THE OFFERING OF TRIBUTE

* Offertory Prayer

Offerings: Fairlawn General Fund

Offertory: "Le Cygne"

Saint-Saëns

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:

II Thessalonians 2:16-17

May our Lord Jesus Christ Himself and God our Father, who loved us and by His grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word. **Amen.**

* Doxology: PH 638

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

GENEVAN 134

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.

Following the doxology, the congregation is asked to be seated.

Postlude: "Psalm 19"

Marcello