

Fairlawn Christian Reformed Church

MORNING WORSHIP

August 7, 2016

9:30 A.M.

PREPARATION AND PRAISE

Prelude: "For the Glories of God's Grace" (PH 223)

Travis

ENTER HIS GATES WITH THANKSGIVING

Silent Prayer and Preparation

* Call to Worship:

Psalm 89:1-4

I will sing of your steadfast love, O LORD, forever;

with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.

I declare that your steadfast love is established forever;

your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.

You said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one,

I have sworn to my servant David:

'I will establish your descendants forever,
and build your throne for all generations.'"

Praise the Lord!

* Hymn: PH 460

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

ST. DENIO

* 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 grace,

You have given us minds to know you,

hearts to love you,

and voices to sing your praise.

Fill us with your Spirit,

that we may celebrate your glory

and worship you in spirit and in truth

through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

* Response: PH 291, vv. 1, 2 "May the Mind of Christ, My Savior"

ST. LEONARDS

May the mind of Christ, my Savior, live in me from day to day,
by his love and power controlling all I do and say.

May the word of God dwell richly in my heart from hour to hour,
so that all may see I triumph only through his power.

CONFESSION AND PRAYER

Call to Confession:

based on Hebrews 4:14, 16

Seeing that we have a great High Priest
who has entered the inmost heaven, Jesus the Son of God,
let us therefore approach the throne of grace with fullest confidence,
that we may receive mercy for our failures
and grace to help in the hour of need.
In the strength of this assurance, let us confess our sins to God.

Prayer of Confession:

**Often, O holy and righteous God,
we dare your justice, mock your mercy, jeer your patience;
we trivialize your power, and show contempt for your love.
We even say "I'm sorry" insincerely and confess our sin flippantly.
We plead your help
to own up carefully to how we have wronged you,
to admit honestly how we have grieved you,
to plead penitently for your mercy and pardon.
We beg your forgiveness through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

Silent Prayer and Confession

Minister: Lord, in your mercy,

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

Assurance of Pardon:

John 3:16–17

God's Will for Our Lives:

Philippians 2:1–4

Response: PH 291

"May the Mind of Christ, My Savior"

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May the peace of God, my Father, rule my life in everything,
that I may be calm to comfort sick and sorrowing.

May the love of Jesus fill me as the waters fill the sea.
Him exalting, self abasing: this is victory.

May we run the race before us, strong and brave to face the foe,
looking only unto Jesus as we onward go.

Congregational Prayer

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

* Hymn: Bulletin pp. 7-8

"Speak, O Lord"

SPEAK, O LORD

* Prayer

Scripture Reading:

Acts 7:54–8:4; 9:1–9 (p. 1085)

I Timothy 1:12–17 (p. 1174)

Sermon: *Saul: Persecutor to Proclaimer*

Theme: Look Whom Jesus Brings to Dinner!

Prayer:

**Christ as a light illumine and guide me.
Christ as a shield o'ershadow me.
Christ under me, Christ over me,
Christ beside me, on my left and my right.
This day be within and without me.
Lowly and meek yet All-powerful,
Be in the heart of each to whom I speak,
In the mouth of each who speaks unto me
This day be within and without me.
Lowly and meek, yet All-powerful,
Christ as a light, Christ as a shield,
Christ beside me, on my left and my right.
In Christ we pray, amen!**

* Hymn: PH 260 "Not What My Hands Have Done"

LEOMINSTER

THE OFFERING OF TRIBUTE

* Offertory Prayer

Offerings: Fairlawn General Fund

Offertory: "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

Powell

* Doxology: PH 638 "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

OLD HUNDREDTH

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.