

Fairlawn Christian Reformed Church

# MORNING WORSHIP

August 14, 2016

9:30 A.M.

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## PREPARATION AND PRAISE

Prelude: "The Greatness of the Lord"

Miles

## ENTER HIS GATES WITH THANKSGIVING

Silent Prayer and Preparation

\* Call to Worship: based on Exodus 15:26; Isaiah 6:10

God invites us into his healing presence with these words:

"I am the Lord, who heals you."

**Diseased, depressed, dysfunctional, defeated,  
we come hungering for health that only God can provide.**

God calls us to bring open eyes, hearing ears,  
and tender hearts turned toward him, the Great Physician.

**We bow before him in faith and expectancy!**

\* Hymn: insert "Ten Thousand Reasons"

\* 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:

**Saving God, we stand in awe before the majesty of Your providence. Through our sometimes desperate decisions and fearful circumstances, You work Your will. Give us patient confidence in troubled times and gratitude when things go well, knowing that all things are in Your hand. In Jesus' Name we pray, amen.**

\* Response: PH 583 vv. 1, 2 "The Tender Love a Father Has"

TALLIS' ORDINAL

The tender love a father has for all his children dear—  
such love the Lord bestows on those who worship him in fear.

The Lord remembers we are dust, and all our frailty knows;  
our life is like the tender grass, and as the flower it grows.

## CONFESSION AND PRAYER

Call to Confession:

Hebrews 10:19–22

Prayer of Confession:

**Most holy and merciful Father, we confess to you and to one another that we have sinned against you by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not fully loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not always had in us the mind of Christ. Forgive us, most merciful Father, and free us from our sin. Renew in us the grace and strength of your Holy Spirit, for the sake of Jesus Christ your Son, our Savior. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon:

Hear the good news:

Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;  
that proves God's love toward us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

**Glory to God. Amen.**

God's Will for Our Lives:

Deuteronomy 6:4–9; Leviticus 19:18

Response: PH 583, vv. 4, 5

“The Tender Love a Father Has”

TALLIS' ORDINAL

Unchanging is the love of God, from age to age the same,  
displayed to all who do his will and reverence his name.

Those who his gracious covenant keep the Lord will ever bless;  
their children's children shall rejoice to see his righteousness.

Congregational Prayer

### THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

\* Hymn: PH 267

“And Can It Be?”

SAGINA

\* Prayer

Scripture Reading:

Ruth 1:1–10, 14–18; 2:5–13; 3:9–13, 18; 4:9–22 (p. 258)

Sermon: *Ruth: Finding the Kinsman-Redeemer*

Theme: How He Heals the Brokenhearted

Prayer:

When mystery hides You from the sight of faith and hope;  
When pain turns even lust to dust;  
When life is bitter to the taste and our song of joy dies down to silence;  
Then, Father, do for us that which is past our power to do for ourselves.  
Break through our darkness with Your light.  
Show us Yourself 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. Amen.

\* Hymn: PH 556

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

FAITHFULNESS

## THE OFFERING OF TRIBUTE

\* Offertory Prayer

Offerings: Fairlawn General Fund

Offertory: "Just As I Am"

Birchwood

### 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:

Philippians 4:7

The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

\* Doxology: PH 117

"Hallelujah, Hallelujah"

IN BABILONE

Hallelujah, hallelujah; all you peoples, praise proclaim.

For God's grace and loving kindness O sing praises to his name.

For the greatness of his mercy constant praise to him accord.

For his faithfulness eternal, hallelujah, praise the LORD.

\* Postlude: "Praise God in His Temple"

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