

Fairlawn Christian Reformed Church

MORNING WORSHIP

October 9, 2016 10:15 A.M.

PREPARATION AND PRAISE

Prelude: "Amazing Grace"

Jones/Hustad

ENTER HIS GATES WITH THANKSGIVING

Silent Prayer and Preparation

* Call to Worship:

Psalm 146

Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help.

When their breath departs, they return to the earth; on that very day their plans perish.

Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD their God,

who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever;

who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry.

The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.

The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.

The LORD watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations.

Praise the LORD!

* Hymn: Bulletin p. 4

"When Morning Gilds the Skies"

arr. Biery

The congregation is asked to join the choir in singing verses 1, 2, 4, and 5.

* 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:

Everlasting God, in whom we live and move and have our being: You have made us for yourself, so that our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Give us purity of heart and strength of purpose, that no selfish passion may hinder us from knowing your will, no weakness keep us from doing it; that in your light we may see light clearly, and in your service find perfect freedom through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

* Response: Bulletin pp. 5-6 “Creation Sings the Father’s Song”

Creation sings the Father’s song; He calls the sun to wake the dawn
and run the course of day, till evening falls in crimson rays.
His fingerprints in flakes of snow, His breath upon this spinning globe,
He charts the eagle’s flight; commands the newborn baby’s cry.

Refrain: Hallelujah! Let all creation stand and sing, “Hallelujah!”
Fill the earth with songs of worship;
Tell the wonders of creation’s King.

Creation gazed upon His face; the ageless One in time’s embrace,
unveiled the Father’s plan of reconciling God and man.
A second Adam walked the earth, whose blameless life would break the curse;
whose death would set us free to live with Him eternally. *Refrain*

Creation longs for His return, when Christ shall reign upon the earth;
the bitter wars that rage are birth pains of a coming age.
When He renews the land and sky, all heav’n will sing and earth reply
with one resplendent theme: The glory of our God and King! *Refrain*

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CONFESSION AND PRAYER

Call to Confession:

Romans 3:9b–20

Prayer of Confession:

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, 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 loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

Romans 3:21–25a

God’s Will for Our Lives:

Romans 12:1–2

Response: PH 543

“Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer”

CWM RHONDDA

Congregational Prayer

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

* Hymn: PH 282

“Break Now the Bread of Life”

BREAD OF LIFE

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

Scripture Reading:

John 6:25–35 (p. 1056)

Sermon: *I AM the Bread of Life*

Prayer

* Hymn: PH 550 "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"

RESIGNATION

THE OFFERING OF TRIBUTE

* Offertory Prayer

Offerings: Fairlawn General Fund

Offertory: "Here I Am, Lord"

Schutte/Pettit

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:

Romans 15:13

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

* Doxology: PH 630 "Now Blessed Be the Lord Our God"

CORONATION

Now blessed be the Lord our God, the God of Israel,
for he alone does wondrous works: his glorious deeds excel;
for he alone does wondrous works: his glorious deeds excel.

And blessed be his glorious name through all eternity;
the whole earth let his glory fill: Amen! so shall it be;
The whole earth let his glory fill: Amen! so shall it be.

* Postlude: "What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine"

Burkhardt