Fairlawn Christian Reformed Church

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

November 6, 2016   10:15 A.M.

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PREPARATION AND PRAISE

Prelude: "Clothe Yourself, My Soul, with Gladness" (PH 305)   Haan

ENTER HIS GATES WITH THANKSGIVING

Silent Prayer and Preparation

* Call to Worship: Revelation 7:9–12

> After this I looked and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. And they cried out in a loud voice:
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> **"Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!"**
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> All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying:
>
> **"Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and strength be to our God for ever and ever. Amen!"**

* Hymn: PH 505   "For All the Saints"   SINE NOMINE

* God's Greeting:

> Grace and peace be to you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
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> **Amen**.
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> The Lord be with you.
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> **And also with you.**
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> Our help is in the name of the Lord,
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> **Who made heaven and earth.**
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> Blessed be God,
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> **And blessed is his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

* Prayer of the Day:

> **Triune God, you have called us to live in unity with each other and with our brothers and sisters around the world. Help us to sense that our love for Jesus binds us together. May our worship today be a witness to the kind of unity that comes directly through Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

* Response: PH 309, vv. 1, 5   "Lift Up Your Hearts unto the Lord"   SING ALLELUIA

CONFESSION AND PRAYER

Call to Confession**:**   Psalm 15

Prayer of Confession:

> O Lord our God,
> We need to be right with you. We have not given you the honor that is due you.
> We have not praised you for every blessing you pour out on us. We have not
> acknowledged your guidance in our lives. We have not loved you with our heart,
> soul, mind, and strength.
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> **Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.**
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> O Lord our God,
> We need to be right with each other. We have spoken harsh words. We have
> worked to get ahead of others. We have not looked out for the needs of others,
> especially the most vulnerable members of our society. We have not loved our
> neighbor as ourselves.
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> **Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.**
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> O Lord, our God,
> The world is ever with us. Our consciences accuse us. There is always more
> that we could have done. All of our righteousness is like filthy rags. Remind us
> of your grace and mercy seen most powerfully in the death of Jesus Christ on our
> behalf.
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> **Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us your peace.**
> **Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon: I Peter 2:9–10

God's Will for Our Lives: Romans 13:8–10

Choir Anthem: "Step by Step / O God, Our Help in Ages Past"   Greer

Congregational Prayer

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

* Hymn: PH 227   "Christ, Who Is in the Form of God"   BISHOP
[Children age 3 - grade Pre-K may leave after the hymn.]

* Prayer

Scripture Reading: Philippians 2:5–11 (p. 1162)

Sermon: *The Imitation of Christ*
   Theme: Kenosis: The Great Emptying

Prayer:

> **Almighty Father, Son and Holy Ghost, eternal, ever-blessed, gracious God,**
> **To me, the least of saints, to me allow that I may keep a door in Paradise,**
> **That I may keep even the smallest door, the farthest door, the darkest,**
> **coldest door,**
> **The door that is least used, the stiffest door,**
> **If so it be but in Thy house, O God;**
> **If so it be that I may see Thy glory,**
> **Even afar, and hear Thy voice, O God**
> **And know that I am with Thee, Thee, O God. Amen.**

* Hymn: PH 467, vv. 1, 3, 4, 5   "At the Name of Jesus"   KING'S WESTON

THE OFFERING OF TRIBUTE

* Offertory Prayer

Offerings: Fairlawn General Fund
   Offertory: "Amazing Grace"   Johns

* 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.