

MORNING WORSHIP

January 15, 2017

10:15 A.M.

PREPARATION AND PRAISE

Prelude

ENTER HIS GATES WITH THANKSGIVING

Silent Prayer and Preparation

* Call to Worship:

Psalm 145:1-7

I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever. Every day I will bless you, and praise your name forever and ever

Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; his greatness is unsearchable. One generation shall laud your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts.

On the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, I will meditate. The might of your awesome deeds shall be proclaimed, and I will declare your greatness.

They shall celebrate the fame of your abundant goodness, and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.

* Hymn: Bulletin pp. 5-6

"We Will Extol You, God and King"

SCARECROW

* 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:

O God, you summon the day to dawn, you teach the morning to waken the earth. For you the valleys shall sing for joy, the trees of the field shall clap their hands. For you the kings of the earth shall bow, the poor and the persecuted shall shout for joy. Your love and mercy shall last forever, fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise. Great is your name. Great is your love. Amen.

* Response: PH 197

"The Trees of the Field"

TREES OF THE FIELD

CONFESSION AND PRAYER

Call to Confession:

based on Malachi 1:6

Prayer of Confession:

God of Peace, Father of mercy, God of all comfort: we confess before you the evil of our hearts; we acknowledge that we are too inclined toward anger, jealousy, and revenge, to ambition and pride, which often give rise to discord and bitter feelings between others and us. Too often have we thus both offended and grieved you. O long-suffering Father. Forgive us this sin and permit us to partake of the blessing you have promised the peacemakers, who shall be called the children of God. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

Psalms 103:8–14

God's Will for Our Lives:

Proverbs 23:22–25

Response: "Step By Step"

Beaker, 1991, Edward Grant, Inc., CCLI 1099351

O God, you are my God and I will ever praise you. (2X)

I will seek you in the morning, and I will learn to walk in your ways.

And step by step you'll lead me, and I will follow you all of my days.

Congregational Prayer

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

* Hymn: PH 588

"Tell Your Children"

TELL YOUR CHILDREN

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

Scripture Reading:

Exodus 21:1–12 (p. 74); Ephesians 6:1–9 (p. 1159)

Heidelberg Catechism: Lord's Day 39, Q & A 104

PH 910

Sermon: *Generation to Generation*

Theme: The First Commandment with a Promise

Prayer:

God of Abraham, in your call is a claim—that we are yours. Thank you for the grace that has found us and makes us willing and ready, wholeheartedly, to live for you, to go where you send, to follow where you lead. As you have blessed us, make us a blessing. In the name of the One to whom we belong, amen.

* Hymn:

"God, We Sing Your Glorious Praises"

NETTLETON

God, we sing your glorious praises as we tell your awesome deeds;
You have fashioned all creation, and you meet each creature's needs.
We rejoice in how your people tasted your great faithfulness;
Graced through every generation, we your mighty acts profess.

We remember, God, your covenant, which extends from heaven to earth;
how Christ's death and resurrection conquers sin, renews our birth.
Thank you for this gospel message, which inspires your church to preach
grace to every generation in our deeds and in our speech.

Fueled by power from your Spirit, we commit ourselves anew
to be faithful to your gospel in the daily work we do.
We will shout your glorious praises, telling all who have not heard;
grace for every generation is embodied in your Word.

Lord, we offer you our worship as we celebrate your grace
which you shower on your people gathered here and everywhere.
Blessed by water, Word, and table, we, your church, now pledge to share
grace through every generation in our witness, work, and prayer.

THE RESPONSE OF FAITH

* Offertory Prayer

Offerings: Fairlawn General Fund

Offertory

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:

Numbers 6:24

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you,
and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up his countenance upon you, and give you
His peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord, **Amen**.

* Doxology: PH 322

"God the Father of Your People"

HOLY MANNA

* Postlude