

Fairlawn Christian Reformed Church

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

March 19, 2017 10:15 A.M.

PREPARATION AND PRAISE

Prelude: "Lamb of God Most Holy"
"Amazing Grace"

Cherwein
Burton

ENTER HIS GATES WITH THANKSGIVING

Silent Prayer and Preparation

* Call to Worship:

Psalm 119:169-176

May my cry come before you, O LORD;

give me understanding according to your word.

May my supplication come before you;

deliver me according to your promise.

May my lips overflow with praise,

for you teach me your decrees.

May my tongue sing of your word,

for all your commands are righteous.

May your hand be ready to help me,

for I have chosen your precepts.

I long for your salvation, O LORD,

and your law is my delight.

Let me live that I may praise you,

and may your laws sustain me.

I have strayed like a lost sheep.

Seek your servant, for I have not forgotten your commands.

* Hymn: PH 95

"Now with Joyful Exultation"

BEECHER

* 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:

As we are called into worship today, it is sobering to remember that when God appeared on earth in the person of Jesus, most of the world did not recognize him and therefore did not worship him. Today we ask for faith that will open our eyes to see Jesus for who he is, that we might worship him in truth. Amen.

* Response: Insert "Lamb of God" Twila Paris, 1985, Straightway Music, CCLI 503812

CONFESSION AND PRAYER

Call to Confession: Hebrews 3:12-4:1

Prayer of Confession:

Almighty God, since we hear your gospel every day, in which you invite us so kindly by your amazing mercy and stretch out your hand by your only-begotten Son—grant, we pray, that we may be teachable and flexible in order to sincerely submit to you. May we be moved by warnings from the past, so that we will walk with fear and trembling in obedience to your word, until at last we enjoy that inheritance which you have promised for us in your heavenly kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon: based on Hebrews 4:14-16, 5:8-9

God's Will for Our Lives: Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Response: Insert "My Only Comfort" RESIGNATION

Congregational Prayer

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

* Hymn: PH 425 "Creator Spirit, by Whose Aid" MELITA
[Children age 3 - grade Pre-K may leave after the hymn.]

Prayer

Scripture Reading: Psalm 95 (p. 591); Romans 5:1-11 (p. 1116)

Sermon: *Soft-Hearted Saints & Wholehearted Worship*

Theme: Heeding the Warnings of Massah and Meribah

Prayer

**Christ be near at either hand,
Christ behind, before me stand,
Christ with me where'er I go,
Christ around, above, below.**

**Christ be in my heart and mind,
Christ be in my soul enshrined.
Christ control my wayward heart,
Christ be near and ne'er depart.**

**Christ my life and only way,
Christ my lantern night and day.
Christ be my unchanging Friend,
Guide and Shepherd 'til the end. Amen.**

* Hymn: PH 42, vv. 1-3 "As a Deer in Want of Water" GENEVAN 42

THE RESPONSE OF FAITH

* Offertory Prayer

Offerings: Fairlawn General Fund

Offertory: "In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

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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:

May the love of the Father enfold us, the wisdom of the Son enlighten us, and the fire of the Spirit kindle us; and may the blessing of the Lord God come down upon us and remain with us always. **Amen.**

* Doxology: PH 322

"God, the Father of Your People"

HOLY MANNA

* Postlude