

Fairlawn Christian Reformed Church

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 26, 2017 10:15 A.M.

PREPARATION AND PRAISE

Prelude: "Partita on 'Amazing Grace'"

Hill

ENTER HIS GATES WITH THANKSGIVING

Silent Prayer and Preparation

* Call to Worship: Psalm 71:14-19

But as for me, I will always have hope; I will praise you more and more.

My mouth will tell of your righteousness, of your salvation all day long, though I know not its measure.

I will come and proclaim your mighty acts, O Sovereign LORD; I will proclaim your righteousness, yours alone.

Since my youth, O God, you have taught me, and to this day I declare your marvelous deeds.

Even when I am old and gray, do not forsake me, O God, till I declare your power to the next generation, your might to all who are to come.

Your righteousness reaches to the skies, O God, you who have done great things. Who, O God, is like you?

* Hymn: PH 525 "O Christians, Haste" TIDINGS

* 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:

Bless your church throughout the world by your Holy Spirit, draw the scattered flock of Christ into a visible unity, and make your church a sign of hope to our divided world. Grant that we who bear your Son's name may be instruments of your gospel, bringing peace to our homes, our communities, our nation, and our world. Amen.

* Response: PH 510 "I Love Your Church, O Lord" ST. THOMAS

CONFESSION AND PRAYER

Call to Confession:

Romans 7:21-24

Prayer of Confession:

Eternal and merciful God, you have loved us with a love beyond our understanding, and you have set us on paths of righteousness for your name's sake. Yet we have strayed from your way; we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, through what we have done and what we have left undone. Grant us now, we pray, the grace to die daily to sin, and to rise daily to new life in Christ, who lives and reigns with you, and in whose strong name we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon: Titus 3:4-8

God's Will for Our Lives: Romans 12:9-21

Choral Anthem: "Kyrie Eleison" Mangel

Congregational Prayer

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

* Hymn: Insert "Speak, O Lord" SPEAK O LORD
[Children age 3 - grade Pre-K may leave after the hymn.]

Scripture Reading: Acts 5:27-42 (p. 1082)

Sermon: *Serious Mission, Joyful Hearts*

Prayer

* Hymn: PH 543 "Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer" CWM RHONDDA

THE RESPONSE OF FAITH

* Offertory Prayer

Offering: Fairlawn General Fund

Offertory: "What Wondrous Love" Johnson

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

* Benediction: based on I Corinthians 16:13;
I Thessalonians 5:13-22; I Peter 2:17

Go out into the world in peace:

have courage; hold on to what is good;

return no one evil for evil;

help the suffering; honor all;

love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

With God's help we will.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you forever. **Amen.**

* Doxology: PH 521, v. 5 "God of the Prophets" TOULON

Make us apostles, heralds of your cross;

forth may we go to tell all realms your grace:

by you inspired, may we count all but loss,

and stand at last with joy before your face.

* Postlude: "Trumpet Tune in C" Jordan