

# MORNING WORSHIP

May 7, 2017

10:15 A.M.

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## PREPARATION AND PRAISE

Prelude

### ENTER HIS GATES WITH THANKSGIVING

Silent Prayer and Preparation

\* Call to Worship: Psalm 100

Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.

**Worship the LORD with gladness; Come before him with joyful songs.**

Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us and we are his;

**we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.**

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.

**For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.**

\* Hymn: PH 504, vv. 1, 2 “Holy God, We Praise Your Name” GROSSER GOTT

\* 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:

**Eternal God, You have called us to be members of one body. Join us with those who in all times and places have praised Your name, that, with one heart and mind, we may show the unity of Your church, and bring honor to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, Amen.**

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## CONFESSION AND PRAYER

Call to Confession: Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 2, Q. & A. 4

Q. What does God's law require of us?

A. **Christ teaches us this in summary in Matthew 22—Love, the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself. All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.**

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.

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.**

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.

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.**

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.

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us your peace.  
Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon:

John 14: 6–7

God's Will for Our Lives: Responsive Reading of the Law from the Epistles PH 1014

Response: PH 544, v. 1

"Lead Me, Guide Me

LEAD ME

*Refrain:* Lead me, guide me, along the way, for if you lead me, I cannot stray.  
Lord, let me walk each day with you, lead me my whole life through.

I am weak and I need your strength and power  
to endure with grace my weakest hour.  
Help through the darkness your face to see.  
Lead me, O Lord, lead me. *Refrain*

Congregational Prayer

## THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

\* Hymn: PH 422

"Eternal Spirit, God of Truth"

FOREST GREEN

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

\* Prayer

Scripture Reading:

I Peter 2:1–10 (p. 1201)

Sermon: *On Being the Church*

Theme: What in this World Are We Anyway?

Prayer:

**Give us, O Lord, a hunger to pray:**

**Teach us, Lord Jesus, how to pray;**

**Give us, Holy Spirit, the will to pray;**

**Fill us, O God, with a desire to pray.**

**Help us, Dear Father, always to pray:**

**Feed us, O God, on Your holy Word;**

**Enable us, O God, to resist the devil;**

**Prepare us, O God, to enjoy Your feast,**

**Then make us, Triune God, all You want us to be—**

**The *Imago Dei!* In Christ we pray, amen!**

\* Hymn: PH 505, vv. 1, 2, 4, 5, 7

"For All the Saints"

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## THE RESPONSE OF FAITH

\* Offertory Prayer

Offering: Fairlawn General Fund

Offertory

\* Doxology: PH 638 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

OLD HUNDREDETH

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.