Fairlawn Christian Reformed Church

ASCENSION SUNDAY

May 21, 2017 10:15 A.M.

PREPARATION AND PRAISE

Upon entering the sanctuary please maintain silence and turn off all electronic devices for the sake of the congregation's preparation for worship.

Prelude: "Look, Ye Saints! The Sight Is Glorious" Page

ENTER HIS GATES WITH THANKSGIVING

Silent Prayer and Preparation

* Call to Worship: Psalm 68:32-35

Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth, sing praise to the Lord, to him who rides the ancient skies above, who thunders with mighty voice.

Proclaim the power of God, whose majesty is over Israel, whose power is in the skies.

You are awesome, O God, in your sanctuary;

the God of Israel gives power and strength to this people. Praise be to God!

* Hymn: PH 408 "Rejoice, the Lord Is King" DARWALL'S 148TH

* 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:

All-powerful God, your only Son came to earth in the form of a slave and is now enthroned at your right hand, where he rules in glory. As he reigns as King in our hearts, may we rejoice in his peace, glory in his justice, and live in his love. For with you and the Holy Spirit he rules now and forever. Amen.

* Response: PH 410 "Crown Him with Many Crowns" DIADEMATA

CONFESSION AND PRAYER

Call to Confession**:** Psalm 24:3–6

Prayer of Confession: Insert "Give Us Clean Hands" GIVE US CLEAN HANDS

Assurance of Pardon: Hebrews 4:14–16

God's Will for Our Lives: Colossians 3:1–4, 12–17

Response: "He Is Exalted"

He is exalted, the King is exalted on high; I will praise him,
He is exalted, forever exalted, and I will praise his name.
He is the Lord, forever his truth shall reign.
Heaven and earth rejoice in his holy name,
He is exalted, the King is exalted on high.

Twila Paris, 1985, Straightway Music, CCLI 1099351

Congregational Prayer

The Service Of The Word

* Hymn: PH 414 "See, the Conqueror Mounts in Triumph" Rex Gloriae

Heidelberg Catechism: Q. & A. 49–51 PH 880

Scripture Reading: Acts 1:6–11 (p. 1077)

Sermon: *In the Same Way*

Prayer

* Hymn: PH 612, vv. 1, 4 "Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending" Westminster Abbey

The Response of Faith

* Offertory Prayer

Offering: Fairlawn General Fund

Offertory: "Crown Him with Many Crowns" Lasky

* Confession of Faith: Apostles' Creed (Psalter Hymnal, inside front cover)

Blessing and Dismissal

* Benediction: Numbers 6:24–26

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace. **Amen.**

* Doxology: PH 412, vv. 1, 5 "Jesus Shall Reign" Duke Street

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun does its successive journeys run,
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.

Let every creature rise and bring the highest honors to our King,
angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud amen.

* Postlude: "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" Hobson