

Fairlawn Christian Reformed Church

# MORNING WORSHIP

May 28, 2017

9:30 A.M.

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## PREPARATION AND PRAISE

Prelude: "We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise"

Dearman/arr. Hayes

## ENTER HIS GATES WITH THANKSGIVING

Silent Prayer and Preparation

\* Call to Worship:

Psalm 8

O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

**You have set your glory above the heavens.**

From the lips of children and infants you have ordained praise because of your enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger.

**When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is man that you are mindful of him, the son of man that you care for him?**

You made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor.

**You made him ruler over the works of your hands; you put everything under his feet:**

all flocks and herds, and the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, all that swim the paths of the seas.

**O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!**

\* Hymn: PH 8

"LORD, Our Lord, Your Glorious Name"

EVENING PRAISE

\* 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:

**God of light and truth, you are beyond our grasp or conceiving. Before the brightness of your presence the angels veil their faces. With lowly reverence and adoring love we acclaim your glory and sing your praise, for you have shown us your truth and love in Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

## CONFESSION AND PRAYER

Call to Confession:

James 4:7–10

Prayer of Confession:

**Here we stand, Lord, convicted by your word. We are caught between our selfish sins and your holy law. We want to live new lives but we have not put to death our old ones. By the grace of Jesus' death and the power of Jesus' resurrection, cleanse and heal and restore us.**

Silent Prayer and Confession

Minister: Lord, in your mercy,

All: **Hear our prayer. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon:

based on I Peter 3:18a, 21–22

God's Will for Our Lives:

I Peter 4:1-2, 7–11

Choral Anthem: "Speak, O Lord"

Ferguson

Congregational Prayer

## THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

\* Hymn: PH 593, vv. 1-4

"My Song Forever Shall Record"

WINCHESTER NEW

\* Prayer

Scripture Reading:

I Peter 3:13–18 (p. 1202)

Sermon: Semper Paratus

Theme: Faith Proven in the Crucible of Life

Prayer:

**Christ, having redeemed us by his blood, is also restoring us  
by his Spirit into his image,  
So that with our whole lives  
we may show that we are thankful to God  
for his benefits,  
so that he may be praised through us,  
so that we may be assured of our faith by its fruits,  
and so that by our godly living  
our neighbors may be won over to Christ.**

Heidelberg Catechism, Q & A 86

\* Hymn: Insert

"I Will Sing of My Redeemer"

MY REDEEMER

## THE RESPONSE OF FAITH

\* Offertory Prayer

Offering: Fairlawn General Fund

Offertory: "How Great Thou Art"

arr. Bock

## BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

\* Benediction:

Philippians 4:7

The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

\* Doxology: PH 593, vv. 1-4

"My Song Forever Shall Record"

WINCHESTER NEW

All glory unto God we yield, who is our constant help and shield;  
all praise and honor we will bring to you, the Holy One, our King.

\* Postlude