

Fairlawn Christian Reformed Church

# MORNING WORSHIP

June 18, 2017      9:30 A.M.

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## PREPARATION AND PRAISE

Prelude: "Simple Gifts"

Shaker Hymn Tune

### ENTER HIS GATES WITH THANKSGIVING

Silent Prayer and Preparation

\* Call to Worship:

Psalm 103:8–18

The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

**He will not always accuse, nor will he keep his anger forever.**

He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.

**For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us.**

As a father has compassion for his children, so the LORD has compassion for those who fear him.

**For he knows how we were made; he remembers that we are dust.**

As for mortals, their days are like grass; they flourish like a flower of the field; for the wind passes over it, and it is gone, and its place knows it no more.

**But the steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him, and his righteousness to children's children, to those who keep his covenant and remember to do his commandments.**

\* Hymn: PH 297

"O Come, My Soul, Sing Praise to God"

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:

**Almighty and most merciful God, from you comes every good and perfect gift. We give you praise and thanks for all your mercies. Your goodness has created us, your bounty has sustained us, your discipline has chastened us, your patience has borne with us, your love has redeemed us. Give us a heart to love and serve you, and enable us to show our thankfulness for all your goodness and mercy by giving up ourselves to your service and cheerfully submitting in all things to your blessed will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

\* Response: PH 178, vv. 1, 5      “What Shall I Render to the LORD”      ROCKINGHAM

## CONFESSION AND PRAYER

Call to Confession:      Psalm 130:1–4

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:      Psalm 130:5–8

God’s Will for Our Lives:      Matthew 18:21–35

Response: PH 266      “Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive”      DUNFERMLINE

Congregational Prayer

## THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

\* Hymn: PH 568      “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”      HYFRYDOL

\* Prayer

Scripture Reading:      I Peter 4:7-11

Sermon: *Above All, Love Deeply: Covering a Host of Sins*

Theme: Loving One Another to the Glory of God in Jesus Christ

Prayer:

**Great God, make your church a magnificent witness to the nations, a wise and understanding people. Mark us with generous faith—a community that follows your commands and avoids evil, a people who single-mindedly love you and their neighbors. May your church be the cause of joy in the world. In Christ’s name, amen.**

\* Hymn: PH 223      “For the Glories of God’s Grace”      MONKLAND

## THE RESPONSE OF FAITH

\* Offertory Prayer

Offering: Fairlawn General Fund

Offertory: “Amazing Grace”

arr. M. Isaac

## 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:

I Thessalonians 5:23–24

May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do it. **Amen.**

\* Doxology: PH 462, v. 5

“Amazing Grace—How Sweet the Sound”

NEW BRITAIN

When we've been there ten thousand years,

bright shining as the sun,

we've no less days to sing God's praise

than when we'd first begun.

Postlude