

Fairlawn Christian Reformed Church

MORNING WORSHIP

July 2, 2017 9:30 A.M.

PREPARATION AND PRAISE

Prelude

ENTER HIS GATES WITH THANKSGIVING

Silent Prayer and Preparation

* Call to Worship:

God, our Creator, from nothing you made our world.

You formed us, love us, and give us all that we need.

God, our Redeemer, you rescued us from sin.

You have given us new life and hope of healing to the world.

God, our Comforter, you are with us always.

You comfort us, renew us, and guide us into your truth.

Almighty God, for your gracious love for us, we praise you.

Amen.

* Hymn: PH 599

“God of All Ages, Whose Almighty Hand”

NATIONAL HYMN

* 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:

O Lord of providence, holding the destiny of nations in your hand, we pray for our country. Inspire the hearts and minds of our leaders that they, together with our entire nation, may first seek your kingdom and righteousness so that order, liberty, and peace may dwell with your people. For Christ's sake, amen.

* Response: PH 242

“Come, All You People, Praise Our God”

ADOWA

CONFESSION AND PRAYER

Call to Confession:

Isaiah 30:15, 18

Prayer of Confession:

**Eternal God,
we confess that often we have failed to be an obedient church:
we have not done your will;
we have broken your law;
we have rebelled against your love;
we have not loved our neighbors;
we have not heard the cry of the needy.
Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience.
Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon:

John 3:16–17

God's Will for Our Lives:

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.

Response: PH 268

"Lord, I Pray"

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Congregational Prayer

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

* Hymn: Bulletin p. 6, vv. 1-4

"Be Thou My Vision"

SLANE

* Prayer

Scripture Reading:

John 8:31–47(p. 1060)

Sermon: *Semper Fidelis*

Theme: How We Can Be Truly Free

Prayer:

**Guide us, O God, by your Word and Spirit,
that in your light we may see light,
in your truth find freedom,
and in your will discover your peace,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

* Hymn: PH 309

"Lift Up Your Hearts unto the Lord"

SING ALLELUIA

THE RESPONSE OF FAITH

* Offertory Prayer

Offering: Fairlawn General Fund

Offertory

* Doxology: PH 638

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

OLD HUNDREDTH

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.