

MORNING WORSHIP

July 23, 2017 9:30 A.M.

PREPARATION AND PRAISE

Prelude: "Trumpet Tune in C"
"Immortal, Invisible"

Jordan
Jordan

Welcome and Announcements

ENTER HIS GATES WITH THANKSGIVING

Silent Prayer and Preparation

* Call to Worship: Isaiah 62:10–12

Pass through, pass through the gates! Prepare the way for the people.

Build up, build up the highway! Remove the stones.

Raise a banner for the nations.

The LORD has made proclamation to the ends of the earth:

"Say to Daughter Zion, 'See, your Savior comes! See, his reward is with him, and his recompense accompanies him.'"

They will be called the Holy People, the Redeemed of the LORD; and you will be called Sought After, the City No Longer Deserted.

* Hymn: PH 621, vv. 1–4 "The God of Abraham Praise" LEONI

* Prayer of the Day:

God of all faithfulness, you have opened the gate of mercy for your people and are always ready to welcome those who turn to you. Look on us in your compassion, that we may gladly respond to your love and faithfully walk in your way through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

* Response: PH 183, vv. 1, 3 "With Grateful Heart My Thanks I Bring" SOLID ROCK

CONFESSION AND PRAYER

Responsive Call to Confession: Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 2 PH 862

Prayer of Confession:

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon: Matthew 11:28–29

God's Will for Our Lives Deuteronomy 5:1–21, *adapted*

Response: PH 161

The Lord's My Shepherd"

BROTHER JAMES' AIR

Conference Report: Inspire 2017

Congregational Prayer

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

* Hymn: PH 495 "I Know Not Why God's Wondrous Grace" El Nathan

* Prayer

* Scripture Reading: Genesis 32:22–32 (p. 33)
Matthew 16:13–20 (p. 972)

Sermon: *Wrestling with God*

Theme: Faith Crisis at the River Jabbok

Prayer:

God of blessing, what a mess I create when I wrestle the future out of your hand and take it upon myself. I pray for patient trust for today and good confidence for tomorrow, knowing that nothing can separate me from your love, because my curse fell on Jesus so your blessing can come to me. Amen.

* Hymn: PH 489 "When Peace like a River" VILLE DU HAVRE

OUR RESPONSE OF GRATITUDE

* Offertory Prayer

Offering: Fairlawn General Fund

Offertory: "Dearest Jesus, at Your Word" Burkhardt

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: II Corinthians 13:14

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **Amen.**

* Doxology: PH 621, v. 5 "The God of Abraham Praise" LEONI

Triumphant hosts on high give thanks to God and sing,

and "Holy, holy, holy" cry, "Almighty King!"

Hail, Abraham's God and ours! One mighty hymn we raise.

All power and majesty be yours and endless praise!

* Postlude: "Praise to the Lord" Drischner