

Fairlawn Christian Reformed Church

# MORNING WORSHIP

September 10, 2017

9:30 A.M.

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## PREPARATION AND PRAISE

Prelude: "Prelude in F Major"  
"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

J. S. Bach  
Manz

Welcome and Announcements

## ENTER HIS GATES WITH THANKSGIVING

Silent Prayer and Preparation

\* Call to Worship: based on Psalm 27; John 4:23

Let us worship our God, our light and our salvation.

**The Lord is the stronghold of our lives.**

We desire to live in God's house and to seek God in his holy temple.

**We have come with shouts of joy, to sing and to make music to the Lord.**

Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

**Teach us your ways and make straight our paths in this hour of worship and always.**

\* Hymn: PH 187 "O Praise the LORD, for It Is Good" MINERVA

\* 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 gracious and holy God, give us diligence to seek you, wisdom to perceive you, and patience to wait for you. Grant us, O God, a mind to meditate on you, eyes to behold you, ears to listen for your Word, a heart to love you, and a life to proclaim you, through the power of the Spirit of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

\* Response: PH 633 "He Is Lord" HE IS LORD

He is Lord, he is Lord,

he is risen from the dead and he is Lord!

Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess

that Jesus Christ is Lord.

## CONFESSION AND PRAYER

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

based on Daniel 9:4–19

**O Lord, great God, all holy, Father most gracious, filled with mercy and steadfast love, we are embarrassed to come before you, for we have preferred the ways of this world to your ways, for we have rebelled against your wisdom and we have gotten into trouble, for we have rejected your fatherly guidance and have gotten lost altogether. To you belongs righteousness, O Lord, and to us confusion of face. O Lord, great God, all holy, filled with awe, Father, most gracious, filled with mercy and steadfast love, incline your ear to our troubles. Hear us when we pour out our sorrows before you. Forgive us, not on the ground of our own righteousness, but on the ground of your great mercy. On the ground of your great mercy in the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ. It is in his name that we pray, for he is our Savior and the mediator of the covenant of grace. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon:

Ephesians 3:8-9

In Christ we have the forgiveness of sins and the riches of God's grace. This grace was given to us: to preach to the nations the unsearchable riches of Christ, and to make plain to everyone the administration of this mystery, which for ages past was kept hidden in God, who created all things.

**Thanks be to God.**

God's Will for Our Lives

Exodus 20:1–17

Response: PH 146, vv. 1, 2, 4

"Praise the Lord! Sing Hallelujah!"

RIPLEY

Mission Report: Steve Frieswick

Congregational Prayer

## THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

\* Hymn: Insert

"Be Thou My Vision"

SLANE

Scripture Reading:

I Kings 3:1–15 (p. 328)

Sermon: *Seeking God's Wisdom Together*

Prayer

\* Hymn: PH 452

"He Leadeth Me"

AUGHTON

## OUR RESPONSE OF GRATITUDE

\* Offertory Prayer

Offering: Fairlawn General Fund

Offertory: "May the Mind of Christ"

arr. Schrader

\* Confession of Faith: The Apostles' Creed (inside front cover of the Psalter Hymnal)

## BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

\* Benediction:

Romans 11:33-36

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgements and how inscrutable his ways!  
“For who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been his counselor?”  
“Or who has given a gift to him, to receive a gift in return?”

**For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be the glory forever. Amen.**

\* Doxology: PH 627

“Bless His Holy Name”

BLESS THE LORD

\* Postlude: “Intonation on Old 100th”

Bender