

# MORNING WORSHIP

November 19, 2017

10:15 A.M.

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## PREPARATION AND PRAISE

Prelude: "Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

Madrid/arr. Metzger

Welcome and Announcements

## ENTER HIS GATES WITH THANKSGIVING

- \* Call to Worship: Psalm 100  
Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.  
**Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.**  
Know that the LORD is God.  
**It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.**  
Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.  
**For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.**
- \* Hymn: "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" PH 486
- \* 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:  
**Lord our God, love began with you and has filled our cup to overflowing. In the abundance of your countless gifts give us your grace to fill others' lives with love, that we may more nearly reflect the magnitude of all you have given us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Lord. Amen.**
- \* Response: "Praise and Thanksgiving" PH 631, vv. 1, 2  
Praise and thanksgiving let everyone bring  
unto our Father for every good thing.  
All together, joyfully sing!  
  
All people, join us and sing out God's praise.  
For all his blessings your happy songs raise.  
All together, joyfully sing!

## CONFESSION AND PRAYER

Call to Confession:

I Thessalonians 4:16–18

Prayer of Confession:

Loving God, we gather today, rich in blessing, somehow believing that we merit the wealth and comforts we enjoy.

**Forgive us, our God, for comfortably closing our eyes to the faces of the poor that stare blankly in our direction.**

With bellies full of grain and meat, we offer token gestures to the hungry in our world and we feel we have done enough.

**Forgive us, God, for keeping a distance between “us” and “them,” for closing our ears to the cries of the hungry.**

With hands tightly clasping our treasures on earth, we cannot reach out to our oppressed brothers and sisters around this world.

**Forgive us for clinging to our own possessions rather than to you. Unite us with hearts of thanksgiving, that we may work to ensure freedom and justice for all. Lord, have mercy on us. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon:

Ezekiel 36:25–26

God’s Will for Our Lives

Choral Anthem: “Sing to the Lord of Harvest”

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Congregational Prayer

## THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

\* Hymn: “Ten Thousand Reasons”

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Prayer for Illumination

[Children age 3 - grade Pre-K may leave for Children’s Church after the prayer.]

Scripture Reading:

Matthew 25:14–30 (p. 983)

Sermon: *Kingdom Investment*

Prayer

\* Hymn: “Here I Am, Lord”

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## OUR RESPONSE OF GRATITUDE

Mission Report: Christi Byerly

\* Offertory Prayer

Offering: Fairlawn General Fund

Offertory: “Petite Pastorale”

Carey

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

## BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

\* Benediction:

Numbers 6:24–26

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace.

**Amen.**

\* Doxology: “Now Thank We All Our God”

PH 454, v. 3

All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,  
The Son and Spirit blest, who reign in highest heaven—  
The one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore;  
For thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

\* Postlude: “Trumpet Tune”

Clarke