

Fairlawn Christian Reformed Church

MORNING WORSHIP

April 8, 2018

10:15 A.M.

PREPARATION AND PRAISE

Prelude: "Amazing Grace"
"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

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Bliss

Welcome and Announcements

ENTER HIS GATES WITH THANKSGIVING

Call to Worship:

I Timothy 6:15–16

* Hymn: "Lift High the Cross"

PH 373, vv. 1, 5, 6, 7

* God's Greeting:

Our help is in the name of the Lord,

who has created us and saved us in Jesus Christ our hope.

The Lord is risen!

He is risen indeed!

Grace and peace from him who was and is and is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before the throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

Amen.

* Prayer of the Day:

**All glory be to you, Triune God,
To the Almighty Father, our Creator,
To the Risen Son, our Savior
To the Ever-present Spirit, our Guide
As we worship you, may your glory fill our lives,
Amen.**

* Response: "I Come with Joy to Meet My Lord"

PH 311, vv. 1, 2

I come with joy to meet my Lord,
forgiven, loved, and free;
In awe and wonder to recall
his life laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near
to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love
in Christ's communion bread.

CONFESSION AND PRAYER

Call to Confession: Colossians 3:5–10

Prayer of Confession:

Lord, you bid us to come and die with you. Let all that is sinful in us be nailed to your cross and then buried, never to rise again. But may we join you in newness of life already now living by your Holy Spirit. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

Romans 5:6–8

Response: “Praise the Savior Now and Ever”

PH 400

God’s Will for Our Lives:

Ephesians 5:1–2, 8–10

Congregational Prayer

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

* Hymn: “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

PH 384

Prayer for Illumination

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

Scripture Reading: I Corinthians 15:1–11

Sermon: *As of First Importance*

Prayer

* Hymn: “This Joyful Eastertide”

PH 403

OUR RESPONSE OF GRATITUDE

* Offertory Prayer

Offering: Fairlawn General Fund

Offertory: “Fairest Lord Jesus”

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* Doxology: “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

PH 638

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.