

Fairlawn Christian Reformed Church

# MORNING WORSHIP

February 24, 2019 10:15 A.M.

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## PREPARATION AND PRAISE

Prelude: "Be Thou My Vision"

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Welcome and Announcements

## ENTER HIS GATES WITH THANKSGIVING

\* Call to Worship: based on Psalm 91:2; Romans 10:9, 13

\* Hymn: "Here I Am to Worship"

Light of the world, you stepped down into darkness,  
opened my eyes, let me see.  
Beauty that made this heart adore you,  
hope of a life spent with you.

*Refrain:* Here I am to worship; here I am to bow down;  
here I am to say that you're my God.  
You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy,  
altogether wonderful to me.

King of all days, oh so highly exalted,  
glorious in heaven above.  
Humbly you came to the earth you created,  
all for love's sake became poor. (*Refrain*)

I'll never know how much it cost to see my sin upon that cross.  
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\* 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:

**Holy God, mighty and immortal, you are beyond our knowing, yet we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ, whose compassion illumines the world. Transform us into the likeness of the love of Christ, who renewed our humanity through his life, death, and resurrection. May we, as we survey his sacrifice for us, be moved to a deeper love for you and for others. Amen.**

\* Response: "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

PH 384:1, 3, 4

## CONFESSION AND PRAYER

Call to Confession:

based on I John 4:10

Prayer of Confession

God's Will for Our Lives:

Romans 13:8–14

Response: "In Sweet Communion, Lord, with You"

PH 554

Assurance of Pardon:

I John 3:1–3

Congregational Prayer

## THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

\* Hymn: "What Wondrous Love Is This"

PH 379

Prayer for Illumination

[Children age 3 – grade K may leave for Children's Church after the prayer.]

Scripture Reading:

Matthew 22:22–33 (p. 980)

Sermon: *More than Marriage*

Prayer

\* Hymn: "I Sought the Lord, and Afterward I Knew"

PH 498

## OUR RESPONSE OF GRATITUDE

\* Offertory Prayer

Offering: Fairlawn General Fund

Offertory: "Peace with God"

Parker

\* Confession of Faith: *Our World Belongs to God: A Contemporary Testimony* § 46, 56

**We are the family of God, serving Christ together in Christian community.**

Single for a time or a life, devoted to the work of God,

**we offer our love and service to the building of the kingdom.**

Married, in relationships of lifelong loyalty,

**we offer our lives to the same work: building the kingdom, teaching and modeling the ways of the Lord so our children may know Jesus as Lord and learn to use their gifts in lives of joyful service.**

In friendship and family life, singleness and marriage, as parents and children,

**we reflect the covenant love of God. We lament the prevalence of divorce and of selfish individualism in our societies. We belong to God.**

We long for that day when our bodies are raised, the Lord wipes away our tears, and we dwell forever in the presence of God.

**We will take our place in the new creation, where there will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, and the Lord will be our light. Come, Lord Jesus, come.**

## **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.

**Alleluia! Amen.**

\* Doxology: “Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service”

PH 603, vv. 1, 4

\* Postlude: “Rejoice in the Lord”

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