

Fairlawn Christian Reformed Church  
**FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT**

March 14, 2010      10:15 A.M.

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**PREPARATION AND PRAISE**

*Upon entering the sanctuary please maintain silence and turn off all electronic devices for the sake of the congregation's preparation for worship.*

Prelude: "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

Brunner

Welcome and Announcements

**ENTER HIS GATES WITH THANKSGIVING**

Silent Prayer and Preparation

\* Call to Worship: Hebrews 12

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin which so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the champion and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

**Since we are receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe, for our "God is a consuming fire."**

\* Hymn: PH 478                                      "Tell Out, My Soul"                                      WOODLANDS

\* 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 God of love and mercy, we give you thanks for all that you have given us richly to enjoy; for health and strength, for family and the delights of home, for the joys of friendship, and for all gifts which you have abundantly provided for us. We praise you for your church and for every vision of yourself that deepens our devotion and loyalty to your name. We pray that we may use all of these benefits in the service of your kingdom and for the glory of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.**

\* Response: PH 428, stanza 5 "O Worship the King" LYONS

O measureless Might, unchangeable Love,  
whom angels delight to worship above!  
Your ransomed creation, with glory ablaze,  
in true adoration shall sing to your praise!

### CONFESSION AND PRAYER

Reading from the Psalms:

Psalm 25 (p. 545)

Prayer of Confession:

**O great and everlasting God, who searches and knows the thoughts and intentions of our hearts, we confess that we have not loved you with all of our heart, soul, mind and strength. And we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have loved what we ought not to have loved, and we have coveted what is not ours. We have not been content with your providence over our lives or with the provisions you have made for us. We have complained in our hearts about our families, our friends, our health, our vocations, our trials, and about your church. We have sought security in those things which perish, rather than in you, the everlasting God. Cleanse and forgive us, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives to make intercession for us according to your will.**

Silent Prayer and Confession

Minister: Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

Psalm 71

Response: "Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart"

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One;  
Give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, His Son. (*Repeat*)

And now let the weak say, "We are strong!"

Let the poor say, "We are rich because of what the Lord has done for us."

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One;

Give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, His Son.

Give thanks. Give thanks.

Henry Smith, 1978, Integrity's Hosanna! Music, CCLI 1099351

[Children age 3 - grade Pre-K may leave during the Response.]

Congregational Prayer

### THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

\* Hymn: PH 474 "In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

RATHBUN

Scripture Reading:

Hebrews 12:18-24

Sermon: *The Centrality of the Church*

Prayer

\* Hymn: PH 502 "The Church's One Foundation"

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### THE OFFERING OF TRIBUTE

\* Offertory Prayer

Offering: Fairlawn General Fund

Offertory: "Wondrous Love"

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## BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

\* Blessing:

Now may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God our Father, and the abiding fellowship and peace of the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you now and forever. **Amen.**

\* Response: PH 620

“By the Sea of Crystal”

CRYSTAL

Unto God Almighty, sitting on the throne,  
and the Lamb, victorious, be the praise alone.  
God has wrought salvation; he did wondrous things.  
Who shall not extol thee, holy King of kings!

Postlude: “Alleluia, Alleluia”

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