

Fairlawn Christian Reformed Church

PENTECOST SUNDAY

May 23, 2010 10:15 A.M.

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: "Creator Spirit, by Whose Aid" Barr
"Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart" Jordan

Welcome and Announcements

ENTER HIS GATES WITH THANKSGIVING

Silent Prayer and Preparation

- * Call to Worship: Isaiah 44
Now listen, O Jacob, my servant, Israel, whom I have chosen. This is what the LORD says—he who made you, who formed you in the womb, and who will help you: Do not be afraid, O Jacob, my servant.

For I will pour water on the thirsty land, and streams on the dry ground; I will pour out my Spirit on your offspring, and my blessing on your descendants.

- * Hymn: PH 425 "Creator Spirit, by Whose Aid" MELITA

- * 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:
Almighty God our Father, to you we offer our praise and thanksgiving for sending the promised Spirit to renew our hearts, to consecrate your church, to proclaim the gospel to all nations, and to restore creation to its appointed end. Fill us with the Spirit of Pentecost that your way may be known upon the earth, and your saving health among all peoples, through Jesus Christ our exalted King, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

- * Response: PH 501, stanza 1 “Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing” AZMON
Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing
my great Redeemer’s praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of his grace!

CONFESSION AND PRAYER

Reading from the Psalms: Psalm 35

Prayer of Confession:

You, O Lord, have promised that if we confess our sins, you are faithful and righteous, and will forgive us all our sins. Humbly we come, seeking your forgiveness that we may know the joy of your presence and the light of your face shining upon us. You alone know our hearts, how often we have failed to love you with our heart, soul, mind and strength, and how often we have failed to love our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us for every unkind thought, every false word, and every wrong act. Forgive us for failing to give you thanks, for our neglect of prayer, and our willful ignorance of your word. Heavenly Father, have mercy on us. Remove from us all that dims the brightness of your glory and give to us a passion to know you in all of your fullness, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Silent Prayer and Confession

Minister: Amen.

Assurance of Pardon: Psalm 145

Choir Anthem: “Many Gifts, One Spirit” Pote

Ministry Report: Jason Maas

Congregational Prayer

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

- * Hymn: PH 419 “Spirit of God, Who Dwells within My Heart” MORECAMBE
[Children age 3 - grade Pre-K may leave during the hymn.]

Scripture Reading: I Thessalonians 4:1-12

Sermon: *Why Is the Holy Spirit Called “Holy”?*

Prayer

- * Hymn: PH 486 “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” NETTLETON

THE OFFERING OF TRIBUTE

- * Offertory Prayer

Offering: Fairlawn General Fund

Offertory: “Holy Spirit, Truth Divine” (PH 423) Willan

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.**

* Doxology: PH 501, stanza 7 "Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" AZMON

To God all glory, praise, and love
be now and ever given
by saints below and saints above,
the church in earth and heaven.

Postlude: "Toccata in E Minor"

Pachelbel
