

Fairlawn Christian Reformed Church

# MORNING WORSHIP

June 20, 2010 9:30 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: "I Come with Joy to Meet My Lord"  
"Fantasia on 'Forest Green'"

Held  
Smith

Welcome and Announcements

## ENTER HIS GATES WITH THANKSGIVING

Silent Prayer and Preparation

\* Call to Worship:

Psalm 96

Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth. Sing to the LORD, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day.

**Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples. Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and glory are in his sanctuary.**

\* Hymn: PH 253

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

LOBE DEN HERREN

\* 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 our Father, grant that by the guidance of the Holy Spirit we may be able to discern your will for our lives, and by the grace of the same Spirit, may we also be enabled to do it with joy and with complete devotion, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

\* Response: "God, We Sing Your Glorious Praises"

NETTLETON

God, we sing your glorious praises as we tell your awesome deeds;  
you have fashioned all creation, and you meet each creature's needs.  
We rejoice in how your people tasted your great faithfulness;  
graced through every generation, we your mighty acts profess.

Commissioning Litany for Youth Ministry with SERVE

\* Response: "Here I Am, Lord"

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin, my hand will save.  
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

*Refrain:* Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my Word to them. Whom shall I send? (*Refrain*)

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them; my hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide 'til their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? (*Refrain*)

Dan Schutte, 1981, New Dawn Music, CCLI 503812

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

## CONFESSION AND PRAYER

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

**Most gracious Father, who keeps covenant with those who love and obey you, we come seeking your forgiveness and mercy for our offenses against your holy majesty. We have sinned before you and before the angels, and our sins are as numerous as the sands upon the seashore. Do not turn away from us nor hide your face from us, but look upon us with compassion and mercy and remove from us those punishments which our sins deserve. Forgive us for our transgressions and cleanse us from that which defiles our conscience and stains our souls. For the sake of your great name, have mercy upon us. Protect us with the shield of your truth so that the fiery arrows of Satan may not harm us, through Jesus Christ our Lord, we pray.**

Silent Prayer and Confession

Minister: Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

Isaiah 53

Congregational Prayer

## THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

Reading from the Psalms: Psalm 38

Reading from the Gospel: John 20:19-23

Sermon: *Renewing the Vision: The Missional Church*

Prayer

\* Hymn: PH 291 "May the Mind of Christ, My Savior" ST. LEONARDS

### THE OFFERING OF TRIBUTE

\* Offertory Prayer

Offering: Fairlawn General Fund

Offertory: "And Can It Be" arr. Ham

### 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: "God, We Sing Your Glorious Praises" NETTLETON

Fueled by power from your Spirit, we commit ourselves anew to be faithful to your gospel in the daily work we do. We will shout your glorious praises, telling all who have not heard; grace for every generation is embodied in your Word.

Postlude: "Holy, Holy, Holy" Smith

*\*Indicates congregation stands*

---

## Commissioning Litany for Youth Ministry with SERVE

Leader: Together we serve as witnesses and respond to God's call. We commit to know God and his purpose in our mission. We testify to God's kingdom present both now and in the future. In obedience to Christ, we offer ourselves to God to fulfill his will for our lives.

All: **May God transform our hearts into God's likeness.**

Leader: So what would it mean for our hearts to be like God's? As we reflect on God's passion, we are reminded in James 5:10-11 to "Take the old prophets as your mentors. They put up with anything, went through everything, and never once quit, all the time honoring God. What a gift life is to those who stay the course! You've heard, of course, of Job's staying power, and you know how God brought it all together for him at the end. That's because God cares, cares right down to the last detail." (*The Message*) Will you commit to exploring the depths of God's care for you and others?

Participants: Joining with God, we declare our intentions to learn more about caring as God cares. We desire eyes to see as God sees, ears open to God's voice, hearts saturated with God's love, and hands and feet to be agents of God's Kingdom today.

Leader: As a sign of your commitment, lay your hand on your heart while you respond to these next three questions. In both the community we go to serve and our home community, needs surround us. Who will care?

Participants: I will. God, open me to see the needs.

Leader: When you are physically and relationally exhausted from hard work, and it is time to serve others for a new day, who will care?

Participants: I will. God, sustain me to love and serve those around me.

Leader: When you are tempted to build up your own reputation, who will care to point the way to Jesus?

Participants: I will. God, humble me to join in your work and give you glory.

Leader: How can our hearts be like God's? Looking at the prophets, we are reminded time and time again of a deeply passionate heart for God and all people. Isaiah exhibits God's passion in his response to God's call. In Isaiah 6:8 he writes, "Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?'"

Participants: As Isaiah responded, so do we: "Here am I. Send me!"

Minister: Students and leaders, thank you for your commitment to pursue God's heart actively this week. Congregation, to encourage our mission participants, will you promise to faithfully pray for our students and leaders?

Congregation: **We commit to surround you in prayer as we send you as God's ambassadors into the world. We pledge to pray for your travel, relationships, service, health, and opportunities to draw near to Christ. As you go, we go with you. You are joined by our community as you seek and serve God.**

All: **May God bear fruit through our response to God's call.**

Leader: Please join us as we pray.

Participants: Compassionate God, we offer ourselves in the variety of roles you call us to as we serve you and others. Thank you for the opportunity to participate in this mission experience. Sustain us to keep our commitments. Teach us to care as you do. Cultivate our compassion and shape our hearts. Form us that we might passionately seek Christ and make us into people who seek righteousness all of our days. In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, we pray. Amen.