

Fairlawn Christian Reformed Church

MORNING WORSHIP

September 5, 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: "Panis Angelicus" Franck
"I Come, O Savior, to Your Table" Logan

Welcome and Announcements

ENTER HIS GATES WITH THANKSGIVING

Silent Prayer and Preparation

* Call to Worship: Psalm 34 (ESV)

I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad. Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together!

**I sought the Lord and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears.
Those who look to him are radiant, and their faces shall never be ashamed.
Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good! Blessed is the man who takes
refuge in him!**

* 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:

Gracious Father, whose Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world, evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us and we in him, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

* Response: "Come, Christians, Join to Sing" MADRID

Come, Christians, join to sing Alleluia! Amen!
loud praise to Christ our King; Alleluia! Amen!
let all, with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice;
praise is his gracious choice. Alleluia! Amen!

CONFESSION AND PRAYER

Responsive Reading of Psalm 49:

Hear this, all you peoples; listen, all who live in this world, both low and high, rich and poor alike: My mouth will speak words of wisdom; the utterance from my heart will give understanding. I will turn my ear to a proverb; with the harp I will expound my riddle:

Why should I fear when evil days come, when wicked deceivers surround me—those who trust in their wealth and boast of their great riches? No man can redeem the life of another or give to God a ransom for him—the ransom for a life is costly, no payment is ever enough—that he should live on forever and not see decay.

For all can see that wise men die; the foolish and the senseless alike perish and leave their wealth to others. Their tombs will remain their houses forever, their dwellings for endless generations, though they had named lands after themselves. But man, despite his riches, does not endure; he is like the beasts that perish.

This is the fate of those who trust in themselves, and of their followers, who approve their sayings. Like sheep they are destined for the grave, and death will feed on them. The upright will rule over them in the morning; their forms will decay in the grave, far from their princely mansions. But God will redeem my life from the grave; he will surely take me to himself.

Do not be overawed when a man grows rich, when the splendor of his house increases; for he will take nothing with him when he dies, his splendor will not descend with him. Though while he lived he counted himself blessed—and men praise you when you prosper—he will join the generation of his fathers, who will never see the light of life. A man who has riches without understanding is like the beasts that perish.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Prayer of Confession:

Most holy and merciful Father, we confess before you our sinful nature, which is prone to evil and slothful in good, and all our shortcomings and offenses. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your way, in wasting your gifts, and in forgetting your love. Have mercy upon us, O Lord, who are ashamed and sorry for that we have done to displease you. Teach us to despise our wrongdoings and cleanse us from all our secret faults. Have mercy upon us and forgive us for our sins and disobedience to your Word. Give us grace, Lord God our Father, to live in your light and walk in your ways, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Silent Prayer and Confession

Minister: Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

Psalm 34

Response: PH 309

"Lift Up Your Hearts unto the Lord"

SING ALLELUIA

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

Congregational Prayer

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

* Hymn: PH 1 "How Blest Are They Who, Fearing God" EPWORTH

Scripture Reading: I Peter 2:1-3

Sermon: *A Theology of Exile: I Peter*
Tasting the Goodness of the Lord – A Communion Meditation

Prayer

* Hymn: Bulletin p. 5 "At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing" ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

THE OFFERING OF TRIBUTE

* Offertory Prayer

Offering: Fairlawn General Fund

Offertory: "Christians, While on Earth Abiding" Logan

* Doxology: "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" LASST UNS ERFREUN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below; alleluia, alleluia!
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
O praise him, O praise him. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

THE LORD'S SUPPER

* *CONFESSION OF FAITH*: Heidelberg Catechism; Lord's Day 1, Q. & A. 1

People of God, what is your only comfort in life and in death?

That I am not my own, but belong, body and soul, in life and in death, to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way, that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life, and makes me whole-heartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Heavenly Father, show forth among us the presence of your life-giving Word and Holy Spirit, to sanctify us and your whole church through this sacrament. Grant that all who share the body and blood of our Savior Jesus Christ may be one in him, and remain faithful in love and hope. And as this grain has been gathered from many fields into one loaf, and these grapes from many hills into one cup, grant, O Lord, that your whole church may soon be gathered from the ends of the earth into your kingdom. Now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we pray:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

THE INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THE DEDICATORY PRAYER

We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your great and manifold mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord, whose nature it is to always have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your Son Jesus Christ and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him and he in us. Amen.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE BREAD AND WINE

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

The gifts of God for the people of God.

(Please hold each element until all have been served.
The outer ring holds wine; the inner rings, grape juice.)

THE THANKSGIVING

Congregation in Christ, since the Lord has fed us at his table, let us praise his holy name with thanksgiving.

Praise the LORD, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name. Praise the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits—who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion. Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise.

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 161, stanzas 4, 5 "The Lord's My Shepherd" BROTHER JANES' AIR

My table thou hast furnish-ed in presence of my foes;
my head thou dost with oil anoint, and my cup overflows;
my head thou dost with oil anoint, and my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life shall surely follow me,
and in God's house forevermore my dwelling place shall be;
and in God's house forevermore my dwelling pace shall be.

Postlude: "When in Our Music God Is Glorified"

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