

# MORNING WORSHIP

January 14, 2018

10:15 A.M.

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## PREPARATION AND PRAISE

Prelude: "How Bright Appears the Morning Star"  
"Meditation on 'Lead, Kindly Light'"

Schulz-Widmar  
Bradshaw

Welcome and Announcements

## ENTER HIS GATES WITH THANKSGIVING

\* Call to Worship: Psalm 46:1-7

\* Hymn: "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" PH 469

\* 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:

**Heavenly Father, there is none so good as you are. With you I can live without other things, for you are the all-sufficient God, and the glory, peace, rest, joy of the world is a creaturely, perishing thing in comparison with you. Help me to know that the one who hopes for nothing but you, and for all things only in you, hopes truly. I come in the name of Christ, in whom is given peace and contentment. AMEN.**

\* Response: "Great Is the Lord"

Great is the Lord, he is holy and just; by his power we trust in his love.

Great is the Lord, He is faithful and true; by his mercy he proves he is love.

Great is the Lord and worthy of glory!

Great is the Lord and worthy of praise.

Great is the Lord; now lift up your voice, now lift up your voice:

Great is the Lord! Great is the Lord! (*Repeat all*)

Great are you, Lord, and worthy of glory!

Great are you, Lord, and worthy of praise.

Great are you, Lord; I lift up my voice, I lift up my voice:

Great are you, Lord! Great are you, Lord!

## CONFESSION AND PRAYER

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Lord, you come to us, but we do not recognize you; you call, but we do not follow; you command, but we do not obey, you bless us, but we do not thank you.

**Please forgive and help us.**

Lord, you accept us, but we do not accept others; you forgive us, but we do not forgive those who wrong us; you love us, but we do not love our neighbors.

**Please forgive and help us.**

Lord, you showed us how to carry out your mission, but we still insist on our own; you identified yourself with outcasts, the needy, and the poor, but we do not bother to find out what is happening to them; you suffered and died for the sake of all, but we do not give up our comfortable lives.

**Please forgive and help us, though Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon:

Psalms 130:1-4, 7-8

Response: "How Blest Are They Whose Trespass"

PH 32, vv.1-3

God's Will for Our Lives:

Exodus 20:1-7

Congregational Prayer

## THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

\* Hymn: "Ancient Words"

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Prayer for Illumination

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

Scripture Reading:

Judges 7:1-8 (p. 240)

Sermon: *Do Hard Things: Simplify*

\* Hymn: "Lead On, O King Eternal"

PH 555

## OUR RESPONSE OF GRATITUDE

\* Offertory Prayer

Offering: Fairlawn General Fund

Offertory: "Our World Belongs to God"

Held

\* Confession of Faith: The Apostles' Creed (inside front cover of the Psalter Hymnal)

## 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 lift up the light of His countenance upon you and give you peace. **Amen.**
- \* Response: “To God Be the Glory” PH 632
- \* Postlude: “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” Lowe
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