

Fairlawn Christian Reformed Church
FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 11, 2018 10:15 A.M.

PREPARATION AND PRAISE

Prelude: "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"
"Lenten Song"

Flynn
Eliot

Welcome and Announcements

ENTER HIS GATES WITH THANKSGIVING

Silent Prayer and Preparation

* Call to Worship: adapted from Psalm 103:1–5; Psalm 61:3–4; Psalm 150:6

Bless the LORD, O my soul,

and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits—

who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the Pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good as long as you live so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

For you have been my refuge, O Lord, a strong tower against the foe.

I long to dwell in your tent forever and take refuge in the shelter of your wings.

Let everything that has breath praise the LORD.

Praise the LORD!

* Hymn: "God Himself Is with Us"

PH 244

* 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.

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;

His mercy endures forever.

O God, come to our assistance.

O Lord, hasten to help us.

* Prayer of the Day:

Gracious and holy God, give us diligence to seek you, wisdom to perceive you, and patience to wait for you. Grant us, O God, a mind to meditate on you, eyes to behold you, ears to listen for your Word, a heart to love you, and a life to proclaim you, through the power of the Spirit of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

* Response: "God Is so Good"

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CONFESSION AND PRAYER

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

adapted from Daniel 9:7–11, 16–19

Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 15:

PH 876

Assurance of Pardon:

Galatians 3:13, Ephesians 2:8–10

Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us. For by grace we have been saved through faith. And this is not our own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

God's Will for Our Lives:

Romans 13:8–14

Response: "And Can It Be"

PH 267

Congregational Prayer

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

* Hymn: "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

PH 493

Prayer for Illumination

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

Scripture Reading:

Esther 4 (p. 491)

Sermon: *For Such a Time as This*

Prayer

* Hymn: "Take My Life and Let It Be"

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OUR RESPONSE OF GRATITUDE

* Offertory Prayer

Offering: Fairlawn General Fund

Offertory: "Panis Angelicus" ("O Lord Most Holy")

Franck

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

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

* Benediction:

Hebrews 13:20–21

Now may the God of peace, who brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great Shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, make you complete in everything good so that you may do his will, working among us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever. **Amen.**

* Doxology: “Beautiful Savior”

PH 461, vv. 1, 4

* Postlude: “The Greatness of the Lord”

Miles