

Fairlawn Christian Reformed Church

MORNING WORSHIP

April 22, 2018 10:15 A.M.

PREPARATION AND PRAISE

Prelude: "Alleluia, He Is Coming"

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Welcome and Announcements

ENTER HIS GATES WITH THANKSGIVING

* Call to Worship:

Psalms 118:1, 5, 14, 17, 22–24

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;

his love endures forever.

In our anguish we cried to the LORD, and he answered by setting us free. Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;

his love endures forever.

The LORD is our strength and our song; he has become our salvation. Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;

his love endures forever.

We will not die but live, and will proclaim what the LORD has done. Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;

his love endures forever.

The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone;

The LORD has done this; and it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day the LORD has made;

let us rejoice and be glad in it.

* Hymn: "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

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* God's Greeting:

Our help is in the name of the Lord,

who has created us and saved us in Jesus Christ our hope.

The Lord is risen!

He is risen indeed!

Grace and peace from him who was and is and is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before the throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

Amen.

* Prayer of the Day:

Almighty and Eternal God, through the power of your goodness we have been saved from death and given new life. Look with mercy and favor on your entire church and bring lasting salvation to all humankind. Let the world see that in you, the broken are made whole and the fallen are lifted up. May our celebration of Christ's victory over sin and death show its effects in the way we live our lives. We ask these things in the name of our Redeemer and Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

* Response: "Before the Throne of God Above"

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CONFESSION AND PRAYER

Call to Confession

God's Will for Our Lives:

based on Heidelberg Catechism, Q & A's
94, 96, 99, 103–104, 107–110, 112–113

Prayer of Confession:

Lord God, we are not like the first witnesses of the Resurrection. We do not pursue you as the true center of our lives. We do not treat the good news with utmost importance. We do not share it with others. We do not trust the Resurrection to change our lives and see no urgency in the redemption you raise up. In fact, we can even let early mornings deter us from being willing servants of Jesus. Lord, we have become disconnected and we are not ready for your Glory. Forgive us Lord for the sins we know, and save from us from the sins we hide. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Anthem: "Come, People of the Risen King"

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(The congregation is asked to join the choir in repeating the first verse.)

Come, people of the risen King, who delight to bring Him praise.
Come all, and tune your hearts to sing to the Morning Star of grace.
From the shifting shadows of the earth we will lift our eyes to Him,
where steady arms of mercy reach to gather children in.

Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Let ev'ry tongue rejoice!
One heart, one voice, oh, Church of Christ rejoice!

Come, those whose joy is morning sun, and those weeping through the night.
Come, those who tell of battles won, and those struggling in the fight.
For His perfect love will never change, and His mercies never cease,
but follow us through all our days with the certain hope of peace. *Refrain*

Come, young and old from ev'ry land, men and women of the faith.
Come, those with full or empty hands; find the riches of His grace.
Over all the world His people sing; shore to shore we hear them call
the Truth that cries through ev'ry age: "Our God is all in all." *Refrain*

Assurance of Pardon:

Colossians 2:13–15

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:

Luke 24:13-35 (p. 1047)

Sermon: *Then They Understood*

Prayer

* Hymn: "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

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OUR RESPONSE OF GRATITUDE

* Offertory Prayer

Offering: Fairlawn General Fund

Offertory: "Resurrection Hymn"

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

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

* Benediction: based on Hebrews 13:20-21

Go forth in joy to love and serve God in all that you do.

We are sent in the name of the risen Christ.

Let us bless our Lord.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

May the God of peace, who raised to life the great shepherd of the sheep, make us ready to do his will in every good thing, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever.

Alleluia! Amen.

* Doxology: "Alleluia! He Is Coming"

I looked up and I saw my Lord a-comin',

I looked up and I saw my Lord a-comin' down the road.

Refrain: Alleluia! He is coming. Alleluia! He is here. (*Repeat*)

I looked up and I saw my Lord a-dyin',

I looked up and I saw my Lord a-dyin' on the cross. (*Refrain*)

I looked up and I saw my Lord a-risin',

I looked up and I saw my Lord a-risin' from the grave. (*Refrain*)

I looked up and I saw my Lord a-comin',

I looked up and I saw my Lord a-comin' on the clouds. (*Refrain*)

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* Postlude