

Fairlawn Christian Reformed Church

MORNING WORSHIP

April 29, 2018 10:15 A.M.

PREPARATION AND PRAISE

Prelude: "Air"

J. S. Bach

Welcome and Announcements

ENTER HIS GATES WITH THANKSGIVING

Call to Worship: adapted from Psalm 96:2–3, Romans 6:23, Isaiah 55:1

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.

By his death and resurrection, Jesus Christ, the living water, forgives us, frees us from sin and death, and opens the way to life everlasting.

We thank you, O God, that in his baptism Jesus took his place with sinners to free us from our sin.

Our God invites all who thirst, to come and drink deeply of the living water. Let us praise our gracious God for the gift of new life in Christ.

To God be the glory! He has done great things!

* Hymn: "To God Be the Glory"

PH 473

* 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:

Eternal God, at the baptism of Jesus in the river Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Grant that all who are baptized into his name may keep the covenant they have made and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

* Response: "I Will Sing of the Mercies of the LORD"

PH 169

CONFESSION AND PRAYER

Call to Confession: based on Heidelberg Catechism, Q & A 81

God's Will for Our Lives: based on Matthew 22:37–40

What is the great and first commandment?

Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.

What is the second commandment like it?

Love your neighbor as yourself.

What does this mean?

Love is the fulfilling of the law.

To what does this call us?

To a life of faith working through love.

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon: Ezekiel 36:25–28

Response: "Oh, How Good Is Christ the Lord" PH 401

Congregational Prayer

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

* Hymn: "Jesus Loves Me, This I Know" PH 571

Prayer for Illumination

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

Scripture Reading: John 14:15–27 (p. 1068)

Sermon: *Because He Lives*

Prayer

* Hymn: "I Serve a Risen Savior" PH 405

* The Apostle's Creed (*inside front cover of the Psalter Hymnal*)

OUR RESPONSE OF GRATITUDE

* Hymn of Praise: "How Great Thou Art" PH 483

* Offertory Prayer

Offering: Fairlawn General Fund

Offertory: "Be Still My Soul" Sibelius

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

* Benediction: Ephesians 4:1–3

Lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. Remember your baptism and be thankful. And may almighty God bless you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

* Doxology: "Praise God from Whom All Blessing Flow"

PH 638

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

* Postlude: "Christ, the Sure Foundation"

Birchwood