

Fairlawn Christian Reformed Church

TRINITY SUNDAY

May 27, 2018 9:30 A.M.

PREPARATION AND PRAISE

Prelude: "In Christ Alone"

arr. Lopez

Welcome and Announcements

ENTER HIS GATES WITH THANKSGIVING

- * Call to Worship: based on Romans 5:1-5
- * Hymn: "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty" PH 249
- * God's Greeting: Psalm 34:3, 9-12; Revelation 1:4-5
O magnify the Lord with me.

Let us exalt God's name together!

We will give thanks to you, O LORD, with our whole heart; we will tell of all your wonderful deeds.

We will be glad and exult in you; we will sing praise to your name, O Most High.

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 kinds of the earth.

Amen.

- * Prayer of the Day:
Father, you sent your Word to bring us truth and your Spirit to make us holy. Through them we come to know the mystery of your life. Help us to worship you, one God in three persons. You reveal yourself in the depths of our being, by proclaiming and living our faith in you. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

- * Response: "In God the Father I Believe" PH 518

CONFESSION AND PRAYER

Call to Confession:

John 4:24

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon:

based on Romans 8:15-17

As forgiven people, we are invited into a renewed relationship with the Triune God. God reminds us of his call on our lives in the words of Jesus: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, and with all your mind." This is the great and first commandment.

For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be the glory forever!

There is a second commandment like it: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

For the Lord requires of us to do justice, to love kindness and to walk humbly with our God.

What does it mean to worship this God, one and triune, and to love our neighbor in his name?

In keeping with this truth and Word of God, we believe in one God, who is one single essence in whom there are three persons, really, truly, and eternally distinct according to their incommunicable properties—namely, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Since there is but one God, why do you speak of three: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?

Because that is how God has revealed himself in his Word: these three distinct persons and one, true, eternal God. There is neither a first nor a last, for all three are one in truth and power, in goodness and mercy. We believe this now, through the Word, waiting to know and enjoy it fully in heaven.

And so we together worship and praise this one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

For this God is our God for ever and ever; he will be our guide even to the end.

Choral Anthem: "How Great Is Our God"

arr. Hayes

Congregational Prayer

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

* Hymn: "In Christ Alone"

Bulletin pp. 5-6

Prayer for Illumination

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

Scripture Reading:

John 5:16-30 (p. 1054)

Sermon: *The God We Believe In*

Prayer

* Hymn: "Lord Most High"

Bulletin pp. 7-8

OUR RESPONSE OF GRATITUDE

* Offertory Prayer

Offering: Fairlawn General Fund

Offertory: "Revelation Song / Holy, Holy, Holy"

arr. Smith, McDonald

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

* Benediction:

II Corinthians 13:14

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **Amen.**

* Doxology: "Holy God, We Praise Your Name"

PH 504, vv. 1, 4

* Postlude