

Fairlawn Christian Reformed Church

MORNING WORSHIP

June 3, 2018 9:30 A.M.

PREPARATION AND PRAISE

Prelude: "All Things Bright and Beautiful"

Bish

Welcome and Announcements

ENTER HIS GATES WITH THANKSGIVING

- * Call to Worship: Psalm 147:1, 4–6, 12–20
- * Hymn: "O Praise the Lord, for It Is Good" PH 187
- * 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:
Almighty God our Father, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor. Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our entire heart, and united to one another with pure affection, through Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

- * Response: "All Things Bright and Beautiful" PH 435

CONFESSION AND PRAYER

Call to Confession *Our World Belongs to God*, stanza 10

Made in God's image to live in loving communion with our Maker, we are appointed earth keepers and caretakers to tend the earth, enjoy it, and love our neighbors. God uses our skills for the unfolding and well-being of his world so that creation and all who live in it may flourish.

Yet often we neglect our task. Recalling our talk leads us to confess our sin and to yearn for God's forgiveness.

God's Will for Our Lives:

based on Psalm 8

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon:

Romans 8:1–2, 18–21

Response of Faith: *Our World Belongs to God*, stanzas 17, 58

Our world, broken and scarred, still belongs to God,

who holds it together and gives us hope.

With the whole creation we join the song:.

“Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!”

He has made us a kingdom of priests to serve our God,

And we will reign on earth.

God will be all in all, righteousness and peace will flourish,

everything will be made new, and every eye will see at last that our world belongs to God. Hallelujah! Come, Lord Jesus!

Choral Anthem: “For the Beauty of the Earth”

Rutter

Welcome to Membership: David Ferguson

David, in your baptism, you were marked as a member of Christ's church. It is our joy to welcome you today as a member of this congregation. We believe that the Holy Spirit has led you to this congregation at this time for your own good and the good of this congregation. We invite you now to affirm your faith in Christ and express your commitment to the life of this church and mission God has given to us.

Do you affirm once again, that Jesus Christ is your Lord and Savior, that the Bible is God's Word revealing Christ and his redemption, and that the teachings of this church reflect this revelation? *I do.*

Do you promise to join with us, sharing your gifts, in our worship and fellowship, and in the mission God has given us in the world? *I do.*

To the congregation:

Do you promise to receive David in love as your brother in Christ, support him with your fellowship and prayers, and, recognizing his gifts, invite him into the life and mission of our congregation? **We do.**

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

Congregational Prayer

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

* Hymn: “Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love”

PH 601

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Acts 1:12–14

Sermon: *They Gathered Around Jesus*

Prayer

* Hymn: “Shout, for the Blessed Jesus Reigns”

PH 539, vv. 1–4

OUR RESPONSE OF GRATITUDE

* Offertory Prayer

Offering: Fairlawn General Fund

Offertory: “Have thine Own Way, Lord”

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* Doxology: “Shout, for the Blessed Jesus Reigns”

PH 539, v. 5

THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

