

Fairlawn Christian Reformed Church

MORNING WORSHIP

July 8, 2018

9:30 A.M.

PREPARATION AND PRAISE

Prelude: "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

Lohmeyer

Welcome and Announcements

ENTER HIS GATES WITH THANKSGIVING

- * Call to Worship: based on Revelation 7:9–10
I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,—
"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!"
Today our voices join this ongoing heavenly hymn of praise. In Jesus' name, let us worship God.

- * Hymn: "For All the Saints" PH 505, vv. 1, 2, 4, 6

- * 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:
O God, who delights in the devotion of the faithful, make your people, we pray you, to be devoted to your holy things; that they who depart from their duties by ungodly depravity of mind may be converted by your grace and return from the snares of the devil wherein they are held captive; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

- * Response: "I Will Exalt My God, My King" PH 186

CONFESSION AND PRAYER

Call to Confession

God's Will for Our Lives:

Exodus 20:1–17

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon:

Ephesians 2:19–22

- * Our Common Faith: adapted from the Belhar Confession
 We believe in one holy, universal Christian church,
the communion of saints called from the entire human family.
 We believe that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as
 the community of believers
who have been reconciled with God and with one another.
 We believe that this unity of the people of God must be manifested and be active
 in a variety of ways:
in that we love one another;
 that we experience, practice, and pursue community with one another; that we
 are obligated to give ourselves willingly and joyfully to be of benefit and blessing
 to one another;
**that we share one faith, have one calling, are of one soul and one mind;
 have one God and Father, are filled with one Spirit, are baptized with one
 baptism, eat of one bread and drink of one cup, confess one name, are
 obedient to one Lord, work for one cause, and share one hope.**
 That together we come to know the height and the breadth and the depth of the
 love of Christ;
together are built up to the stature of Christ,
 to new humanity;
together know and bear one another's burdens,
 thereby fulfilling the law of Christ that we need one another and upbuild one
 another, admonishing and comforting one another;
**that we suffer with one another for the sake of righteousness; pray
 together; together serve God in this world; and together fight against all
 which may threaten or hinder this unity.**

- * Response: "How Vast the Benefits Divine" PH 497
 Congregational Prayer

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

- * Hymn: "I Love Your Church, O God" PH 510
 Prayer for Illumination
 Scripture Reading: Romans 16:1–27 (p. 1126)
 Sermon: *And Many More*
 Prayer

- * Hymn: "By the Sea of Crystal" PH 620

OUR RESPONSE OF GRATITUDE

- * Offertory Prayer
 Offering: Fairlawn General Fund
 Offertory: "Sun of My Soul" Hursley

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

- * Benedictions: Romans 16:25–27

Now to him who is able to establish you by my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery hidden for long ages past, but now revealed and made known through the prophetic writings by the command of the eternal God, so that all nations might believe and obey him—to the only wise God be glory forever through Jesus Christ! **Amen.**

* Response: "God, the Father of Your People"

PH 322

God, the Father of your people, you have called us to be one;
grant us grace to walk together in the joy of Christ, your Son.
Challenged by your Word and Spirit, blest with gifts from heaven above,
as one body we will serve you and bear witness to your love.

May the grace of Christ, our Savior, and the Father's boundless love,
with the Holy Spirit's favor, rest upon us from above.

May we now remain in union with each other and the Lord,
and possess, in sweet communion, joys that earth cannot afford.

* Postlude: "Bourrée in F Major"

Teleman
