

Fairlawn Christian Reformed Church

MORNING WORSHIP

July 29, 2018

9:30 A.M.

PREPARATION AND PRAISE

Prelude: "The Solid Rock"

Broughton/Bradbury

Welcome and Announcements

ENTER HIS GATES WITH THANKSGIVING

* Call to Worship: based on Psalm 105

Give praise to the LORD, proclaim his name;

make known among the nations what he has done.

Sing to him, sing praise to him;

tell of all his wonderful acts.

Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice. Look to the LORD and his strength; seek his face always.

Remember the wonders he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he pronounced.

On this day, we remember with gratitude and joy God's faithfulness:

in the life of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph,

in the lives of Moses, Miriam, and Aaron,

in the lives of Ruth and David, Isaiah and Jeremiah,

in the lives of Mary and Martha, Peter and John,

in the lives of Paul, Barnabas, and Lydia,

in the lives of an Ethiopian eunuch and Roman centurion,

in our own congregation life.

Truly, God is faithful.

For God remembered his holy promise.

God brought out his people with rejoicing, his chosen ones with shouts of joy; that they might keep his precepts and observe his laws. Praise the LORD!

* Hymn: "How Great Thou Art"

PH 483

* God's Greeting

* Prayer of the Day:

God of grace and glory, whom saints and angels delight to worship in heaven, we bless you, we magnify you, we adore you as Lord of heaven and earth. By the power of your Spirit, help us to lift up our hearts in praise, to receive your lavish gifts for us in Christ, and to live as our faithful children and witnesses, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

* Response: "Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

PH 501, vv. 1, 2, 7

CONFESSION AND PRAYER

Call to Confession

based on Isaiah 1:14–17

Prayer of Confession:

O God, you have shown us the way of life through your Son, Jesus Christ, We confess with shame our slowness to learn of him, our failure to follow him, and our reluctance to bear the cross.

Have mercy on us, Lord, and forgive us.

We confess the poverty of our worship, our neglect of fellowship and of the means of grace, our hesitating witness for Christ, our evasion of responsibilities in our service, our imperfect stewardship of your gifts.

Have mercy on us, Lord, and forgive us. Amen.

God's Will for Our Lives:

We believe in one God—eternal, incomprehensible, invisible, unchangeable, infinite, almighty; completely wise, just, and good, and the overflowing source of every good thing.

The Triune God has called His people into a community of believers founded on Christ's blood, a church which steadfastly loves, persistently worships, and here and in all eternity praises him as her Savior who laid down his life for her on the cross.

And so God says, "You shall have no other gods before me."

We must sincerely acknowledge the only true God, trust him alone, look to him for every good thing humbly and patiently, love him, fear him, and honor him with all of our hearts.

God also instructs us not to make any image of him nor worship him in any other way than he has commanded in his Word.

God wants his people instructed by the living preaching of his Word—not by idols and cannot even talk.

And so we come before God, bringing him our worship as our all-powerful king, and trusting that he not only wants to, but is able to give us what is good; and because his holy name, and not we ourselves, should receive all the praise, forever.

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

Response: "Jesus Loves Me, This I Know"

PH 571

Assurance of Pardon:

John 3:16–17

Congregational Prayer

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

* Hymn: "O Sing to the Lord"

Insert

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading:

I Chronicles 15 (p. 408)

Sermon: *Rock-Solid Worship*

Prayer

* Hymn: "Sing to the Lord, Sing His Praise"

PH 96, vv. 1, 2, 4, 6

OUR RESPONSE OF GRATITUDE

* Offertory Prayer

Offering: Fairlawn General Fund

Offertory: "O Rest in the Lord"

Mendelssohn

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

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

* Benediction: based on I John 3:23; Ephesians 3:20-21

Go forth in the name of the Lord. This is God's charge: We should believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another, just as he commanded us. Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. **Amen.**

Doxology: "Now Blessed Be the Lord Our God"

PH 630

* Postlude
