

Fairlawn Christian Reformed Church

MORNING WORSHIP

August 5, 2018 9:30 A.M.

PREPARATION AND PRAISE

Prelude: “Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring”

J. S. Bach

Welcome and Announcements

ENTER HIS GATES WITH THANKSGIVING

- * Call to Worship: based on Psalm 66:16, 18–20; I John 2:1–2
The psalmist testifies: Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what he has done for me.
If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not have listened.
But truly God has listened; he has given heed to the words of my prayer.
Blessed be God, because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast love from me.
The apostle John wrote: My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin.
But if anyone does sin we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.
In the strength of this assurance, let us worship God today.

* Hymn: “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” PH 486

* God’s Greeting: Galatians 1:3–5

* Prayer of the Day:
Lord our God, your compassion is the cause of our fearing and loving your name. Mercifully pour your grace into our hearts, that we, casting away what displeases you, may be united to you with an honest will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

* Response: “Lord, I Want to Be a Christian” PH 264, vv. 1, 4

CONFESSION AND PRAYER

Call to Confession:

James 4:5–10

Prayer of Confession:

based on Psalm 51

O Lord our God, we plead for mercy. We don't deserve it, but we know the character of your love. You are loyal and you are compassionate. Because this is who you are, we ask you to make us clean. Bathe us in your holiness to cleanse us from our sin. We know our sins, more than we would like to admit them. We have sinned against you, violating the moral fabric of your creation. We have sinned against each other in our thoughts, words, and actions. This is the pattern of our behavior; we have earned any sentence you would pronounce. Create something new in us, O God, bring us to life again. You sent Jesus to die for these sins; send your Spirit to make us new. Then we will have joy in your presence and our hearts will sing your praise.

Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

John 15:3–4

God's Will for Our Lives:

John 15:5–12

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

PH 401

Congregational Prayer

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

* Hymn: "Just as I Am, without One Plea"

PH 263

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading:

II Samuel 11 (p. 304)

Sermon: *Cracks in the Foundation*

Prayer

* Hymn: "God, Be Merciful to Me"

PH 255

OUR RESPONSE OF GRATITUDE

* Offertory Prayer

Offering: Fairlawn General Fund

Offertory: "Take My Life and Let It Be"

Anne Krentz Organ

* Doxology: "Amazing Grace, My Chains Are Gone"

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