

Fairlawn Christian Reformed Church

MORNING WORSHIP

September 9, 2018 10:15 A.M.

PREPARATION AND PRAISE

Upon entering the sanctuary please maintain silence and turn off all electronic devices for the sake of the congregation's preparation for worship.

**Indicates congregation stands.*

Prelude: "Nothing But the Blood"

Lowry/arr. Kingsmore

Welcome and Announcements

ENTER HIS GATES WITH THANKSGIVING

* Call to Worship:

Psalm 8

Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

You have set your glory in the heavens.

Through the praise of children and infants you have established a stronghold against your enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger.

When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,

what is mankind that you are mindful of them, human beings that you care for them?

You have made them a little lower than the angels and crowned them with glory and honor.

You made them rulers over the works of your hands; you put everything under their feet:

all the flocks and herds, and the animals of the wild, the birds in the sky, and the fish in the sea, all that swim the paths of the seas.

Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

* Hymn: "All Creatures of Our God and King"

PH 431, vv. 1, 4, 5

* 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:

Grant to us, O Lord, to know that which is worth knowing, to love that which is worth loving, to praise that which pleases you most, to esteem that which is most precious unto you, and to dislike whatsoever is evil in your eyes. Grant us true judgment to distinguish things that differ and above all to search out and do what is well pleasing to you, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

* Response: "Take My Life and Let It Be"

PH 288, vv. 1, 6

CONFESSION AND PRAYER

Call to Confession:

Matthew 16:24–27

Prayer of Confession:

O God, our Creator, in you alone are the riches of life. You created us for your glory, to glorify you and enjoy you forever. You created us to live with you and for you. We chose rebellion, sin, and death. Still today, we choose to value what does not matter, to waste what is worthwhile, to withhold what we ought to share, and to reject what you freely give. Forgive our sins and reorient our values, so that we love what you love and do what you do. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

Titus 3:4–8

God's Will for Our Lives

Luke 15:1–7

* Response: "For the Glories of God's Grace"

PH 223, vv. 1, 2, 5

Congregational Prayer

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

* Hymn: "How Vast the Benefits Divine"

PH 497

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading:

Psalms 49 (p. 560)

Sermon: *What Are We Worth?*

Prayer

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

PH 501, vv. 1, 4, 5, 7

OUR RESPONSE OF GRATITUDE

* Offertory Prayer

Offering: Fairlawn General Fund

Offertory: "O Praise Him / All Creatures of Our God and King"

arr. Smith, McDonald

* Confession of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism; Lord's Day 1; Q & A. 1

Q. What is your only comfort in life and in death?

A. That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me whole-heartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

* Benediction:

Numbers 6:24–26

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace.

Amen.

* Doxology: “Lord Most High”

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* Postlude
