

Fairlawn Christian Reformed Church

MORNING WORSHIP

November 11, 2018 10:15 A.M.

PREPARATION AND PRAISE

Prelude: "O Worship the King"

arr. Hayes

Welcome and Announcements

ENTER HIS GATES WITH THANKSGIVING

Call to Worship:

Psalm 95:1–7

Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD;

let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before him with thanksgiving

and extol him with music and song.

For the LORD is the great God,

the great King above all gods.

In his hands are the depths of the earth,

and the mountain peaks belong to him.

The sea is his, for he made it,

and his hands formed the dry land.

Come, let us bow down in worship,

let us kneel before the LORD our Maker;

for he is our God,

and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.

* Hymn: "O Worship the King"

PH 428, vv. 1–3, 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:

Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Savior, you pour out your power for the powerless and your salvation for the lost. Remember us in your new creation, so that we may live in peace with you in the presence of the Holy One, to whom be all honor and glory, through you, in the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

* Response: "We Will Glorify"

Bulletin p. 4

CONFESSION AND PRAYER

Call to Confession: Psalm 95:7b–11

Prayer of Confession: based on a prayer by John Calvin

O Lord our God, who generously invites us to yourself and who gives your word for our salvation—grant us grace to turn from sin, to humble ourselves before you, to obey you, and to be teachable. Do not let us squander the gifts you have designed for our salvation. May the seeds you plant in us bear fruit for eternal life, so that your name may be glorified. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon: Ezekiel 36:24–28

God's Will for Our Lives: Psalm 51:10–17

Response: "Take My Life and Let It Be" PH 288

Congregational Prayer

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

Heidelberg Catechism: Lord's Day 11 PH 872

Q. Why is the Son of God called "Jesus" meaning "Savior"?

A. Because he saves us from our sins. Salvation cannot be found in anyone else; it is futile to look for any salvation elsewhere.

Q. Do those who look for their salvation and security in saints, in themselves, or elsewhere really believe in the only Savior Jesus?

A. No. Although they boast of being his, by their deeds they deny the only savior and deliverer, Jesus.

Either Jesus is not a perfect savior, or those who in true faith accept this savior have in him all they need for their salvation.

* Hymn: "Now with Joyful Exultation" PH 95

Prayer for Illumination

[Children age 3 – grade K may leave for Children's Church after the prayer.]

Scripture Reading: Mark 3:1–12 (p. 992)

Sermon: *What Hard Hearts Can't Understand*

Prayer

* Hymn: "How Great Is Our God" Bulletin pp. 5–6

OUR RESPONSE OF GRATITUDE

* Offertory Prayer

Offering: Fairlawn General Fund

Offertory: "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

arr. Seidel

4. **Our world has fallen into sin; but rebellion and sin can never dethrone God. He does not abandon the work of his hand; the heavens still declare his glory. He preserves his world, sending seasons, sun, and rain, upholding his creatures, renewing the earth, directing all things to their purpose. He promised a Savior; now the whole creation groans in the birth pangs of a new creation.**
5. **God holds this world in sovereign love. He kept his promise, sending Jesus into the world. He poured out his Spirit and broadcast the news that sinners who repent and believe in Jesus can live and breathe and move again as members of the family of God.**
6. **We rejoice in the goodness of God, renounce the works of darkness, and dedicate ourselves to holy living. As covenant partners, called to faithful obedience, and set free for joyful praise, we offer our hearts and lives to do God’s work in his world. With tempered impatience, eager to see injustice ended, we expect the Day of the Lord. And we are confident that the light which shines in the present darkness will fill the earth when Christ appears.**

Come, Lord Jesus! Our world belongs to you.

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

* Benediction:

Jude 24–25

To him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy—to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! **Amen.**

* Doxology: “My Jesus, I Love Thee”

PH 557

* Postlude: “He Is Lord”

