

Fairlawn Christian Reformed Church

# MORNING WORSHIP

February 17, 2019 10:15 A.M.

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## PREPARATION AND PRAISE

Prelude: "In Thee Is Gladness"

J. S. Bach

Welcome and Announcements

### ENTER HIS GATES WITH THANKSGIVING

\* Call to Worship: Psalm 118:24; I John 4:4–7, 16; Psalm 106:1

This is the day that the LORD has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them.**

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God. All who love are born of God and know God. All who do not love do not know God, for God is love.

**O give thanks, for the LORD is good. God's love endures forever.**

\* Hymn: "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

PH 568

\* 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:

**Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name for the sake of Christ, our Lord, and his love for us. Amen.**

\* Response: "Jesus Loves Me"

PH 571

## CONFESSION AND PRAYER

Call to Confession:

based on Romans 8:39

Prayer of Confession

God's Will for Our Lives:

Colossians 3:12–17

Choral Anthem: "Fairest Lord Jesus, We Love You"

Clydesdale

Assurance of Pardon:

Romans 5:6–8

Congregational Prayer

**THE SERVICE OF THE WORD**

\* Hymn: “How Deep the Father’s Love for Us”

How deep the Father’s love for us, how vast beyond all measure,  
That he should give his only Son to make a wretch his treasure.  
How great the pain of searing loss the Father turns his face away,  
As wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.

Behold the Man upon a cross, my sin upon his shoulders;  
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.  
It was my sin that held him there until it was accomplished;  
His dying breath has brought me life—I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything, no gifts, no power, no wisdom;  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ, his death and resurrection.  
Why should I gain from his reward? I cannot give an answer.  
But this I know with all my heart: his wounds have paid my ransom.

Stuart Townend, 1995 Kingsway’s Thankyou Music

Prayer for Illumination

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

Scripture Reading:

I John 4:7–12 (p. 1209)

Sermon: *Since God So Loved...*

Prayer

\* Hymn: “May the Mind of Christ, My Savior”

PH 291

**OUR RESPONSE OF GRATITUDE**

Wedding Ceremony of Ian Cooper and Meghan Stahl

PH 1010

Institution and Meaning of Marriage  
Exchange of Vows and Rings  
Promise of Congregational Support  
Declaration of Marriage  
Closing Prayer

\* Hymn of Praise: “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

PH 253

\* Offertory Prayer

Offering: Fairlawn General Fund

Offertory: “Aria” from Wedding Cantata

J. S. Bach

\* Confession of Faith: The Apostles’ Creed (inside front cover of the Psalter Hymnal)

## 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: “Praise God from Whom All Blessing Flow” PH 638  
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.
  
- \* Postlude: “Old Hundredth” Walther