

Fairlawn Christian Reformed Church  
**FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT**

March 10, 2019      10:15 A.M.

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**PREPARATION AND PRAISE**

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

**ENTER HIS GATES WITH THANKSGIVING**

Silent Prayer and Preparation

\* Call to Worship: based on Ephesians 1:3

GEMS Litany:

**Leader:** God is the Fount of every blessing. He gives life, breath, and everything else. And of all the good gifts God gives, Jesus is our greatest blessing!

**Youth:** Look up! Bless God by thanking him for your blessings.

**Congregation:** Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name! Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits (Psalm 103:1–2).

**Leader:** God blesses us so that we will be a blessing. We are blessed in Christ so that all peoples will come to him!

**Youth:** Reach out! Bless others by speaking blessings.

**Congregation:** The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace (Numbers 6: 24–26).

**Youth:** Reach out! Bless others by sharing your blessings.

**Congregation:** And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work (II Corinthians 9:8).

**All:** We will abound in all that is good by blessing God with thankfulness and blessing others with genuine love and care so that all peoples can know him, too.

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

\* 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.**

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;

**His mercy endures forever.**

O God, come to our assistance.

**O Lord, hasten to help us.**

\* Prayer of the Day:

Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day. Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor

be overcome by hardship. And in all we do. Direct us to the fulfilling of your purposes, through Jesus our Lord, Amen.

- \* Response: "Amazing Grace—How Sweet the Sound" PH 462, vv. 1, 2, 3, 5

## CONFESSION AND PRAYER

Call to Confession: Our World Belongs to God § 14–15 PH p. 1023

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon: based on II Corinthians 12:9–10

Response: "Ten Thousand Reasons" Bulletin pp. 7–8

God's Will for Our Lives: Philippians 2:1–4

Cadet and GEMS Ministry Report

Congregational Prayer

## THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

- \* Hymn: "God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength" PH 46, vv. 1, 3, 5

Prayer for Illumination

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

Scripture Reading: Mark 4:35–41 (p. 994)

Sermon: *Delivered from Fear*

Prayer

- \* Hymn: "Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer" PH 543

## OUR RESPONSE OF GRATITUDE

Cadet Litany:

**Leader:** Be a blessing. We have been blessed with riches and talents, which we can use to bless others. We are told in our theme verse that, "God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work" (II Corinthians 9:8). There are many ways we, as Christians, can be a blessing in this world.

**Youth:** We can bless people by sharing our abundance with them.

**Congregation:** It is more blessed to give than to receive (Acts 20:35).

**Youth:** How should we give?

**Congregation:** ...give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver (II Corinthians 9:7).

**Leader:** We have received much and we are thankful for this. We respond to God with love.

**Youth:** Jesus said, "If you love me you will keep my commandments" (John 14:15).

**Congregation:** Whoever loves God must also love his brother (I John 4:21).

**Leader:** The world and the communities around us are blessed when they see God's love shown through each of us, his people.

**All:** We are called to live our Christian lives in love, so that the world will know we are Christians by our love.

- \* Offertory Prayer

Offering: Fairlawn General Fund

Offertory

## BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

\* Benediction: 2 Thessalonians 2:16–17

May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word. **Amen.**

\* Doxology: "Bless His Holy Name" PH 627

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name.  
He has done great things, he has done great things  
he has done great things: bless his holy name.  
Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

\* Postlude

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