

Fairlawn Christian Reformed Church

MORNING WORSHIP

May 19, 2019 10:15 A.M.

PREPARATION AND PRAISE

Prelude: "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty/All Creatures of Our God and King" arr. Walvoord

Welcome and Announcements

ENTER HIS GATES WITH THANKSGIVING

* Call to Worship

* Hymn: "Praise the Lord! Sing Hallelujah!" PH 146

* 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:

Triune God, you have called us to live in unity with each other and with our brothers and sisters around the world. Help us to sense that our love for Jesus binds us together. May our worship today be a witness to the kind of unity that comes only through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

* Response: "The Church's One Foundation" PH 502:1

CONFESSION AND PRAYER

Call to Confession: Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 54 PH p. 883

What do you believe concerning "the holy catholic church"?

I believe that the Son of God through his Spirit and Word, out of the entire human race, from the beginning of the world to its end, gathers, protects, and preserves for himself a community chosen for eternal life and united in true faith. And of this community I am and always will be a living member.

Prayer of Confession: based on *Our World Belongs to God* § 43

Response: "Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love" PH 601

Assurance of Pardon: based on 1 Peter 2:9–10

Litany of Response based on Belhar Confession Art. 2 and *Our World Belongs to God* § 44

Christ's work of reconciliation is manifest in the Church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another;

Following the apostles, the church is sent with this good news of the gospel of the kingdom.

We make disciples of all nations, feed the hungry, and proclaim that in the name of Christ there is forgiveness and new life

to tell the news that our world belongs to God.

We share one faith, have one calling, are of one soul and one mind; have one God and Father, are filled with one Spirit, are baptized with one baptism, eat of one bread and drink of one cup, confess one name, are obedient to one Lord, work for one cause, and share one hope.

Together we come to know the height and the breadth and the depth of the love of Christ; are built up to the stature of Christ, together we know and bear one another’s burdens. We repent of leaving this work to a few, and we rejoice that the Spirit is waking us to see our mission in God’s world. Together we pray; together we serve God in this world.

God’s Will for Our Lives:
Congregational Prayer

Colossians 3:12–17

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

* Hymn: “Jesus Loves the Little Children” Insert

Prayer of Illumination

[Children age 3 - grade Pre-K may leave for children’s worship after the prayer.]

Scripture Reading:

Acts 15:36–41 (p. 1095)

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon: *What God Wants: Love One Another*

Prayer

* Hymn: “They’ll Know We Are Christians” Insert, vv. 1–3

OUR RESPONSE OF GRATITUDE

* Offertory Prayer

Offering: Fairlawn General Fund

Offertory: “Antiphonal Praise/We Have Met to Praise and Worship” arr. Fetke

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

* Benediction:

May the God who makes everything holy and whole, make you holy and whole, put you together—spirit, soul, and body—and keep you fit for the coming of our Master, Jesus Christ. The One who called you is faithful, and, he will do it! **Amen.**

* Doxology: “They’ll Know We Are Christians” Insert, v. 4

* Postlude
