

Fairlawn Christian Reformed Church

# MORNING WORSHIP

July 14, 2019 9:30 A.M.

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## PREPARATION AND PRAISE

Prelude: "Sicilienne"

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Welcome and Announcements

## ENTER HIS GATES WITH THANKSGIVING

\* Call to Worship:

Psalms 95:1–2, 6–7

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.**

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: "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

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\* 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:

**Loving God, you take care of all our needs and love us more than we  
can imagine. You have given us everything, and we always need you.  
Thank you for never leaving us. Guide our singing, our praying, and  
our worship today and speak to us through Jesus, our Lord. Amen.**

Anthems: *Grade Pre-K–K*

**"Our God is an Awesome God"**

Mullins

Our God is an awesome God;  
He reigns from heaven above  
with wisdom, power, and love;  
Our God is an awesome God!

**"My God is So Big"**

My God is so big, so strong, and so mighty,  
there's nothing my God cannot do.  
The mountains are his. The valleys are his.  
The stars are his handiworks, too.  
My God is so big, so strong, and so mighty,  
there's nothing my God cannot do.

## CONFESSION AND PRAYER

Call to Confession

Based on Romans 7:18

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

God's Will for Our Lives

Anthems: *Grades 1–2*

Romans 8:1

Romans 8 14–17

**“If You and I Believe in Christ”**

Traditional Zimbabwe

If you and I believe in Christ  
and we together pray,  
the Holy Spirit will come down  
and set God's people free,  
and set God's people free,  
and set God's people free;  
the Holy Spirit will come down  
and set God's people free.

If you and I remain in Christ  
and we together pray  
the Holy Bible teaches us  
that God will hear our prayer,  
that God will hear our prayer,  
that God will hear our prayer;  
the Holy Bible teaches us  
that God will hear our prayer.

If you and I have faith in Christ  
and we together pray  
the Holy Spirit shows us how  
to follow in God's way,  
to follow in God's way,  
to follow in God's way;  
the Holy Spirit shows us how  
to follow in God's way.

**“As Long as I Have Breath”**

Hitt and Tealy

I love the LORD 'cause he hears my voice and my prayer for mercy.  
I love the LORD 'cause he hears my voice and my prayer for mercy.  
'Cause he bends down to listen, I will pray as long as I have breath!  
As long as I have breath, I will pray, I will pray.  
As long as I'm alive, I will call on his name.  
'Cause he bends down to listen, I will pray as long as I have breath!  
'Cause he bends down to listen, I will pray as long as I have breath!

Congregational Prayer

Response: *Grades 1–8*

**“Our Father in Heaven”**

Swee Hong Lim

Our Father in heaven, hallowed by your name.  
Your kingdom come, your will be done  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread,  
and forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil,  
for the kingdom, the power, and the glory  
are yours now and forever.  
Amen. Forever. Amen.

# THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

Anthems: *Grades 3–4*

## “Praise the Lord”

Sleeth

Praise the Lord with the sound of trumpet,  
Praise the Lord with the harp and lute,  
Praise the Lord with the gentle sounding flute.  
Praise the Lord in the field and forest,  
Praise the Lord in the city square,  
Praise the Lord anytime and anywhere.  
Praise the Lord in the wind and sunshine,  
Praise the Lord in the dark of night,  
Praise the Lord in the rain or snow, or in the morning light.  
Praise the Lord in the deepest valley,  
Praise the Lord on the highest hill,  
Praise the Lord, never let your voice be still.  
Praise the Lord with the crashing cymbal,  
Praise the Lord with the pipe and string,  
Praise the Lord with the joyful songs you sing.  
Praise the Lord on a weekday morning,  
Praise the Lord on a Sunday noon,  
Praise the Lord by the light of sun or moon.  
Praise the Lord in the time of sorrow,  
Praise the Lord in the time of joy,  
Praise the Lord ev’ry moment; nothing let your praise destroy.  
Praise the Lord in the peace and quiet,  
Praise the Lord in your work or play,  
Praise the Lord ev’rywhere in ev’ry way!

## “And I Will Praise Him”

Jothen

And I will praise him, praise him with the cymbal,  
I will praise him with the tambourine!  
I will praise him on this day  
and I will praise him forever more!  
I will praise him for the earth so green,  
I will praise him for the stars unseen,  
I will praise him for his endless love,  
I will sing to the Lord!  
And I will praise him, praise him with the cymbal,  
I will praise him with the tambourine!  
I will praise him on this day  
and I will praise him forever more!  
For mountains high and seas that roll  
I will praise him, praise him ev’rywhere I go,  
praise his name, his mighty name,  
I will sing to the Lord.  
And I will praise him, praise him with the cymbal,  
I will praise him with the tambourine!  
I will praise him on this day  
and I will praise him forever more!

*I will praise him!*  
*I will praise him!*  
*I will praise him!*  
*Praise him forever more!*

\* Hymn: “There’s No God as Great”

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

Sermon: *The Action of Prayer*

\* Hymn: "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

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## OUR RESPONSE OF GRATITUDE

\* Offertory Prayer

Offering: Fairlawn General Fund

Anthems: *Grades 5–8*

### "Give Thanks and Praise"

Handel, arr. Kihlken

With heart and soul and voice, give thanks and praise to God.

Give thanks and praise, give thanks and praise;

To God who made heav'n and earth be glory, thanks, and praise.

The heavens proclaim the wonder of God,  
the oceans reply, the valleys shout for joy!

With heart and soul and voice, give thanks and praise to God.

Give thanks and praise, give thanks and praise;

To God who made the heav'n and earth be glory, thanks, and praise. (*Repeat*)

To God who made the heav'n and earth be glory, thanks, and praise.

### "Down to the River to Pray"

American Spiritual, arr. Curry

As I went down to the river to pray,  
Studyin' about that good ol' way,  
And who shall wear the starry crown.  
Good Lord, show me the way.

O sisters, let's go down,  
Let's go down, come on down,  
O sisters, let's go down.  
Down to the river to pray.

As I went down to the river to pray,  
Studyin' about that good ol' way,  
And who shall wear the robe and crown.  
Good Lord, show me the way.

O brothers, let's go down,  
Let's go down, come on down.  
Come on, brothers, let's go down.  
Down to the river to pray.

As I went down to the river to pray,  
Studyin' about that good ol' way,  
And who shall wear the starry crown.  
Good Lord, show me the way.

O fathers, let's go down,  
Let's go down, come on down,  
O fathers, let's go down.  
Down to the river to pray.

As I went down to the river to pray,  
Studyin' about that good ol' way,  
And who shall wear the robe and crown.  
Good Lord, show me the way.

O mothers, let's go down,  
Come on down; don't-cha wanna go down.  
Come on, mothers, let's go down,  
Down to the river to pray.

As I went down to the river to pray,  
Studyin' about that good ol' way,  
And who shall wear the starry crown.  
Good Lord, show me the way.

O sinners, let's go down,  
Let's go down, come on down.  
O sinners, let's go down.  
Down to the river to pray.

As I went down to the river to pray,  
Studyin' about that good ol' way,  
And who shall wear the starry crown.  
Good Lord, show me the way.

## BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

\* Benediction: based on Romans 8:26–27, 2 Corinthians 13:14  
Doxology: *Grades 1–8*

### **“Let All Things Now Living”**

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**Please join the children on the second verse.**

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving  
to God the Creator triumphantly raise,  
who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,  
who guides us and leads to the end of our days.  
His banners are o'er us, his light goes before us,  
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night,  
till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished,  
as forward we travel from light into light.

His law he enforces; the stars in their courses  
and sun in its orbit obediently shine;  
the hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,  
the deeps of the ocean proclaim him divine.  
We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing;  
with glad adoration a song let us raise,  
till all things now living unite in thanksgiving:  
to God in the highest, hosanna and praise!

**Please remain seated while children leave the sanctuary.**

\* Postlude: “Entr’acte” from *Carmen*

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