

Fairlawn Christian Reformed Church

MORNING WORSHIP

November 17, 2019 10:15 A.M.

PREPARATION AND PRAISE

Upon entering the sanctuary, please maintain silence and turn off all electronic devices for the sake of the congregation's preparation for worship.

** indicates congregation stands. **Bold print indicates unison reading.***

Prelude: "Give Thanks"

Henry Smith

Welcome and Announcements

ENTER HIS GATES WITH THANKSGIVING

* Call to Worship: Psalm 67:4–6

* Hymn: "Come, You Thankful People, Come" PH 527

* 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:

O God, you have taught me to keep all your commandments by loving you and my neighbor: grant me the grace of your Holy Spirit, that I may be devoted to you with my whole heart, and united to others with pure affection. We ask this in the name of Jesus our Lord, Amen

* Response: "Amazing Grace – How Sweet the Sound" PH 462:1,2,4,5

CONFESSION AND PRAYER

Call to Confession: Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 7

PH p. 867

Prayer of Confession

Response: "Give Thanks"

God's Will for Our Lives: based on II Corinthians 5:18–20, Matthew 5:13–14, Micah 6:8

Do you believe in one God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; and do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord? **We do.**

Do you accept the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments as the only rule for faith and life? **We do.**

Do you, relying on the grace of God, promise to confess Christ publicly before others, to serve Christ daily, and to walk in Jesus' way? **We do.**

Do you promise to exhibit the joy of new life in Christ; to share fully in the life of the church; to be faithful in worship and service; and to offer your prayers and gifts? **We do.**

Do you promise to accept the spiritual guidance of the church; to walk in a spirit of Christian love with this congregation; and to seek those things which make for unity, purity, and peace? **We do.**

By the Holy Spirit, all who believe and are baptized receive a ministry to witness to Jesus as Savior and Lord, and to love and serve those with whom they live and work.

We are ambassadors for Christ, who reconciles and makes whole. We are the salt of the earth; we are the light of the world.

God has told you what is good; and what does the LORD require of you?

We will seek to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

Hebrews 13:20–21

Congregational Prayer

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

* Hymn: “Jesus Loves Me, This I Know”

PH 571

Prayer for Illumination

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

Scripture Reading:

Exodus 19 (p. 73)

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

Sermon: *Prepare Yourselves*

Prayer

* Hymn: “How Vast the Benefits Divine”

PH 497

OUR RESPONSE OF GRATITUDE

* Offertory Prayer

Offering: Fairlawn General Fund

Offertory: “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come” G. J. Elvey, arr. William Stickles

* Confession of Faith: The Apostles’ Creed

(Inside front cover of the Psalter Hymnal)

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

* Benediction:

based on Psalm 29:2; Isaiah 41:10

* Doxology: “For the Beauty of the Earth”

PH 432:4

* Postlude