

# MORNING WORSHIP

February 23, 2020 | 10:15 A.M.

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## 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: "Aria"

arr. Peeters

Welcome and Announcements

## ENTER HIS GATES WITH THANKSGIVING

Call to Worship:

Psalm 66:1–4, 7–9

\* Hymn: "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

PH 253:1,2,4

\* 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:

**Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.**

\* Response: "Come, All You People, Bless Our God"

PH 242

## CONFESSTION AND PRAYER

Call to Confession:

based on Psalm 66:13–20

God's Will for Our Lives based on Heidelberg Catechism Lord's Day 12, Ephesians 4:1–3

The Son of God is called "Christ," meaning "anointed," because he has been ordained by God the Father and has been anointed with the Holy Spirit to be our chief prophet and teacher.

**He perfectly reveals to us the secret counsel and will of God for our deliverance.**

He is our only High Priest, who has set us free by the sacrifice of his body and who continually pleads our cause with the Father.

He is our eternal King,

**who governs us by his Word and Spirit, and who guards us and keeps us in the freedom he has won for us.**

But why are you called a Christian?

**Because by faith I am a member of Christ and so I share in his anointing. I am anointed to confess his name, to present myself to him as a living sacrifice of thanks, to strive with a good conscience against**

**sin and the devil in this life, and afterward to reign with Christ over all creation for all eternity.**

Let us lead a life worthy of the calling to which we have been called:

**with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.**

Prayer of Confession

Choir: "The Lord Is My Light and My Salvation"

Craig Courtney

Assurance of Pardon

Congregational Prayer

## THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

\* Hymn: "Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading"

Prayer for Illumination

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

Scripture Reading:

This is the Word of the Lord.

Mark 7:1–23 (p. 997)

**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon: *Living Faith or Dead Tradition?*

Prayer

\* Hymn: "Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God"

## OUR RESPONSE OF GRATITUDE

Offertory Prayer

Offering: Fairlawn General Fund

Offertory: "Amazing Grace"

Jordan

\* Confession of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

(Inside front cover of the Psalter Hymnal)

## BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

\* Benediction: based on 1 Corinthians 16:13; 1 Thessalonians 5:13–22; 1 Peter 2:17

Go out into the world in peace: have courage; hold on to what is good; return no one evil for evil; help the suffering; honor all; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. **With God's help we will.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you forever. **Amen.**

\* Doxology: "Let All Things Now Living"

PH 453

\* Postlude: "Trumpet Dialogue"

Jordan

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