

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

March 1, 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: "Morning Has Broken  
"Spirit of God"

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Welcome and Announcements

**ENTER HIS GATES WITH THANKSGIVING**

Call to Worship:

based on Isaiah 43:19–21

Let us worship God, who has done great things.

**We rejoice in our God, who made a way through the desert of this world.**

Let us worship God, who has done great things.

**God has caused streams of mercy to flow in the wasteland.**

Let us worship God, who has done great things.

**We are the people God has formed through Christ;  
we worship him, and we rejoice!**

Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

**We praise God for the grace that has saved us. Alleluia! We rejoice!**

\* Hymn: "I Will Sing of My Redeemer"

PH 479

\* 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:

**Merciful Father, in your great faithfulness you have kept watch over us. Strengthen and guide us by your Holy Spirit, that we may use this new day and all the days of our life in holiness and righteousness. Help us in all our undertakings to have your glory always foremost in our minds. May we always work in such a manner that we expect all results and fruits of our work from your generous hand alone. We ask this through Jesus our Lord, Amen.**

**CONFESSION AND PRAYER**

Call to Confession:

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Prayer of Confession:

**I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned by my own fault, in thought, word, and deed; and I ask God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life.**

May Almighty God have mercy on you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins and give you time to amend your life. **Amen. Thanks be to God!**

Assurance of Pardon:

Isaiah 1:18

Response: "Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God"

Congregational Prayer

## THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

\* Hymn: "God, Be Merciful to Me"

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Prayer for Illumination

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

Scripture Reading:

Psalms 51 (p. 562)

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon: *Have Mercy!*

Prayer

\* Hymn: "Knowing You"

## THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation and Thanksgiving

PH p. 979

\* Confession of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

(Inside front cover of the Psalter Hymnal)

Distribution of the Bread and Cup

*Please hold the bread until all are served.*

*The communion bread is gluten and wheat free.*

*Please hold the cup until all are served.*

*The outer ring holds wine; the inner rings hold grape juice.*

## OUR RESPONSE OF GRATITUDE

\* Response of Thanksgiving: "How Great Thou Art"

PH 483:1,3,4

God's Will for Our Lives

based on Colossians 3:12–14

Offertory Prayer

Offering: Fairlawn General Fund

Offertory: "'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"

Baldrige

## BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

\* Benediction:

I Thessalonians 5:23

\* Doxology: "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

PH 384:1,4

\* Postlude: "Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"

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Minister: Rev. Joel Vande Werken,  
Organ: Sharon Bakker | Piano: Laurie Vander Baan  
Liturgists: Mark and Kaleb De Weerd

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