

Fairlawn Christian Reformed Church

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

March 15, 2020 | 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

Welcome and Announcements

ENTER HIS GATES WITH THANKSGIVING

Silent Prayer and Preparation

Call to Worship:

Psalm 27:1,4–6

* Hymn: "For the Beauty of the Earth"

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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:

Holy God, we praise you for creating this world in all beauty, for redeeming the world through Christ, our Lord, and for sending us the gift of your Spirit to encourage, instruct, and sustain us. We long for your Spirit to work among us now, to inspire our praise, to challenge us with your truth, and to equip us for service in your world. Amen.

CONFESSION AND PRAYER

Call to Confession:

based on Psalm 32:1–5

God's Will for Our Lives:

Matthew 22:37–40

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon: based on Heidelberg Catechism Lord's Day 14; Ezekiel 36:24–28

When we confess our sin before God, we also remember that in Christ, God has come to address the offense of our rebellion against himself and to restore us to right relationship with him.

We rejoice that the eternal Son of God, who is and remains true and eternal God, took to himself, through the working of the Holy Spirit, from the flesh and blood of the virgin Mary, a truly human nature so that he might also become David's true descendant, like his brothers and sisters in every way except for sin.

It is through this holy conception and birth of Christ that we benefit:

Jesus is our mediator and, in God's sight, he covers with his innocence and perfect holiness my sinfulness in which I was conceived.

* Response: "In Christ Alone"

Congregational Prayer

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

* Hymn: "Remember Not, O God"

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Prayer for Illumination

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

Scripture Reading:

Psalm 38 (p. 554)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon: *Not in Anger*

Prayer

* Hymn: "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

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THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptism of Samuel Dovydas Vande Werken

PH p. 957

Prayer of Thanksgiving

* Hymn: "We Will Extol You, God and King"

OUR RESPONSE OF GRATITUDE

Offertory Prayer

Offering: Fairlawn General Fund

Offertory

* Confession of Faith: Apostles' Creed

(Inside front cover of the Psalter Hymnal)

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

* Benediction:

Numbers 6:24–26

* Doxology: "Beautiful Savior"

PH 461:1,4