

Sunday Worship Service

APRIL 28, 2024 | 10:15 A.M.

PREPARATION & PRAISE

Prelude: "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"
"There Is a Higher Throne"

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Words for reflection:

Hear Heaven's voices sing;
Their thunderous anthem rings
Through emerald courts and sapphire skies;
Their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks,
and honor our to God our King,
Who reigns on high forevermore.

Welcome and Announcements

ENTER HIS GATES WITH THANKSGIVING

Call to Worship:

Psalm 118:1, 5, 14, 17, 22-24

Prayer of the Day:

We give you thanks, great God, for the hope we have in Jesus, who died but is risen and rules over all. We praise you for his presence with us. Because he lives, we look for eternal life, knowing that nothing past, present, or yet to come can separate us from your great love made known in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

* Hymn: "Come You Faithful, Raise the Strain"

PH 389

God's Greeting:

Revelation 1:5-6

Hymn: "This Little Light of Mine"

CONFESSION & PRAYER

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God's Will for Our Lives:

based on Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 86, 93

Hymn: "Lead Me, Guide Me"

PH 544

Assurance of Pardon:

based on Isaiah 25:6-9

Congregational Prayer

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

* Hymn: "I Love to Tell the Story"

PH 530

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon: *A Message All of Us Should Know*

1 John 2:1-14 (p. 1207)

* Hymn: "Knowing You"

OUR RESPONSE OF GRATITUDE

Ministry Moment

Ahadi Family Kenya

Offertory Prayer

for the General Fund & World Renew

* Confession of Faith

Apostles' Creed

BLESSING & DISMISSAL

- * Benediction: Numbers 6:24-26
* Doxology: "Let All Things Now Living" PH 453
Postlude: "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" F. Bock

**Indicates congregation stands, as able*

Minister: Rev. Joel Vande Werken

Liturgists: Lois Hassey, Mark DeWeerd, Phyllis Masso | Piano: Laurie Vande Baan

Prayer of the Day adapted from Worship Sourcebook N.1.4.1

Call to Confession adapted from PH p. 978

God's Will for Our Lives adapted from Worship Sourcebook 2.7.21

PRAYER AND PRAISE

MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK: Steve and Sandy Frieswick work with Africa Inland Mission in Toronto, serving immigrants from East Africa, by building relationships and communicating the love of Jesus through tutoring, teaching ESL, and facilitating immigration. "We are hoping to retire towards the end of 2023. We are still praying for a team to come alongside and eventually replace us. We'd appreciate your prayers re: replacements, timing, and a place to retire."

MINISTRY OF THE WEEK: Ahadi Family Kenya, located in Kyumbi, Kenya, works to reunite vulnerable school-aged boys with a relative or trusted person, and assists with their upkeep, formal education, and spiritual and social guidance. "Our three boys who finished 8th grade settled in good high schools, one young man graduated from university and is looking for work, and his brother works 40 hours a week at Daystar to earn his scholarship in a Master's degree program. Another finished a medical internship and is employed at a hospital! And others are taking trade college classes. We thank God that your gifts are making a difference!" Sign up to run, walk, or sponsor a runner on Saturday, May 11, from 10:00 a.m.-Noon, at the Ahadi Family Kenya's Annual Marathon Fundraiser. Our goal this year is 20,000, which is greatly needed as we financially assist families, who have taken in our boys. Members of Fairlawn's Outreach Team will be distributing information after this morning's worship service.

ART VANDERBRUG remains at Advinia Care in Northbridge for physical therapy after recent back surgery. Pray for healing for Art and for encouragement for him and Joanne.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fairwoods 2024 **SPRING CLEAN UP**, take 2 (due to rain!) will be on Saturday, May 4, starting about 9am. We'd be so grateful for your help as we care for this beautiful property that God has entrusted our community with. As always, the donuts, coffee, exercise, and fellowship are provided!

Fairlawn CRC will join The River (164 Davis St, Douglas, MA 01516) in a joint **ASCENSION DAY SERVICE** on Thursday, May 9 at 7:00 p.m. Please join us in this time of bringing worship to the Lord who reigns over all.

This is the last Sunday to sign up for the **ADOPT-A-MISSIONARY PROGRAM!** Please consider taking part in this simple opportunity. Let's make sure our missionaries know that we appreciate the sacrifices they make to reach people with the message of a God who loves them and sent His Son, Jesus, to die so they might live. Sign up TODAY on the Adopt-a-Missionary sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall!