

Fairlawn Christian Reformed Church

# MORNING WORSHIP

January 24, 2016

10:15 A.M.

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## PREPARATION AND PRAISE

Prelude: "Thanks Be to Thee"  
"Take My Life and Let It Be"

Handel  
Smith

## ENTER HIS GATES WITH THANKSGIVING

Silent Prayer and Preparation

\* Call to Worship: I Timothy 6:15-16

Brothers and Sisters, we have come to worship our God,  
**the blessed and only Ruler, the King of kings and Lord of lords.**  
who alone is immortal and who lives in unapproachable light,  
**whom no one has seen or can see.**  
To him be honor and might forever.  
**Amen.**

\* Hymn: PH 460, verses 1-3 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" ST. DENIO

\* 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:

**Eternal Light, shine into our hearts; eternal Goodness, deliver us from evil; eternal Power, be our support; eternal Wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance; eternal Love, have mercy upon us, that with all our heart and mind and strength we may seek your face and be brought by your infinite mercy to your holy presence through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

\* Response: PH 460, verse 4 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" ST. DENIO

We worship before you, great Father of light,  
while angels adore you, all veiling their sight;  
our praises we render, O Father, to you,  
whom only the splendor of light hides from view.

## CONFESSION AND PRAYER

Call to Confession:

Hebrews 12:14-15

Prayer of Confession:

**Holy God, you call us to fix our eyes on you. We have barely looked outside of ourselves. You call us to love our enemies. We have barely loved our family and friends. You call us to be perfect. We have barely tried to be good. You call us to be completely yours. We have barely given you room in our lives. For these sins, and for those we have not named, we seek your forgiveness.**

Silent Prayer and Confession

Minister: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

**All: Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon:

I Peter 2:9-10

God's Will for Our Lives:

I Peter 2:11-17

Choral Anthem: "Wayfarin' Stranger"

Larkin

Congregational Prayer

## THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

\* Hymn: PH 498

"I Sought the Lord, and Afterward I Knew"

FINLANDIA

[Children age 3 - grade Pre-K may leave after the hymn.]

Scripture Reading:

Genesis 12:1-9; Ephesians 2:1-10

Prayer

Sermon: *Resistance Is Futile! (Thank God!)*

Theme: God Graces Us for Good

Prayer:

Lord You are

Grace for our needs, Strength for our weakness,  
Light for our blindness, Love for our loneliness,  
Word for our deafness, Joy for our weariness,  
Peace for our anxiousness, Wonder for our dullness,  
Savior for our hopelessness;

Lord You are

Grace for our needs.

\* Hymn: PH 462

"Amazing Grace—How Sweet the Sound"

NEW BRITAIN

## THE OFFERING OF TRIBUTE

\* Offertory Prayer

Offerings: Fairlawn General Fund

Offertory: "Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer"

Held

## BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

\* Blessing:

*from Celtic Daily Prayer*

May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you, wherever He may send you. May He guide you through the wilderness, protect you through the storm. May He bring you home rejoicing at the wonders He has shown you. May He bring you home rejoicing once again into our doors.

\* Benediction:

Numbers 6:24-26

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace.  
**Amen.**

\* Doxology: PH 638 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

OLD HUNDRETH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, the heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

\* Postlude: "All Glory Be to Thee Most High"

Telemann