

Waterloo CRC
Pajama Praise and Prayers
Sunday, March 29, 2020
10:30 am ZOOM Meeting

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Welcome from our worship leader – Dave Jaarsma

Opening Prayer

Dear God,
We are here to worship you.
We come to sing, pray, and listen.
You always hear us.
Help us to hear you. Amen.

LUYH #423, *Give Me Jesus*

***In the morning when I rise, in the morning when I rise,
in the morning when I rise, give me Jesus.
Give me Jesus, give me Jesus;
You may have all this world; give me Jesus.***

God's Greeting and the Passing of the Peace

LUYH #443, *My Life Flows On in Endless Song*

***My life flows on in endless song; above earth's lamentation,
I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new creation.
No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?***

***Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear that music ringing.
It finds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing?
No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?***

***What though my joys and comforts die? The Lord my Savior liveth.
What though the darkness gather round? Songs in the night he giveth.
No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?***

***The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain every springing!
All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from singing?***

***No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Roc I'm clinging.
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?***

Confession and Assurance *(from the epistles of Hebrews and James)*

So humble yourselves before God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. Come close to God, and God will come close to you. Wash your hands, you sinners; purify your hearts, for your loyalty is divided between God and the world. Let there be tears for what you have done. Let there be sorrow and deep grief. Let there be sadness instead of laughter, and gloom instead of joy. Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up in honor.

We do not come before God like frightened supplicants,
but as those who are confident that they are wonderfully loved.

***Our high priest is Jesus, tempted as we are yet without sin,
who is able to sympathize with our human weaknesses.***

Let us then boldly draw near to the throne of grace,
***that we may be welcomed with mercy
and obtain assistance in every moment of need.***

Silent Prayers

There is no wrong that God cannot make right.
There is no chasm that can separate us from God's love.
The Lord is patient and kind, generous and good.
God will not forsake you or leave you.
Turn to the Lord with confidence
and put your faith in God's great mercy.
By the power of Jesus Christ, we are made whole. Amen.

LUYH #451, *When Peace Like a River*

***When peace like a river attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll;
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say, "It is well, it is well with my soul."
It is well (it is well) with my soul: (with my soul); it is well, it is well with my soul.***

***Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come, let this blest assurance control:
that Christ has regarded my helpless estate, and has shed his own blood for my soul.
It is well (it is well) with my soul: (with my soul); it is well, it is well with my soul.***

*My sin – oh, the bliss of this glorious thought! -- my sin, not in part, but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more; praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
It is well (it is well) with my soul: (with my soul); it is well, it is well with my soul.
O Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend; even so, it is well with my soul.
It is well (it is well) with my soul: (with my soul); it is well, it is well with my soul.*

Scripture: [Hebrews 4:14 – 16](#)

Message: Mercy and Grace to Help in Time of Need

LUYH #682, *Before the Throne of God Above*

*Before the throne of God above, I have a strong and perfect plea,
a great High Priest whose name is Love, who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on his hands, my name is written on his heart;
I know that while in heaven he stands, no tongue can bid me thence depart,
no tongue can bid me thence depart.*

*When Satan tempts me to despair, and tells me of the guilt within,
upward I look and see him there, who made an end of all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free;
for God the Just is satisfied, to look on him and pardon me,
to look on him and pardon me.*

*Behold him there! The risen Lamb, my perfect, spotless righteousness;
the great unchangeable "I AM," the King of glory and of grace!
One with himself I cannot die, my soul is purchased by his blood;
my life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my Savior and my God,
with Christ, my Savior and my God.*

Prayers of the People (ending with the Lord's Prayer)

*Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.
Your Kingdom come,
your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.*

***For yours in the kingdom, and the power, and glory.
Amen.***

Offering for [Resources: Refugee Sunday - World Renew](#)

Closing Words from Hebrews

Let us hold tightly without wavering to the hope we affirm, for God can be trusted to keep his promise. Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near.

Now may the God of peace—
who brought up from the dead our Lord Jesus,
the great Shepherd of the sheep,
and ratified an eternal covenant with his blood—
may he equip you with all you need for doing his will.
May he produce in you,
through the power of Jesus Christ,
every good thing that is pleasing to him.
All glory to him forever and ever! Amen.

LUYH #965, *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

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

Benediction

Amen