



Waterloo Christian Reformed Church

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Eastertide, May 10, 2020

Because the good news of Easter can hardly be contained in a single day's celebration, Easter is only the first of fifty days of **Eastertide**, the "Great Fifty Days" that lead up to Pentecost. This season is designed for extended celebration, for exploring the ramifications of Easter for the redemption of all creation, and for joyful Christian living.

This service will be held online using Zoom. A recorded copy of the service will also be posted on the WCRC website and be sent out for viewing any time.

Preacher: Rev. Vicki Cok

Worship Leader: Scott Lammers

Pianist: Julie Hunse

Liturgy: Nelda Looyenga

Welcome and Announcements

We Gather for Worship

Prayer of Invocation

Dear God,
we come to worship you today.
We come to sing, pray, and listen.
You always hear us.
Help us to hear you. **Amen.**

Call to Worship

All who thirst, come to the water.

(pouring of water into bowl)

Come, all who are weary;
come, all who yearn for forgiveness.
The Holy Spirit through Jesus Christ has washed over us,
and our gracious and holy God beckons and blesses us.
Drink deeply of these living waters.
Glory to you, O Lord, glory to you.

Song of Praise: LUYH #503 – **As the Deer**

As the deer pants for the water,
so my soul longs after you;
you alone are my heart's desire,
and I long to worship you.
You alone are my strength, my shield;
to you alone may my spirit yield;
you alone are my heart's desire,
and I long to worship you!

God's Greeting

We Lament and Receive Hope

God, giver of all good things,
your desire is for us to have life, and have it abundantly.
We trust in your promises
and believe you make everything beautiful in its time,
yet we live in the midst of a hurting and broken world.
Grant us patience,
that we may wait in hope for your healing and redemption.

Refrain: LUYH #303 – **Healer of Our Every Ill**

Healer of our every ill,
light of each tomorrow,
give us peace beyond our fear
and hope beyond our sorrow.

We pray for those who are lonely and anxious—
those who are tired and overworked,
those who yearn for a hug,
those who are missing their friends.

***Be present in our waiting,
and may our loneliness and longing be met by your love.***

Healer of our every ill,
light of each tomorrow,
give us peace beyond our fear
and hope beyond our sorrow.

You are the light of each tomorrow,
but we also experience the shadows of despair.
We lament strained relationships.
We may feel lonely though surrounded by people.
Bombarded by bad news,
we grow indifferent toward those we love,
and tired of trying to see the good in each new day.

Shine in our lives and guide us to love like you.

Healer of our every ill,
light of each tomorrow,
give us peace beyond our fear
and hope beyond our sorrow.

Some of us cannot see the hope beyond our sorrow,
because we are losing or have lost loved ones.
We grieve the loss of those separated from us
through death but also through physical distancing.
We pray for those whom we love
who don't know the assurance of abundant life in you.
In your mercy open eyes and turn hearts to your love.

Healer of our every ill,
light of each tomorrow,
give us peace beyond our fear
and hope beyond our sorrow.

We Hear God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Loving God, you provide for our every need.
You feed our bodies and our souls,
yet we hunger to know and love you more and more.

Nourish us with your Word today.

***Through Jesus Christ and in the power
of the Holy Spirit we pray. Amen.***

Scripture Reading: **Psalm 31**

Concluded with “This is the word of the Lord” and “**Thanks be to God**”

Sermon: **Out of Our Hands**

Moment of Silent Meditation

*Take a moment to reflect on what God's word might mean for your life or on a truth that spoke to you.
Please be still until after the pianist concludes this time of silence.*

We Respond with Gratitude

Song of Response: LUYH #281 – **God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand**

- 1 God of the ages, whose almighty hand
leads forth in beauty all the starry band
of shining worlds in splendor through the skies:
our grateful songs before thy throne arise.
- 2 Thy love divine hath led us in the past;
in this free land by thee our lot is cast;
be thou our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay;
thy Word our law, thy paths our chosen way.
- 3 From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence,
be thy strong arm our ever sure defense;
may true religion in our hearts increase,
thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.
- 4 Refresh thy people on their toilsome way;
lead us from night to never-ending day;
fill all our lives with love and grace divine;
all glory, laud, and praise be ever thine.

Prayers of the People (using Chat)

We will conclude this time of prayer 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.
Forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil,
for yours is the kingdom and the power
and the glory forever. Amen.***

Offering: **World Renew Maternal and Child Health**

Diaconal Prayer

We Are Sent Out with the Spirit

Closing Prayer

Mighty and loving God,
You protect and care for us in ways we will never understand.
Help us to love you so deeply that we will trust you,
And to trust you so completely that we will follow you now and always.
We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Closing Song: LUYH #941 – **Song of Hope**

May the God of hope go with us every day,
Filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.

May the God of justice speed us on our way,
Bringing light and hope to every land and race.
Praying, let us work for peace,
Singing, share our joy with all,
Working for a world that's new,
Faithful when we hear Christ's call.

God will be our shepherd as we go our way
And will not forsake us when we go astray.
Even though the load of life is hard to bear,
We must not forget that God is always there.
Praying, let us work for peace,
Singing, share our joy with all,
Working for a world that's new,
Faithful when we hear Christ's call.

Benediction and Choral "***Amen, Amen, Amen***"

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