



Waterloo Christian Reformed Church

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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: Don Bisch

Pianist: Lisa Pardys

Liturgy: Nelda Looyenga

Welcome and Announcements

We Gather for Worship

Call to Worship

God invites us into his healing presence with these words:

"I am the Lord, who heals you."

***Diseased, depressed, dysfunctional, defeated,
we come hungering for health that only God can provide.***

God calls us to bring open eyes, hearing ears,
and tender hearts turned toward him, the Great Physician.

We bow before him in faith and expectancy!

—based on Exodus 15:26; Isaiah 6:10

Song of Praise: LUYH #777 (vs. 1,2,4) – **God is So Good**

- 1 God is so good,
God is so good,
God is so good,
he's so good to me.
- 2 He cares for me, (3x) . . .
he's so good to me.
- 4 I praise his name, (3x) . . .
he's so good to me.

God's Greeting

We Pray for Help and Receive Assurance

(Lord, Help Me: A Prayer for Healing – Timothy Dudley-Smith)

My Father,

There is so much I would have different –

And which, I believe, you would have different too.

I want to make a start.

I think it must begin in me. But where?

Lord, help me.

And there are others – [so many others]

Whom I would bring to you ...

This great overwhelming need.

There are friends and neighbours I feel so powerless to help.

People I love, dangerously near the rocks,

Far from their true home,
Possessed by many demons of our modern world.
How can I help them? How can I serve them better?

Lord, help me.

My own deep places –
The unremembered scars which limit me today;
The unhealed wounds that make me less than whole –

Lord, help me.

My faith is not great, Lord.
Indeed, I do not always want true healing.
There are attractions in a certain underdemanding invalidism.
But I want what you want.

I trust you where I do not trust myself.

So be my bread of life, Lord Jesus.
Nourish, sustain and heal.
Help me according to your will.
May my dumb spirit testify,
My weakness mend,
My blind eyes see,
My heart rejoice.

Lord, help me. Amen.

Song of Response: LUYH #652 – **I Lift My Eyes Up**

I lift my eyes up to the mountains;
where does my help come from?
My help comes from you, Maker of heaven,
Creator of the earth.
Oh, how I need you, Lord.
You are my only hope;
you're my only prayer.
So I will wait for you
to come and rescue me.
Come and give me life.
I lift my eyes up to the mountains;
where does my help come from?
My help comes from you, Maker of heaven,
Creator of the earth.

Assurance of God's Love

Merciful God, whose very name is Love,
You never turn away from anyone who seeks you.
**When we cry for mercy, keep us honest and humble,
receiving your forgiveness in our broken lives
and proclaiming your salvation,
available to all the world through Jesus Christ.**

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 86**

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

Sermon: **That I May Walk in Your Truth**

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 #621 – **Give Me a Clean Heart**

Refrain

Give me a clean heart so I may serve thee.
Lord, fix my heart so that I may be used by thee.
For I'm not worthy of all these blessings.
Give me a clean heart, Lord, and I'll follow thee.

- 1 I'm not asking for the riches of the land.
I'm not asking for the proud to know my name.
Please give me, Lord, a clean heart,
so that I may follow thee.
Give me a clean heart, Lord, and I'll follow thee. ***Refrain***
- 2 Sometimes I am up, and sometimes I am down.
Sometimes I am almost level to the ground.
Please give me, Lord, a clean heart,
so that I may follow thee.
Give me a clean heart, Lord, and I'll follow thee. ***Refrain***

Intercessory Prayer (using Chat)

Song during Prayer: **My Faith Looks Up to Thee** – Lowell Mason; arr. Cindy Berry

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: **Diaconate**

Diaconal Prayer

We Celebrate Holy Communion

Sisters and brothers, the gospels tell us that on the first day of the week,
the day on which he was raised from the dead,

Jesus appeared to his disciples and was made known to them in the breaking of bread.
Come, then, to the joyful feast of the Lord.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere
to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

You formed us in your image, and breathed into us the breath of life.

When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast.

You delivered us from captivity, and made a covenant to be our sovereign God.

You sent your Son to die in our place,

by your power he broke free from the prison of the tomb,

and at his command the gates of hell were opened.

The one who was dead now lives.

The one who humbled himself is raised to rule over all creation, the Lamb upon the throne.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven,

we praise your name and join in their unending hymn:

LUYH #605 – **Worthy is Christ**

1 Worthy is Christ, worthy is Christ;

to him be praise and glory:

worthy is the Lord.

2 He gave his life, he died for me;

to him be praise and glory:

worthy is the Lord.

Let us recall that on the night of his betrayal, the Lord Jesus took bread,
gave thanks to God, and broke the bread saying,

“Take, eat; this is my body, which is for you. Do this to remember me.”

In the same way after supper, he took the cup,

and after giving thanks, offered it to his disciples, saying,

“Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,

poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

Let us pray:

Almighty and ever-loving God, in remembrance of your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice,
in union with Christ’s offering for us.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us, and on these gifts of bread and wine;

make them be for us the body and blood of Christ

that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world,
until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.

Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith:

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Is not the bread that we break a sharing in the body of Christ?

We who are many are one body, for we all share the same loaf.

Is not the cup for which we give thanks a sharing in the blood of Christ?

The cup which we bless is our participation in the blood of Christ.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

(We share the bread and cup with each other.)

Song during Communion: **Remembrance** – Robert Schumann – *presented by Lisa Pardys*

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 #861 – **In Our Lives, Lord, Be Glorified**

- 1 In our lives, Lord, be glorified, be glorified;
in our lives, Lord, be glorified today.
- 2 In our homes, Lord, be glorified, be glorified;
in our homes, Lord, be glorified today.
- 3 In your church, Lord, be glorified, be glorified;
in your church, Lord, be glorified today.
- 4 In your world, Lord, be glorified, be glorified;
in your world, Lord, be glorified today.

Benediction and Choral “***Amen, Amen, Amen***”