



Waterloo Christian Reformed Church

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Sunday June 7, 2020

During **PENTECOST SEASON** we celebrate the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives and in the ministry of the Word.

Currently we are in the middle of a three part series on how God speaks to us.

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: Nelda Looyenga

Musicians: Lydia & Lisa Pardys

Liturgy: Dave Jaarsma

Welcome and Announcements

We Gather for Worship

Opening Prayer

Dear God,
silence all voices within our minds but your own.
Help us to seek and be able to follow your will.

(Moment of silence)

May our prayers be joined
with those of our sisters and brothers in the faith,
that together we may glorify your name
and enjoy your fellowship forever.
In Jesus' name, amen.

Call to Worship

God calls us to worship with these words from Psalm 46:

"Be still, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth!"

The LORD Almighty is with us;

The God of Jacob is our fortress.

Song of Praise: LUYH #370 – **My Soul Finds Rest**

1 My soul finds rest in God alone,
my rock and my salvation;
a fortress strong against my foes,
and I will not be shaken.
Though lips may bless and hearts may curse,
and lies like arrows pierce me,
I'll fix my heart on righteousness;
I'll look to him who hears me.

Refrain

O praise him, hallelujah,
my delight and my reward;
everlasting, never failing,
my Redeemer, my God.

- 2 Find rest, my soul, in God alone
amid the world's temptations;
when evil seeks to take a hold,
I'll cling to my salvation.
Though riches come and riches go,
don't set your heart upon them;
the fields of hope in which I sow
are harvested in heaven.

Refrain

O praise him, hallelujah,
my delight and my reward;
everlasting, never failing,
my Redeemer, my God.

- 3 I'll set my gaze on God alone
and trust in him completely;
with every day pour out my soul,
and he will prove his mercy.
Though life is but a fleeting breath,
a sigh too brief to measure,
my King has crushed the curse of death,
and I am his forever. **Refrain**

God's Greeting

We Confess our Sins and Receive Assurance of Forgiveness

Call to Confession (adapted from Ted Loder's *Guerrillas of Grace*, published in "Strengthening the Soul of Your Leadership" by Ruth Haley Barton)

Holy One, there is something I wanted to tell you
but there have been groceries to order,
bills to pay,
children to homeschool,
Zoom meetings to attend,
friends to contact,
washing to do...

And I forget what it is I wanted to say to you,
and mostly I forget what I'm about, or why.

O God,
don't forget me, please,
for the sake of Jesus Christ....

O Father in Heaven,
perhaps you've already heard what I wanted to tell you.
What I wanted to ask is
forgive me, heal me,
increase my courage, please.
Renew in me a little of love and faith,
and a sense of confidence,
and a vision of what it might mean
to live as though you were real,
and I mattered,
and everyone was sister and brother.

What I wanted to ask in my blundering way is
don't give up on me,
don't become too sad about me,
but laugh with me,
and try again with me,
and I will with you, too.

Song of Confession: Sing a New Creation #80 – **Open Our Eyes, Lord**

Open our eyes, Lord; we want to see Jesus,
To reach out and touch him,
and say that we love him.
Open our ears, Lord; and help us to listen.
Open our eyes, Lord; we want to see Jesus.

Assurance of Pardon

"Listen, listen to me,
and your soul will delight in the richest of fare."
God's Word will not return empty
but will accomplish through us his holy purpose.
Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.
Then we will go out with joy and be led forth in peace;
the mountains and the hills will sing;
the trees of the field will clap their hands.
—based on Isaiah 55:2, 11-12; John 4:24

Song of Assurance: LUYH #406 (vs. 1-4) – **Lord, I Bring My Songs to You**

- 1 LORD, I bring my songs to you,
every day declaring praise.
All the meek shall hear my words
always telling of your ways.
Join with me your heart and voice,
praise the LORD, in him rejoice.
- 2 I sought God, he answered me;
he delivered me from fear.
Look to him; your face will shine,
free from shame and from despair.
Lo, the angel of our God
camps near those who fear the LORD.
- 3 Taste and see that God is good,
sheltering all who love his name.
Fear the LORD and heed his word;
those who fear him know no shame.
Lion's young from hunger cry;
God his own will satisfy.
- 4 Come, my children, hear me speak.
This is how to fear the LORD:
If good days you would enjoy,
keep your tongue from lying words.
Turn from evil, do the good,
seek the peace that comes from God.

We Hear God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Lord God,
help us to turn our hearts to you
and to hear what you will speak,
for you speak peace to your people
through Christ, our Lord. Amen.
—based on Psalm 85:8.

Scripture Reading: **Proverbs 2:1-11**

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

Sermon: **The Sound of Silence**

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 #565 – **God Himself Is with Us**

1. God himself is with us; let us now adore him,
and with awe appear before him.
God is in his temple; all within, keep silence,
prostrate lie with deepest reverence.
Him alone do we own as our God and Savior;
praise his name forever.
2. God himself is with us; hear the harps resounding!
See the crowds the throne surrounding!
“Holy, holy, holy,” hear the hymn ascending,
angels, saints their voices blending!
Bow your ear to us here; hear, O Christ, the praises
that your church now raises.
3. Fount of every blessing, purify my spirit,
trusting only in your merit.
Like the holy angels who behold your glory,
may I ceaselessly adore you,
And in all, great and small, seek to do most nearly
what you love so dearly.

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: **Office of Social Justice**

Diaconal Prayer

We Are Sent Out with the Spirit

Closing Prayer (by Janet Morley, *Bread of Tomorrow*, published in "Strengthening the Soul of Your Leadership" by Ruth Haley Barton)

For the darkness of waiting,
Of not knowing what is to come,
Of staying ready and quiet and attentive,
We praise you, O God.

For the darkness and the light are both alike to you.

For the darkness of staying silent
For the terror of having nothing to say
And for the greater terror of needing to say nothing,
We praise you, O God.

For the darkness and the light are both alike to you.

For the darkness of choosing
When you give us the moment
To speak, and act, and change,
And we cannot know what we have set in motion,
But we still have to take the risk,
We praise you, O God.

For the darkness and the light are both alike to you.

For the darkness of hoping
In a world which longs for you,
For the wrestling and laboring of all creation
For wholeness and justice and freedom,
We praise you, O God.

For the darkness and the light are both alike to you.

Closing Song: LUYH #730 – **I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light**

- 1 I want to walk as a child of the light;
I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world;
the star of my life is Jesus.

Refrain

In him there is no darkness at all;
the night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God;
shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

- 2 I want to see the brightness of God;
I want to look at Jesus.
Clear Sun of righteousness, shine on my path,
and show me the way to the Father. ***Refrain***

- 3 I'm looking for the coming of Christ;
I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run with patience the race,
we shall know the joy of Jesus. ***Refrain***

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