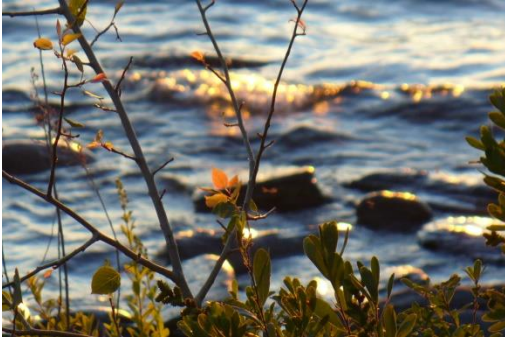




Waterloo Christian Reformed Church

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Sunday June 14, 2020

We are now entering the church season called **Common Time**.
Pastor Vicki will be focussing her sermons on the theme of water,
as used in the Bible, during this time.

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: Carolyn Kleefman

Pianist: Lisa Pardys

Liturgy: Dave Jaarsma

Welcome and Announcements

We Gather for Worship

Call to Worship

All who thirst, come to the water.
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 #531 (verses 1 and 3) – **God, You Call Us to This Place**

- 1 God, you call us to this place,
where we know your love and grace.
Here your hospitality
makes of us one family,
makes our rich diversity
richer still in unity,
makes our many voices one,
joined in praise with Christ your Son.
- 3 In the water we were born
of the Spirit in the Son.
Now a priestly, royal race
rich in every gift of grace—
called, forgiven, loved, and freed,
for the world we intercede:
gather into unity
all the human family.

God's Greeting

We Confess our Sins and Receive Assurance of Forgiveness

Today we will read about the Pharaoh's daughter finding Moses in the water. As she lifted him out of the water, she put aside their divisions. In the past few weeks, we have confronted the realities of racial injustice in our world, where divisions are very real. In this reality, let us confess our sins to God.

Call to Confession

You asked for my hands,
that you might use them for your purpose.

I gave them for a moment, then withdrew them,
 for the work was hard.
 You asked for my mouth
 to speak out against injustice.
 I gave you a whisper that I might not be accused.
 You asked for my eyes
 to see the pain of poverty.
 I closed them, for I did not want to see.
 You asked for my life,
 that you might work through me.
 I gave a small part that I might not get too involved.
 Lord, forgive my calculated efforts to serve you—
 only when it is convenient for me to do so,
 only in those places where it is safe to do so,
 and only with those who make it easy to do so.
***Father, forgive me, renew me,
 and make me a usable instrument,
 that I might take seriously
 the meaning of your cross. Amen.***

Assurance of Pardon

Our assurance comes from the book of Ezekiel. The NRSV Student Bible explains, "Ezekiel realized that Israel needed more than a fresh start. To avoid making the same mistakes all over again, they needed new motivation and orientation. God must work radical surgery on them, to implant a new heart and a new spirit. Jesus' followers believed that this began when the Holy Spirit came at Pentecost." Ezekiel's words are true for us, too:
 "The word of the Lord came to me:
 I will sprinkle clean water upon you,
 and you shall be clean from all your uncleanness,
 and from all your idols I will cleanse you.
 A new heart I will give you,
 and a new spirit I will put within you;
 and I will remove from your body the heart of stone
 and give you a heart of flesh."
 —Ezekiel 36:25-26, NRSV.

Song of Assurance: LUYH #802— **Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters**

- 1 Wash, O God, our sons and daughters,
 where your cleansing waters flow.
 Number them among your people;
 bless as Christ blessed long ago.
 Weave them garments bright and sparkling;
 compass them with love and light.
 Fill, anoint them; send your Spirit,
 holy dove and heart's delight.
- 2 We who bring them long for nurture;
 by your milk may we be fed.
 Let us join your feast, partaking
 cup of blessing, living bread.
 God, renew us, guide our footsteps,
 free from sin and all its snares,
 one with Christ in living, dying,
 by your Spirit, children, heirs.

- 3 Oh, how deep your holy wisdom!
Unimagined, all your ways!
To your name be glory, honor!
With our lives we worship, praise!
We your people stand before you,
water-washed and Spirit-born.
By your grace, our lives we offer.
Recreate us: God, transform!

We Hear God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Lord, open to us the sea of your mercy,
and water us with full streams
from the riches of your grace
and the springs of your kindness. Amen.

Scripture Reading: **Exodus 2:1-10**

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

Sermon: **The Resistance**

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 #357 – **In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful**

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful;
in the Lord I will rejoice!
Look to God; do not be afraid.
Lift up your voices, the Lord is near;
lift up your voices, the Lord is near.

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: **Faith Formation Ministries**

Diaconal Prayer

We Are Sent Out with the Spirit

Closing Prayer

As the prophet Ezekiel wrote, we have been cleansed of sin!
Let us use the new spirit given to us to do God's will!

Let us live out the beliefs expressed in the Belhar Confession:

"We believe that the church
must stand by people in any form of suffering and need,
which implies, among other things,
that the church must witness against and strive against any form of injustice,
so that justice may roll down like waters,
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream."

Closing Song: LUYH #5 – **Let All Things Now Living**

- 1 Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
to God the Creator triumphantly raise,
who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
who guides us and leads to the end of our days.
His banners are o'er us, his light goes before us,
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night,
till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished,
as forward we travel from light into light.
- 2 His law he enforces; the stars in their courses
and sun in its orbit obediently shine;
the hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,
the deeps of the ocean proclaim him divine.
We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing;
with glad adoration a song let us raise,
till all things now living unite in thanksgiving:
to God in the highest, hosanna and praise!

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

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