



Waterloo Christian Reformed Church

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Sunday June 21, 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: Dave Jaarsma

Pianist: Pam Joosse

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 #699 – **Like a River Glorious**

- 1 Like a river glorious
is God's perfect peace,
over all victorious
in its bright increase:
perfect, yet still flowing
fuller every day;
perfect, yet still growing
deeper all the way.

Refrain

Trusting in the Father,
hearts are fully blest,
finding, as he promised,
perfect peace and rest.

- 2 Hidden in the hollow
of his mighty hand,
where no harm can follow,
in his strength we stand.
We may trust him fully
all for us to do;
those who trust him wholly
find him wholly true. ***Refrain***

God's Greeting

We Confess our Sins and Receive Assurance of Forgiveness

Confession

O God, our great shepherd,

you tenderly gather us as lambs,
carrying us with your all-embracing love.
Yet, like sheep, we wander from you:
following our own ways, ignoring your voice,
distrusting your provisions.
Forgive our stubborn rebellion, our hardened hearts, our lack of trust.
Refresh us once again by your quiet waters of mercy
and restore our souls by your redeeming love.
Guide our paths, that we might follow you more closely.
[Silent confession]
Through Jesus Christ, our good shepherd, we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

The prophet Ezekiel writes,
"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 #700 (sung twice) – **Your Mercy Flows**

Your mercy flows upon us like a river.
Your mercy stands unshakable and true.
Most holy God, of all good things the giver,
we turn and lift our fervent prayer to you.
Hear our cry, (*Hear our cry,*)
O Lord, (*O Lord,*)
be merciful (*be merciful*)
once more. (*once more.*)
Let your love, (*Let your love,*)
your anger stem; (*your anger stem;*)
remember mercy, O Lord, again.

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 7:8-24**

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

Sermon: **There's Blood in the Water**

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 #251 (vs. 1-4) – **The Church's One Foundation**

- 1 The church's one foundation
is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
she is his new creation
by water and the Word.
From heaven he came and sought her
to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her,
and for her life he died.
- 2 Elect from every nation,
yet one o'er all the earth;
her charter of salvation:
one Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name she blesses,
partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses,
with every grace endued.
- 3 Though with a scornful wonder
the world sees her oppressed,
by schisms rent asunder,
by heresies distressed,
yet saints their watch are keeping;
their cry goes up: "How long?"
and soon the night of weeping
shall be the morn of song.
- 4 Mid toil and tribulation,
and tumult of her war,
she waits the consummation
of peace evermore,
till with the vision glorious
her longing eyes are blest,
and the great church victorious
shall be the church at rest.

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: **Aboriginal Ministry**

Diaconal Prayer

We Celebrate Holy Communion

Thanking and Praising God

Pastor Vicki: Today we're celebrating communion again at home, since we can't be at our church with the rest of God's family. Let's start by thanking and praising God together.

Abi Jaarsma: Pastor Vicki, why do we thank and praise God before we take communion together?

Pastor Vicki: Because we are grateful that God made our wonderful world and sent Jesus, God's Son, to save us.

Everyone:

It is right for us to thank and praise you, God!

You made the heavens, and the earth, and the oceans, and the rivers, and everything else!

You made us in your own image. Every day you show us your mercy.

We worship you, and with the angels we praise you!

Song of Praise: LUYH #559 – **Ten Thousand Reasons**

Refrain

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;
worship his holy name.

Sing like never before, O my soul;
I'll worship your holy name.

- 1 The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning;
it's time to sing your song again.
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me,
let me be singing when the evening comes. ***Refrain***
- 2 You're rich in love, and you're slow to anger.
Your name is great, and your heart is kind.
For all your goodness, I will keep on singing—
ten thousand reasons for my heart to find. ***Refrain***
- 3 And on that day when my strength is failing,
the end draws near, and my time has come;
still, my soul will sing your praise unending—
ten thousand years and then forevermore! ***Refrain***

Pastor Vicki: Holy God, because you are full of mercy, you gave us your only Son, Jesus Christ. Jesus became a human like us and lived on earth like us. He died to save us from our sins, and God brought him back to life! We thank you that Jesus gave us this way to remember what he did for us until he comes back to live with us forever.

The Bread and Cup

Abi Jaarsma: Pastor Vicki, why do we eat bread and drink wine or juice to remember Jesus?

Pastor Vicki: The bread and the wine or juice remind us of Jesus' body and blood. Jesus knew he was going to die on a cross, which was a painful way to die. On the night before he died, Jesus took a loaf of bread. After he thanked God for it, he broke it into pieces and gave it to his friends, the disciples.

Jesus said, "This is my body. It is given for you. Every time you eat it, do this in memory of me."

Everyone: ***We remember you, Jesus!***

Pastor Vicki: After Jesus and his disciples ate dinner together; Jesus took a cup of wine.

He said, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. It is poured out for you."

Everyone: ***Thank you, Jesus!***

Remembering the Father, Son, and Spirit

Abi Jaarsma: What exactly do we remember when we celebrate communion together?

Pastor Vicki: We remember God's amazing love for us, Jesus' death and resurrection for us, and the Spirit's tender care for us.

Let's pray. Loving God, send your Holy Spirit to bless this bread and juice.

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.

When we eat and drink it together,

remind us that we are part of your big family.

Thank you that you forgive all our sins

and that when Jesus returns we will live with you forever!

Everyone: **Amen.**

Celebrating Communion

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

We Are Sent Out with the Spirit

Closing Prayer

Lord, pour out your Spirit upon the whole earth
and bring in your new creation.

Gather your church together

from the ends of the earth into your kingdom,

where peace and justice are revealed,

that we, with all your people

of every language, race, and nation,

may share the banquet you have promised.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ,

all honor and glory are yours for ever. Amen.

Closing Song: LUYH #847 – **This Holy Covenant Was Made**

1 This holy covenant was made:

God, our Deliverance was obeyed.

Seas were parted; freedom started.

By cloud and fire we were led.

By quail and manna we were fed.

Refrain

Alleluia, alleluia,

alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

2 This holy covenant was new

at table with Christ's gathered few.

Blessing spoken; body broken.

By lifted cup our God forgives.

By Jesus' grace alone we live. ***Refrain***

3 This holy covenant of flame

sears in our hearts the saving name.

Spirit's fire, our desire.

By wind and tongue the church is sealed.

By might and power here revealed. ***Refrain***

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