



Waterloo Christian Reformed Church

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Sunday June 28, 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: Don Bisch

Pianists: Lisa, Danielle & Rachel 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 #908 (verses 1-3) – **Christ, Be Our Light**

- 1 Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.

Refrain

Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.

- 3 Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
shared until all are fed. ***Refrain***

God's Greeting

We Confess our Sins and Receive Assurance of Forgiveness

Call to Confession

When we gather to praise God,
we remember that we are people
who have preferred our wills to his.
Accepting his power to become new persons in Christ,
let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your steadfast love;

according to your abundant mercy
blot out my transgressions.

***Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin.***

For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me.

Against you, you alone, have I sinned,
and done what is evil in your sight,
so that you are justified in your sentence
and blameless when you pass judgment.

***Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and right spirit within me.***

—Psalm 51

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 #332— **As the Deer Pants for the Water**

- 1 As the deer pants for the water
so my soul longs for you, my Lord.
When can I come to you again
to praise you as before?

Refrain

Why should I let this sorrow fill my soul?
My life is in his hands; my hope is in the Lord;
and he, I know, will be my Savior still.

- 2 Day after day he sends his love;
I feel his peace come raining down.
I raise a song to him at night
like fire from the ground. ***Refrain***

- 3 Send me your light and truth to guide me
as I travel through this land.
Lead me to your holy dwelling
at my journey's end. ***Refrain***

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 17:1-7**

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

Sermon: **Is God Among Us or Not?**

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 #43 – **Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer**

- 1 Guide me, O my great Redeemer,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but you are mighty;
hold me with your powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore,
feed me now and evermore.
- 2 Open now the crystal fountain,
where the healing waters flow.
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through.
Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer,
ever be my strength and shield,
ever be my strength and shield.
- 3 When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside.
Death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever sing to you,
I will ever sing to you.

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.***

Song during prayer: **Oceans** by Joel Houston/Matt Crocker/Salomon Lighthelm— *sung by Claire Numan*

You call me out upon the waters
The great unknown where feet may fail
And there I find You in the mystery
In oceans deep
My faith will stand
And I will call upon Your name
And keep my eyes above the waves
When oceans rise, my soul will rest in Your embrace

For I am Yours and You are mine
Your grace abounds in deepest waters
Your sovereign hand
Will be my guide
Where feet may fail and fear surrounds me
You've never failed and You won't start now
So I will call upon Your name
And keep my eyes above the waves
When oceans rise, my soul will rest in Your embrace
For I am Yours and You are mine
Spirit lead me where my trust is without borders
Let me walk upon the waters
Wherever You would call me
Take me deeper than my feet could ever wander
And my faith will be made stronger
In the presence of my Savior
I will call upon Your name
Keep my eyes above the waves
My soul will rest in Your embrace
I am Yours and You are mine

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Diaconal Prayer

We Are Sent Out with the Spirit

Closing Prayer

Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things.
Your voice thundered over the waters at creation.
You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys
to refresh and satisfy us and all living things.
Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety.
Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom.
In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock,
and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.
By the baptism of his death and resurrection,
your Son, Jesus, has carried us to safety and freedom.
The floods shall not overwhelm us, the deep shall not swallow us up,
for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise.
Pour out your Holy Spirit,
wash away sin through the cross of Christ,
clothe the baptized with Christ,
and claim your daughters and sons,
no longer Jew or Greek, no longer slave or free, no longer male or female,
but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

Closing Song: LUYH #519 (vs. 1-3) – **God, We Sing Your Glorious Praises**

- 1 God, we sing your glorious praises
as we tell your awesome deeds;

you have fashioned all creation,
and you meet each creature's needs.
We rejoice in how your people
tasted your great faithfulness;
graced through every generation,
we your mighty acts profess.

- 2 We remember, God, your covenant,
which extends from heaven to earth;
how Christ's death and resurrection
conquers sin, renews our birth.
Thank you for this gospel message,
which inspires your church to preach
grace to every generation
in our deeds and in our speech.
- 3 Fueled by power from your Spirit,
we commit ourselves anew
to be faithful to your gospel
in the daily work we do.
We will shout your glorious praises,
telling all who have not heard;
grace for every generation
is embodied in your Word.

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