



Waterloo Christian Reformed Church

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Sunday July 5, 2020

We are now in 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: Julie Hunse

Liturgy: Kathy Brouwer

Welcome and Announcements

We Gather for Worship

Call to Worship

All who thirst, come to the water
And drink deeply of these living streams.

We come, seeking to be refreshed and renewed.

The Holy Spirit through Jesus Christ has washed over us,
and our gracious Father beckons and blesses us.

We come to worship our Triune God.

Song of Praise LUYH #496 – **Come, all You People.**

- 1 Come, all you people, come and praise your maker;
come, all your people, come and praise your maker;
come, all you people, come and praise your maker;
come now and worship the Lord.
- 2 Come, all you people, come and praise the Savior;
come, all you people, come and praise the Savior;
come, all you people, come and praise the Savior;
come now and worship the Lord.
- 3 Come, all you people, come and praise the Spirit;
come, all you people, come and praise the Spirit;
come, all you people, come and praise the Spirit;
come and worship the Lord.

God's Greeting

We Confess our Sins and Receive Assurance of Forgiveness

Call to Confession

LUYH #70, vs 1, 2 – **On Jordan's Banks** (vs 1 sung by Julie Hunse; vs 2 sung by the congregation)

- 1 On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
announces that the Lord is nigh.
Awake and harken for he brings
glad tidings of the King of kings.
- 2 Then cleansed be every life from sin:
make straight the way for God within,
and let us all our hearts prepare
for Christ to come and enter there.

Confession:

Holy God,
You sent your son to be baptised among sinners
to seek and save the lost.
But we, who have been baptised in his name,
often turn away from the world,
in fear, in exhaustion, in selfishness.
Forgive us. Help us again to reach out
with your mercy and show your love
wherever it is needed.

LUYH #70, vs 4 (congregation)

4 Stretch forth your hand, our health restore,
and make us rise to fall no more.
O let your face upon us shine
and fill the world with love divine.

Assurance of Pardon

When the goodness and loving kindness
of our Lord appeared, he saved us,
not because of any works of righteousness that we have done,
but according to his mercy,
through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit.
This Spirit he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Saviour,
so that, having been justified by his grace,
we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life. (Titus 3:4-7, NRSV)

Song of Assurance and Praise: LUYH #70, vs 6

6 All praise to you, eternal Son,
whose advent has our freedom won,
whom with the Father we adore,
and Holy Spirit, evermore.

We Hear God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Glory be to you, O God.
You are the fountainhead of all that is good,
the source of all new redemptive beginnings.
Open our eyes and hearts
that we may receive the gift of your word,
discern your activity within our midst,
and follow your leading
In the name of Jesus,
in whose baptism we too are baptised. **Amen.**

Scripture Reading: **Matthew 3:1-17**

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

Sermon: **Hope in the Desert**

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.

We Respond with Gratitude

Song of Response: LUHY #796 – **Oh the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus**

- 1 Oh, the deep, deep love of Jesus,
vast, unmeasured, boundless, free!
Rolling as a mighty ocean
in its fullness over me!
Underneath me, all around me,
is the current of thy love—
leading onward, leading homeward,
to thy glorious rest above!
- 2 Oh, the deep, deep love of Jesus—
spread his praise from shore to shore!
How he loves us, ever loves us,
changes never, nevermore!
How he watches o'er his loved ones,
died to call them all his own;
how for them he's interceding,
watching o'er them from the throne!
- 3 Oh, the deep, deep love of Jesus,
love of every love the best!
'Tis an ocean vast of blessing,
'tis a haven sweet of rest!
Oh, the deep, deep love of Jesus—
'tis a heaven of heavens to me;
and it lifts me up to glory,
for it lifts me up to thee!

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: **The Working Centre**

Diaconal Prayer

We Are Sent Out with the Spirit

Closing Word:

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance,
kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.
Against such things there is no law.
Since we live by the Spirit,
let us keep in step with the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23).

Closing Song: LUYH #926 (vs, 1, 2, 4) – **God of Grace and God of Glory**

- 1 God of grace and God of glory, on your people pour your power;
crown your ancient church's story; bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.
- 2 Lo, the hosts of evil round us scorn the Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise,
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the living of these days,
for the living of these days.
- 4 Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;
let the gift of your salvation be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving you whom we adore,
serving you whom we adore.

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

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