



Waterloo Christian Reformed Church

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Sunday July 26, 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 at another time.

Preacher: Rev. Vicki Cok

Worship Leader: Don Bisch

Pianist: Pam Joosse

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 rescued and protected.

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

We come to worship our mighty and sheltering God.

Song of Praise: LUYH #560 – **We Praise You, O God**

- 1 We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;
in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before you, we kneel and adore you;
we bless your holy name, glad praises we sing.
- 2 We worship you, God of our fathers and mothers;
through life's storm and tempest our guide you have been.
When perils o'ertake us, you never forsake us.
And with your help, O Lord, our battles we win.
- 3 With voices united our praises we offer;
our songs of thanksgiving to you we now raise.
Your strong arm will guide us, our God is beside us.
To you, our great Redeemer, fore'er be praise!

God's Greeting

We Confess our Sins and Receive Assurance of Forgiveness

Call to Confession

What is your only comfort in life and death?

That I am not my own,

but belong -

body and soul,

in life and death -

to my faithful Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Confession: LUYH #424, vs. 1,2 ,4– **Jesus, Lover of My Soul**

- 1 Jesus, lover of my soul,
let me to thy bosom fly,
while the nearer waters roll,
while the tempest still is high;
hide me, O my Savior, hide,
till the storm of life is past;
safe into the haven guide,
O receive my soul at last.
- 2 Other refuge have I none;
hangs my helpless soul on thee;
leave, ah! leave me not alone,
still support and comfort me.
All my trust on thee is stayed,
all my help from thee I bring;
cover my defenseless head
with the shadow of thy wing.
- 4 Plenteous grace with thee is found,
grace to cover all my sin;
let the healing streams abound;
make and keep me pure within.
Thou of life the fountain art;
freely let me take of thee;
spring thou up within my heart,
rise to all eternity.

Assurance of Pardon

***He has fully paid for all my sins
with his precious blood,
and has set me free
from the tyranny of the devil.***

***He also watches over me in such a way
that not a hair can fall from my head
without the will of my Father in heaven;
in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.***

Assurance of Commitment:

***Because I belong to him,
Christ, by his Holy Spirit,
assures me of eternal life
and makes me wholeheartedly
willing and ready
from now on to live for him.*** Amen. (Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 1)

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,
who loves and protects us, Amen.

Scripture Reading: **Isaiah 43:1-7**

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

Sermon: ***When You Pass through the Waters***

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 #430 **You Are Mine**

- 1 "I will come to you in the silence.
I will lift you from all your fear.
You will hear my voice.
I claim you as my choice.
Be still and know I am here. *Refrain*
- 2 "I am hope for all who are hopeless,
I am eyes for all who long to see.
In the shadows of the night
I will be your light.
Come and rest in me. *Refrain*
- 3 "I am strength for all the despairing,
healing for the ones who dwell in shame.
All the blind will see,
the lame will all run free,
and all will know my name. *Refrain*
- 4 "I am the Word that leads all to freedom.
I am the peace the world cannot give.
I will call your name,
embracing all your pain.
Stand up, now walk, and live!
Refrain
Do not be afraid; I am with you.
I have called you each by name.
Come and follow me,
I will bring you home;
I love you, and you are mine."

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: **Food Bank of Waterloo Region**

Diaconal Prayer

We Are Sent Out with the Spirit

Closing Word:

We leave this service in peace, ***in the knowledge of God's power.***

We leave this service in confidence, ***in the knowledge of God's faithfulness.***

We leave this service in joy, ***in the knowledge of God's love.***

Closing Song: LUYH #23 – **Children of the Heavenly Father**

- 1 Children of the heavenly Father
safely in his bosom gather;
nestling bird nor star in heaven
such a refuge e'er was given.
- 2 God his own shall tend and nourish;
in his holy courts they flourish.
From all evil powers he spares them;
in his mighty arms he bears them.
- 3 Neither life nor death shall ever
from the Lord his children sever;
for to them his grace revealing,
he turns sorrow into healing.
- 4 God has given, he has taken,
but his children ne'er forsaken;
his the loving purpose solely
to preserve them pure and holy.

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