



Waterloo Christian Reformed Church

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Sunday August 16, 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: Carolyn Kleefman Pianist: Lisa Pardys Liturgy: Don Bisch

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 #526 – **Come, Now Is the Time to Worship**

Come, now is the time to worship;

come, now is the time to give your heart.

Come just as you are to worship;

come just as you are before your God.

Come.

One day every tongue will confess you are God.

One day every knee will bow,

still the greatest treasure remains for those

who gladly choose you now. (repeat song from beginning)

(Ending) Come. Come.

God's Greeting

We Confess our Sins and Receive Assurance of Forgiveness

Call to Confession

Holy and merciful God,

in your presence we confess

our sinfulness, our shortcomings,

and our offenses against you.

***You alone know how often we have sinned
in wandering from your ways,
in wasting your gifts,
in forgetting your love.***

Have mercy on us, O Lord,

for we are ashamed and sorry

for all we have done to displease you.

***Forgive our sins,
and help us to live in your light
and walk in your ways,
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.***

Song of Confession: LUYH #652 – **I Lift My Eyes Up**

I lift my eyes up to the mountains;
where does my help come from?
My help comes from you, Maker of heaven,
Creator of the earth.

Oh, how I need you, Lord.

You are my only hope;
you're my only prayer.

So I will wait for you
to come and rescue me.
Come and give me life.

I lift my eyes up to the mountains;
where does my help come from?
My help comes from you, Maker of heaven,
Creator of the earth.

Assurance of Pardon

May God the Father, who does not despise the broken spirit,
give us contrite hearts.

May Christ, who bore our sins in his body on the tree,
heal us by his wounds.

May the Holy Spirit, who leads us into all truth,
speak words of pardon and peace. Amen.

We Hear God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Holy Spirit, pour out upon us wisdom and understanding,
that, being taught by you in Holy Scripture,
our hearts and minds may be opened to receive
all that leads to life and holiness.

Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. ***Amen.***

Scripture Reading: **Luke 16:19-31**

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

Sermon: **The Rich Man and Lazarus**

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 #296 – **We Are Called** (virtual choir - St. Paul Young Adult Choir & Ensemble)

- 1 Come! Live in the light!
Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!
We are called to be light for the kingdom,
to live in the freedom of the city of God.

Refrain

We are called to act with justice,
we are called to love tenderly;
we are called to serve one another,
to walk humbly with God.

- 2 Come! Open your heart!
Show your mercy to all those in fear!
We are called to be hope for the hopeless
so hatred and blindness will be no more. ***Refrain***
- 3 Sing! Sing a new song!
Sing of that great day when all will be one!
God will reign, and we'll walk with each other
as sisters and brothers united in love. ***Refrain***

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: **Citizens for Public Justice**

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.

Worship Leader: 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 #584 – **Praise, I Will Praise You, Lord**

- 1 Praise, I will praise you, Lord, with all my heart.
O God, I will tell the wonders of your ways
and glorify your name.
Praise, I will praise you, Lord, with all my heart.
In you I will find the source of all my joy.
Alleluia!

- 2 Love, I will love you, Lord, with all my heart ...
- 3 Serve, I will serve you, Lord, with all my heart ...

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

Worship Leader: 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

Worship Leader: 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:

Grant, O Lord,
that what has been said with our lips,
we may believe in our hearts,
and that what we believe in our hearts,
we may practice in our lives,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. ***Amen.***

Closing Song: LUYH #936 – **Sent Forth by God's Blessing**

- 1 Sent forth by God's blessing,
our true faith confessing,
the people of God from this dwelling take leave.
The supper is ended.

Oh, now be extended
the fruits of this service in all who believe.
The seed of Christ's teaching,
receptive souls reaching,
shall blossom in action for God and for all.
Your grace shall incite us,
your love shall unite us
to work for your kingdom and answer your call.

- 2 With praise and thanksgiving
to God ever-living,
the tasks of our everyday life we will face—
our faith ever sharing,
in love ever caring,
embracing God's children, the whole human race.
With your feast you feed us,
with your light now lead us;
unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living
with praise and thanksgiving
give honor to Christ and his name that we bear.

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