



Waterloo Christian Reformed Church

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Sunday August 23, 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: Dave Jaarsma

Pianist: Pam Joosse

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 #157 – **Meekness and Majesty**

- 1 Meekness and majesty, manhood and Deity
in perfect harmony, the Man who is God.
Lord of eternity dwells in humanity,
kneels in humility, and washes our feet.
Refrain
Oh, what a mystery—meekness and majesty;
bow down and worship, for this is your God.
- 2 Father's pure radiance, perfect in innocence,
yet learns obedience to death on a cross,
suffering to give us life, conquering through sacrifice,
and, as they crucify, prays, "Father, forgive." ***Refrain***
- 3 Wisdom unsearchable, God the invisible,
Love indestructible in frailty appears.
Lord of infinity, stooping so tenderly,
lifts our humanity to the heights of his throne. ***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.

Prayer of 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 #613 (v 1 and 2) - **Come to the Saviour Now**

- 1 Come to the Savior now,
he gently calls to you;
in true repentance bow,
let him your heart renew.
Christ came that you may know
salvation, peace, and love,
true joy on earth below,
a home in heaven above.
- 2 Come to the Savior now,
all who have wandered far;
renew your solemn vow,
for his by right you are;
come like poor, wandering sheep
returning to his fold;
his arm will safely keep,
his love will ne'er grow cold.

Assurance of Pardon

The Lord is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
He will not always accuse,
nor will he keep his anger forever.
He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.

***For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;
as far as the east is from the west,
so far he removes our transgressions from us.
As a father has compassion for his children,
so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him.***

—Psalm 103:8-13, NRSV.

Song of Response: LUYH # 746 - **Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God**

- 1 Holy Spirit, living Breath of God,
breathe new life into my willing soul.

Bring the presence of the risen Lord
to renew my heart and make me whole.
Cause your Word to come alive in me;
give me faith for what I cannot see;
give me passion for your purity;
Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.

- 2 Holy Spirit, come abide within,
may your joy be seen in all I do.
Love enough to cover every sin,
in each thought and deed and attitude.
Kindness to the greatest and the least,
gentleness that sows the path of peace.
Turn my striving into works of grace;
Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.
- 3 Holy Spirit, from creation's birth,
giving life to all that God has made,
show your power once again on earth,
cause your church to hunger for your ways.
Let the fragrance of our prayers arise;
lead us on the road of sacrifice,
that in unity the face of Christ
may be clear for all the world to see.

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: **John 13:1-15**

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

Sermon: **Clean Feet**

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 #75 – **Lord, You Were Rich Beyond All Splendor**

- 1 Lord, you were rich beyond all splendor,
yet, for love's sake, became so poor;
leaving your throne in glad surrender,
sapphire-paved courts for stable floor.
Lord, you were rich beyond all splendor,
yet, for love's sake, became so poor.
- 2 You are our God beyond all praising,
yet, for love's sake, became a man;
stooping so low, but sinners raising
heavenward by your eternal plan.

You are our God beyond all praising,
yet, for love's sake, became a man.

- 3 Lord, you are love beyond all telling;
Savior and King, we worship you.
Emmanuel, within us dwelling,
make us and keep us pure and true.
Lord, you are love beyond all telling;
Savior and King, we worship 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.***

Offering: **Faith Formation Ministries**

Diaconal Prayer

We Are Sent Out with the Spirit

Closing Prayer:

Loving God,
we await your blessing
so that we may be comforted
by the assurance that you will
be with us during the coming week.
Continue to speak to us as we seek your face.
***Guide us by your Holy Spirit.
Keep us close to you, we pray,
in every aspect of our daily lives,
that we may seek your honour and glory
wherever we are and in whatever we do.
We pray, anticipating your blessing,
for we pray in the name of Jesus,
our Savior and Lord. Amen.***

Closing Song: LUYH #927 - **God, the Father of Your People**

- 1 God, the Father of your people,
you have called us to be one;
grant us grace to walk together
in the joy of Christ, your Son.
Challenged by your Word and Spirit,
blest with gifts from heaven above,
as one body we will serve you
and bear witness to your love.

- 2 May the grace of Christ, our Savior,
and the Father's boundless love,
with the Holy Spirit's favor,
rest upon us from above.
May we now remain in union
with each other and the Lord,
and possess, in sweet communion,
joys that earth cannot afford.

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

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