



Waterloo Christian Reformed Church

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Sunday September 6, 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: Nelda Looyenga

Pianist: Lisa Pardys

Liturgy: Heather Dekker & 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 #489 – **By the Sea of Crystal**

- 1 By the sea of crystal saints in glory stand,
myriads in number, drawn from every land.
Robed in white apparel, washed in Jesus' blood,
they now reign in heaven with the Lamb of God.
- 2 Out of tribulation, death, and Satan's hand,
They have been translated at the Lord's command.
In their hands they're holding palms of victory.
Hark! The jubilant chorus shouts triumphantly:
- 3 "Unto God Almighty, sitting on the throne,
and the Lamb, victorious, be the praise alone."
God has wrought salvation; he did wondrous things.
Who shall not extol thee, holy King of kings!

God's Greeting

We Confess our Sins and Receive Assurance of Forgiveness

Call to Confession

Seeing that we have a great High Priest
who has entered the inmost heaven, Jesus the Son of God,
let us therefore approach the throne of grace with fullest confidence,
that we may receive mercy for our failures
and grace to help in the hour of need.

In the strength of this assurance, let us confess our sins to God.

- Based on Hebrews 4:14, 16

Prayer of Confession:

***Merciful God,
in your gracious presence
we confess our sin and the sin of this world.
Although Christ is among us as our peace,
we are a people divided against ourselves
as we cling to the values of a broken world.
The profit and pleasures we pursue
lay waste to the land, pollute the seas, and hold our neighbours in bondage.
The fears and jealousies that we harbour
set person against person,
and nation against nation.
We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom,
of intellect and reason,
and turn them into bonds of oppression.
Lord, have mercy on us;
Heal and forgive us.
Set us free to serve you in the world
as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ
Amen.***

Song of Confession: LUYH #700 – **Your Mercy Flows**

- 1 Your mercy flows upon us like a river.
Your mercy stands unshakable and true.
Most holy God, of all good things the giver,
we turn and lift our fervent prayer to you.
Hear our cry,
O Lord, be merciful once more.
Let your love, your anger stem;
Remember mercy, O Lord, again.
- 2 Your mercy flows upon us like a river.
Your mercy stands unshakable and true.
Most holy God, of all good things the giver,
we turn and lift our fervent prayer to you.
Hear our cry,
O Lord, be merciful once more.
Let your love, your anger stem;
Remember mercy, O Lord, again.

Assurance of Pardon

In repentance and rest is your salvation
In quietness and trust is your strength,
But you would have none of it.
Yet the LORD longs to be gracious to you;
He rises to show you compassion.
For the LORD is God of justice.
Blessed are all who wait for him!
Thanks be to God.

- Based on Isaiah 30:15, 18, NIV

Song of Response: LUYH #4 – **God of Wonders**

- 1 Lord of all creation,
of water, earth, and sky,
the heavens are your tabernacle –
glory to the Lord on High.

Refrain

God of wonders, beyond our galaxy, You are holy, holy;
The universe declares your majesty, You are holy, holy;
Lord of heaven and earth, Lord of heaven and earth.

- 2 Early in the morning
I will celebrate the light.
And as I stumble in the darkness,
I will call your name by night.

Refrain

God of wonders, beyond our galaxy, You are holy, holy;
The universe declares your majesty, You are holy, holy;
Lord of heaven and earth, Lord of heaven and earth.

Hallelujah! To the Lord of heaven and earth.
Hallelujah! To the Lord of heaven and earth.
Hallelujah! To the Lord of heaven and earth.

Refrain

God of wonders, beyond our galaxy, You are holy, holy;
Precious Lord, reveal your heart to me, Father holy, holy;
The universe declares your majesty; you are holy, holy, holy, holy...

We Hear God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Holy and Triune God,
give us a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of Christ,
so that the eyes of our hearts might be enlightened.
Help us to know the hope to which you have called us,
the riches of the glorious inheritance in the saints,
and the immeasurable greatness of your power at work in us.
Through Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Scripture Reading: **Revelation 4:1-11**

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

Sermon: **A Sea of Glass**

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 #351 – **Love Divine, All Loves Excelling**

- 1 Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, to earth come down;
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter every trembling heart.
- 2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy loving Spirit
into every troubled breast;
let us all in thee inherit;
let us find thy promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning,
set our hearts at liberty.
- 3 Come, Almighty to deliver,
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never,
nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee with thy hosts above,
pray and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.
- 4 Finish, then, thy new creation;
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee:
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love and praise.

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: **Resonate Global Missions (Greg Sinclair)**

Diaconal Prayer

We Are Sent Out with the Spirit

Closing Prayer:

Grant us, Lord God,
the vision of your kingdom,
forgiveness and new life,
and the stirring of your Spirit,
so that we may share your vision,
proclaim your love,
and change this world
in the name of Christ. **Amen.**

Closing Song: LUYH #538 – **Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty**

- 1 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;
holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!
- 2 Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
who wert and art and evermore shalt be.
- 3 Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye made blind by sin thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect on power, in love, and purity.
- 4 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea;
holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

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