



Waterloo Christian Reformed Church

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Sunday September 13, 2020

Today is our traditional Student Welcome Sunday.

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. Brian Bork Worship Leader: Dave Jaarsma Pianist: Jonathan Hunse Deacon: Rob Leach Liturgy: Heather Dekker

Welcome and Announcements

We Gather for Worship

Call to Worship - Psalm 103:1-2, 20-22, NIV

Praise the LORD, O my soul;
all my inmost being, praise his holy name.
Praise the LORD, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits.
Praise the LORD, you his angels,
you mighty ones who do his bidding,
who obey his word.
Praise the LORD, all his heavenly hosts,
you his servants who do his will.
Praise the LORD, all his works
everywhere in his dominion.
Praise the LORD, O my soul.

Song of Praise: LUYH #559 – **Ten Thousand Reasons**

Refrain

Bless the Lord O my soul, O my soul
worship His Holy name.
sing like never before O my soul
I'll worship your holy name.

- 1 The sun comes up It's a new day dawning;
it's time to sing Your song again.
Whatever may pass
and whatever lies before me,
let me be singing when the evening comes. **Refrain**
- 2 You're rich in love and you're slow to anger.
Your name is great and your heart is kind.
For all your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find. **Refrain**
- 3 And on that day when my strength is failing,
the end draws near and my time has come;
still, my soul will sing your praise unending
ten thousand years and then forevermore. **Refrain**
worship your holy name,
worship your holy name.

We Confess our Sins and Receive Assurance of Forgiveness

Call to Confession

We cannot come before God
unless we are first honest with ourselves
about who we are,
about the mistakes we make,
and about how well or poorly we care for others.
In this spirit, let us offer our prayers to God.

Prayer of Confession

***Gracious God,
our sins are too heavy to carry,
too real to hide,
and too deep to undo.
Forgive what our lips tremble to name,
what our hearts can no longer bear,
and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgement.
Set us free from a past that we cannot change;
open us to a future in which we can be changed;
and grant us grace
to grow more and more in your likeness and image;
through Jesus Christ, the light of the world.
Amen.***

Song of Confession: LUYH #638 (vs. 1,2) – **Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive**

- 1 "Forgive our sins as we forgive," you taught us, Lord, to pray;
but you alone can grant us grace to live the words we say.
- 2 How can your pardon reach and bless the unforgiving heart
that broods on wrongs and will not let old bitterness depart?

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

Song of Response: LUYH #638 (vs. 3,4) – **Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive**

- 3 In blazing light your cross reveals the truth we dimly knew:
what trivial debts are owed to us, how great our debt to you!
- 4 Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls and bid resentment cease;
then bound to all in bonds of love, our lives will spread your peace.

We Hear God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Eternal God,

in the reading of the Scripture, may your Word be heard;

in the meditations of our hearts, may your Word be known;

and in the faithfulness of our lives, may your Word be shown.

Amen.

Scripture Reading: **Romans 14:1-12**

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

Sermon: **An Error in Judgment**

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 #268 – **In Christ There is No East or West**

- 1 In Christ there is no east or west,
in him no pride of birth,
the chosen family God has blessed
now spans the whole wide earth.
- 2 For God in Christ has made us one
from every land and race;
he reconciled us through his Son
and met us with his grace.
- 3 It is by grace we are assured
that we belong to him;
the love we share in Christ our Lord,
the Spirit works within.
- 4 So, brothers, sisters, praise his name
who died to set us free
from sin, division, hate, and shame,
from spite and enmity.
- 5 In Christ there is no east or west;
he breaks all barriers down;
by Christ redeemed, by Christ possessed,
in Christ we live as one.

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.

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Diaconal Prayer

We Are Sent Out with the Spirit

Closing Prayer:

As God's own,
clothe yourselves with compassion,
kindness, and patience,
forgiving each other as the Lord has forgiven you,
and crown all these things with love,
which binds everything together in perfect harmony. **Amen.**
- Based on Colossians 3:12-14

Closing Song: LUYH #863 (vs. 1-4) – **Take My Life and Let It Be**

- 1 Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord to thee.
Take my moments and my days; let them flow in endless praise,
let them flow in endless praise.
- 2 Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love.
Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee,
swift and beautiful for thee.
- 3 Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my king.
Take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee,
filled with messages from thee.
- 4 Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect and use every power as thou shalt choose,
every power as thou shalt choose.

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

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