



Waterloo Christian Reformed Church

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Today we celebrate Holy Communion as a reminder of Jesus' sacrifice for our sins and God's great plan for our redemption.

The current sermon series based on **Immerse: The Prophets** also speaks to us of God's judgment and mercy.

Preacher: Rev. Vicki Cok

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Deacon: Sylvia Rossel

Liturgy: Don Bisch

Welcome and Announcements

We Gather for Worship

Call to Worship

People of God, worship the living God today!
Remember that out of nothing God created the heavens and earth.
Remember that God raised Jesus
from the powerlessness of death
to the power of his right hand.
Remember that not even the gates of hell
can stand against God's purposes.
Behold your God, who reigns now and forever!

Song of Praise: LUYH #604 – **To God Be the Glory**

- 1 To God be the glory, great things he has done;
so loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.
Refrain
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord;
let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord;
let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory; great things he has done.
- 2 O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
to every believer the promise of God;
the vilest offender who truly believes,
that moment from Jesus a pardon receives. **Refrain**
- 3 Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
but purer and higher and greater will be
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. **Refrain**

God's Greeting

We Confess our Sins and Receive Assurance of Forgiveness

Call to Confession

"Come now, let us reason together," says the LORD.

“Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow;
though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool.”

—Isaiah 1:18, NIV

Confession of Sins

***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 #637 – **Kyrie Eleison/Lord, Have Mercy**

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

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Assurance of Pardon

Where is the god who can compare with you—
wiping the slate clean of guilt,
Turning a blind eye, a deaf ear,
to the past sins of your purged and precious people?
You don't nurse your anger and don't stay angry long,
for mercy is your specialty. That's what you love most.
And compassion is on its way to us.
You'll stamp out our wrongdoing.
You'll sink our sins
to the bottom of the ocean.
You'll stay true to your word to Father Jacob
and continue the compassion you showed Grandfather Abraham—
Everything you promised our ancestors
from a long time ago
-Micah 7:18-20 *The Message*

Song: LUYH #53 (vs. 1, 6, 8, 18) – **Song of the Prophets**

- 1 In ages past the mighty Lord
by prophets spoke the Word,
and from their lips God's great design
throughout the earth was heard.
In revelation, parable,
bold fantasy, and dream,
they echoed God's eternal vow
to ransom and redeem.
- 6 Come, let all flesh return to God
who breaks, then binds as one;

who makes death-shadows disappear
with resurrection sun.

Return, O children, to the Lord,
and blossom like the vine;
God will set right each dreadful wrong,
and life by grace refine.

- 8 The Lord in holiness has sworn
the time shall surely come
when evil foes are cast aside,
the righteous gathered home.
With humble hearts the faithful take
their place among the least,
and those who dine with servants greet
the Giver of the feast!

- 18 Yet still in present, troubled days
we seek to hear God's voice,
and in the face of our distress,
find reason to rejoice.
Grant us the wisdom to discern
through faith who we should be—
a fallen race, restored through grace,
a captive world set free.

We Hear God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Guide us, O God,
by your Word and Spirit,
that in your light we may see light,
in your truth find freedom,
and in your will discover your peace,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Scripture Reading: **Micah 5:1-5a** (New Living Testament)

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

Immerse: **The Prophets Video 1**

Sermon: **The Source of Peace**

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 #534 – **All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly**

- 1 All who hunger, gather gladly;
holy manna is our bread.
Come from wilderness and wandering.
Here in truth we will be fed.
You that yearn for days of fullness,
all around us is our food.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is good.

- 2 All who hunger, never strangers;
seeker, be a welcome guest.
Come from restlessness and roaming.
Here in joy we keep the feast.
We that once were lost and scattered
in communion's love have stood.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is good.
- 3 All who hunger, sing together,
Jesus Christ is living bread.
Come from loneliness and longing.
Here in peace we have been led.
Blest are those who from this table
live their days in gratitude.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is good.

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: **Diaconate**

Diaconal Prayer

We Celebrate Holy Communion

Thanking and Praising God

Pastor Vicki: God meets us in the sacraments, communicating grace to us by means of water, bread, and wine. In baptism, God reminds and assures us of our union with Christ in covenant love, the washing away of our sin, and the gift of the Holy Spirit — expecting our love and trust in return. Let us bring our thanks and praises to the Lord, bringer of justice and peace. (based on Our World Belongs to God St. 37)

Congregation: ***With joy we praise you, gracious God, for you created heaven and earth, made us in your image, and kept covenant with us — even when we fell into sin. We give you thanks for Jesus Christ, our Lord, who by his life, death, and resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore, we join our voices with all the saints and angels and the whole creation to proclaim the glory of your name.***

(LUYH #538) ***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!

Pastor Vicki: In the Lord's Supper, Christ offers his own crucified body and shed blood to his people, assuring them a share in his death and resurrection.

Song of Praise: LUYH #182 (vs. 1, 2, 3, 5) – **Christ the Lord Is Risen Today**

- 1 Christ the Lord is risen today! Alleluia!
All creation, join to say: Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high; Alleluia!
Sing, O heavens, and earth, reply: Alleluia!
- 2 Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won; Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids him rise; Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!
- 3 Lives again our glorious King; Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now your sting? Alleluia!
Once he died, our souls to save; Alleluia!
Where your victory, O grave? Alleluia!
- 5 Hail the Lord of earth and heaven! Alleluia!
Praise to you by both be given; Alleluia!
Risen Christ, triumphant now; Alleluia!
Every knee to you shall bow. Alleluia!

Pastor Vicki: By the Holy Spirit, he feeds us with his resurrection life and binds us to each other as we share one loaf and cup. We receive this food gladly, believing, as we eat, that Jesus is our life-giving food and drink and that he will come again to call us to the wedding feast of the Lamb. Though we are separated physically, we gather together in spirit to sit at the table in the kingdom of God. From east to west, north to south, near and far; we come. When our risen Lord was at table with his disciples, he took the bread, and blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him.

This is the Lord's Table.

Our Savior invites those who trust him to share the feast that he has prepared.

—based on Luke 13:29; 24:30-31, and Our World Belongs to God (st. 38)

Celebrating Communion

(We share the bread and cup with each other.)

Song during Communion: **Yet Not I, But Through Christ In Me** by Jonny Robinson Michael
Farren Rich Thompson

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer
There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to His
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing: all is mine
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

The night is dark but I am not forsaken
For by my side, the Saviour He will stay
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need, His power is displayed

To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley He will lead
Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome
Yet not I, but through Christ in me
No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven
The future sure, the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And He was raised to overthrow the grave
To this I hold, my sin has been defeated
Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh the chains are released, I can sing: I am free
Yet not I, but through Christ in me
With every breath I long to follow Jesus
For He has said that He will bring me home
And day by day I know He will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to Him
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I, but through Christ in me
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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 #930 – **This Little Light of Mine**

- 1 This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine;
this little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine;
this little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
- 2 Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine . . .
- 3 Jesus gave it to me; I'm gonna let it shine . . .

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