



Waterloo Christian Reformed Church

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Thanksgiving Sunday, October 11, 2020

The current sermon series is based on the teachings of the prophets in the Old Testament. The prophets' messages can be used to help us reflect on our sin and to see more clearly the mercy of God.

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Welcome and Announcements

We Gather for Worship

Call to Worship

Let us worship God,
for whom our souls thirst and our bodies long.

Listen, listen to me,
and your soul will delight in the richest of fare.

We have come to hear the Word God has sent.

God's Word will not return empty
but will accomplish through us his holy purpose.

Let us worship God in spirit and in truth!

Then we will go out with joy and be led forth in peace;
the mountains and the hills will sing;
the trees of the field will clap their hands.

—based on Isaiah 55:2, 11-12; John 4:24

Song of Praise: LUYH #560 – **We Praise You, O God**

- 1 We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;
in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before you, we kneel and adore you;
we bless your holy name, glad praises we sing.
- 2 We worship you, God of our fathers and mothers;
through life's storm and tempest our guide you have been.
When perils o'ertake us, you never forsake us.
And with your help, O Lord, our battles we win.
- 3 With voices united our praises we offer;
our songs of thanksgiving to you we now raise.
Your strong arm will guide us, our God is beside us.
To you, our great Redeemer, fore'er be praise!

God's Greeting

We Confess our Sins and Receive Assurance of Forgiveness

Confession of Sins

God blesses those who are hungry and thirsty for justice,
for they will receive it in full.

***But we have hungered after the pleasures,
prestige, and possessions of this temporal world.***

Like Esau, we have despised our birthright
by choosing to satisfy our immediate desires.

***We have not loved you with a pure heart,
nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves.***

***We have not done justice, loved kindness,
or walked humbly with you, our God.***

Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness.

In your great compassion,
cleanse us from our sin.

Assurance of Pardon

“All who are thirsty, come to the water!

Are you penniless? Come anyway—buy and eat!

Come, buy your drinks, buy wine and milk.

Buy without money—everything's free!

Why do you spend your money on junk food,
your hard-earned cash on cotton candy?

Listen to me, listen well: Eat only the best,
fill yourself with only the finest.

Pay attention, come close now,

listen carefully to my life-giving, life-nourishing words.

I'm making a lasting covenant commitment with you,

the same that I made with David:

sure, solid, enduring love.

—Isaiah 55:1-5, The Message

Response: LUYH #5 – **Let All Things Now Living**

- 1 Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
to God the Creator triumphantly raise,
who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
who guides us and leads to the end of our days.
His banners are o'er us, his light goes before us,
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night,
till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished,
as forward we travel from light into light.
- 2 His law he enforces; the stars in their courses
and sun in its orbit obediently shine;
the hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,
the deeps of the ocean proclaim him divine.
We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing;
with glad adoration a song let us raise,
till all things now living unite in thanksgiving:
to God in the highest, hosanna and praise!

We Hear God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

God of mercy,

you promised never to break your covenant with us.

Amid all the changing words of our generation,

speak your eternal Word that does not change.

Enable us to respond to your gracious promises

with faithful and obedient lives.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Scripture Reading: **Isaiah 55**

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

Sermon: **Feasting and Fasting**

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 #808 – **Table of Plenty**

Refrain

Come to the feast of heaven and earth!
Come to the table of plenty!
God will provide for all that we need,
here at the table of plenty.

- 1 O come and sit at my table
where saints and sinners are friends.
I wait to welcome the lost and lonely
to share the cup of my love. **Refrain**
- 2 O come and eat without money;
come to drink without price.
My feast of gladness will feed your spirit
with faith and fullness of life. **Refrain**
- 3 My bread will ever sustain you
through days of sorrow and woe.
My wine will flow like a sea of gladness
to flood the depths of your soul. **Refrain**
- 4 Your fields will flower in fullness;
your homes will flourish in peace.
For I, the giver of home and harvest,
will send my rain on the soil. **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.***

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Diaconal Prayer

We Are Sent Out with the Spirit

Sending

Be calm, in the knowledge of God's power.

Be confident, in the knowledge of God's strength.

Be joyful, in the knowledge of God's love.

Closing Song: PH #197 – **The Trees of the Field**

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace;
the mountains and the hills will break forth before you,

There'll be shouts of joy,
and all the trees of the field
will clap, will clap their hands.

And all the trees of the field will clap their hands,
the trees of the field will clap their hands,
the trees of the field will clap their hands,
while you go out with joy.

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

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