



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.

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Welcome and Announcements

We Gather for Worship

Call to Worship

I will sing of your steadfast love, O LORD, forever;
with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness
to all generations.

***I declare that your steadfast love is established forever;
your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.***

You said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one,
I have sworn to my servant David:

'I will establish your descendants forever,
and build your throne for all generations.'"

Praise the Lord!

—from Psalm 89:1-4, NRSV

Song of Praise: LUYH #560 – **Shout to the Lord**

My Jesus, my Savior,
Lord, there is none like you.
All of my days, I want to praise
the wonders of your mighty love.
My comfort, my shelter,
tower of refuge and strength,
let every breath, all that I am,
never cease to worship you.
Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing
power and majesty, praise to the King.
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar
at the sound of your name.
I sing for joy at the work of your hands:
forever I'll love you, forever I'll stand.
Nothing compares to the promise I have in you.

God's Greeting

We Confess our Sins and Receive Assurance of Forgiveness

Call to Confession

In the books of the prophets we are focusing on today,
God calls his people to account for their unfaithfulness,
and he pleads with them to return to him.
Let us acknowledge that we, too, have been unfaithful to him.

Confession of Sins

God of everlasting love,
we confess that we have been unfaithful
to our covenant with you and with one another.

We have worshiped other gods:

money, power, greed, and convenience

***We have served our own self-interest
instead of serving only you and your people.***

We have not loved our neighbor as you have commanded,
nor have we rightly loved ourselves.

Forgive us, gracious God,
and bring us back into the fullness
of our covenant with you and one another.

***We ask, God our Father,
for mercy that reaches out,
for patience that waits our returning,
for your love that is ever ready to welcome sinners.***

Assurance of Pardon

Jeremiah writes of God's incredible mercy in the face of our unfaithfulness:

"The days are surely coming, says the LORD,
when I will make a new covenant
with the house of Israel and the house of Judah.
It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors
when I took them by the hand to bring them
out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke,
though I was their husband, says the LORD.
But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel
after those days, says the LORD:
I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts;
and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.
No longer shall they teach one another,
or say to each other, "Know the LORD,"
for they shall all know me,
from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD;
for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more."

Thanks be to God!

—Jeremiah 31:31-34, NRSV

Song: LUYH #53 – (vs. 12, 13, 14 and 3) – **Song of the Prophets**

Nahum

12 God's anger, slow and ever sure,
will bring injustice down;
the hateful find themselves by love
encompassed all around.
Prepare yourselves to be accused,
to bear the chastening rod,
for judgment and redemption meet
before the throne of God.

Habakkuk

13 O Lord, how long will you not hear
your servant's earnest plea?

How many chains must I endure
before you set me free?
I cry, and still you turn away,
my tears an empty wave;
yet I will keep my vow to praise,
and you your vow to save.

Zephaniah

- 14 The judgment day is drawing near,
a day of wrath and gloom,
when brooding clouds obscure the sun,
and life becomes a tomb.
The wicked shall be met with scorn,
defeated by God's might;
the Lord above the just will smile
and sing with pure delight!

Jeremiah

- 3 The lamentations of our lives,
our sadness, and our fear
God's faithfulness transforms to joy
if we but persevere.
The bowl the potter shaped from clay,
now marred and disarrayed,
shall be in course of time and space
by God's hand be remade.

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: **Habakkuk 1:1-6; 12-17 and 2:1-4**

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

Immerse: **The Prophets Video 4: Zephaniah, Nahum, Habakkuk, and Jeremiah, Part 1**

Sermon: **The Righteous Live by Faithfulness**

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 #565 – **God Himself is With Us**

- 1 God himself is with us; let us now adore him,
and with awe appear before him.
God is in his temple; all within keep silence,
prostrate lie with deepest reverence.
Him alone do we own as our God and Savior;
praise his name forever.

- 2 God himself is with us; hear the harps resounding!
See the crowds the throne surrounding!
“Holy, holy, holy,” hear the hymn ascending,
angels, saints, their voices blending!
Bow your ear to us here; hear, O Christ, the praises
that your church now raises.
- 3 Fount of every blessing, purify my spirit,
trusting only in your merit.
Like the holy angels who behold your glory,
may I ceaselessly adore you,
and in all, great and small, seek to do most nearly
what you love so dearly.

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: **Disability Concerns**

Diaconal Prayer

We Celebrate Holy Communion

Declaration of God's Invitation

Sisters and brothers, the gospels tell us that on the first day of the week,
the day on which he was raised from the dead,
Jesus appeared to his disciples and was made known to them in the breaking of bread.
Come, then, to the joyful feast of the Lord.

Song: LUYH #840 (vs. 1) – **Behold the Lamb**

- 1 Behold the Lamb, who bears our sins away,
slain for us—and we remember
the promise made, that all who come in faith
find forgiveness at the cross.
So we share in this bread of life,
and we drink of his sacrifice
as a sign of our bonds of peace
around the table of the King.

We Thank and Praise God

The Lord be with you. ***And also with you.***
Lift up your hearts! ***We lift them up to the Lord!***
Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God!
It is right to give our thanks and praise!
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.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest!

—based on Psalm 118:26; Isaiah 6:3

We give thanks to God the Father

that our Savior, Jesus Christ, before he suffered,

gave us this memorial of his sacrifice, until he comes again.

At his last supper, the Lord Jesus took bread,

and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said,

“This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me.”

In the same way, he took the cup after supper and said,

“This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this in remembrance of me.”

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,

we proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

Therefore we proclaim our faith as signed and sealed in this sacrament:

Song: LUYH #840 (vs. 2) – **Behold the Lamb**

- 2 The body of our Savior, Jesus Christ,
torn for you—eat and remember
the wounds that heal; the death that brings us life
paid the price to make us one.
So we share in this bread of life,
and we drink of his sacrifice
as a sign of our bonds of love
around the table of the King.

We Pray for the Work of the Spirit

Lord, our God, send your Holy Spirit

so that this bread and cup may be for us

the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.

May we and all your saints be united

with Christ and remain faithful in hope and love.

We Prepare the Bread and Cup

The bread that we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.

We who are many are one body, for we all share the same loaf.

The cup for which we give thanks is a sharing in the blood of Christ.

The cup that we drink is our participation in the blood of Christ.

Song: LUYH #840 (vs. 3) – **Behold the Lamb**

- 3 The blood that cleanses every stain of sin,
shed for you—drink and remember
he drained death’s cup, that all may enter in
to receive the life of God.
So we share in this bread of life
and we drink of his sacrifice
as a sign of our bonds of grace
around the table of the King.

The body and blood of Christ, given for you.

Thanks be to God!

(We share the bread and cup with each other)

We Are Sent Out with the Spirit

Sending

Loving God, we thank you that you have fed us
in this sacrament, united us with Christ,
and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet
in your eternal kingdom.

Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Closing Song: LUYH #840 (vs. 4) – Behold the Lamb

- 4 And so with thankfulness and faith we rise
to respond—and to remember
our call to follow in the steps of Christ
as his body here on earth.
As we share in his suffering,
we proclaim Christ will come again!
And we'll join in the feast of heaven
around the table of the King.

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