



Waterloo Christian Reformed Church

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Thanksgiving Sunday, October 25, 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

God of hope, you call us from the exile of sin
with the good news of restoration;
you build a highway through the wilderness;
you come to us and bring us home.

***Let us worship the Lord, who continues to be our God
and who still brings us out of the places of sin.***

Song of Praise: LUYH #510 – **Come, Let Us Worship and Bow Down**

Come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the Lord, our God, our Maker.
Come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the Lord, our God, our Maker.
For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture,
and the sheep of his hand,
just the sheep of his hand.

God's Greeting

We Confess our Sins and Receive Assurance of Forgiveness

Call to Confession

This is the word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD:
Do not trust in deceptive words and say,
"This is the temple of the Lord,
the temple of the Lord, the temple of the Lord!"
If you really change your ways and your actions
and deal with each other justly,
if you do not oppress the foreigner,
the fatherless or the widow
and do not shed innocent blood in this place,
and if you do not follow other gods to your own harm,
then I will let you live in this place,
in the land I gave your ancestors for ever and ever.
But look, you are trusting in deceptive words that are worthless.
- Jeremiah 7:1, 4-8

LUYH #651 – **By the Babylonian Rivers**

- 1 By the Babylonian rivers
we sat down in grief and wept;
hung our harps upon the willow,
mourned for Zion when we slept.
- 2 There our captors in derision
did require of us a song;
so we sat with staring vision,
and the days were hard and long.
- 3 How shall we sing the Lord's song
in a strange and bitter land;
can our voices veil the sorrow?
Lord God, hold your holy band.

Confession of Sins

Almighty God who inhabits eternity.
We confess our sins.
We have ignored the presence of your Spirit.
We have failed to look for the return of our Savior and Judge.
***We have been blind to your coming in the suffering of the hungry,
the exiled, the destitute, the sick, and the imprisoned.
In your great goodness put away our offenses
and cleanse us from our sin. Amen.***

Assurance of Pardon

At that time, says the Lord,
I will be the God of all the families of Israel,
and they shall be my people.
The Lord appeared to him from far away.
I have loved you with an everlasting love;
therefore, I have continued my faithfulness to you.
I will let them walk by brooks of water,
in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;
for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.
I will cleanse them from all the guilt of their sin against me,
and I will forgive all the guilt of their sin and rebellion against me.
The days are surely coming, says the Lord,
when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel
and the house of Judah.
In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch
to spring up for David;
and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.
--from Jeremiah 31 and 33, NRSV
Thanks be to God!

We Hear God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Prepare our hearts, O God,
to hear your Word
and obey your will;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Scripture Reading: Jeremiah 18: 1-18

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

Immerse: **The Prophets Video 5: Jeremiah, Part 2**

Sermon: **The Potter**

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 #737 – **Have Thine Own Way, Lord**

- 1 Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!
Thou art the potter, I am the clay.
Mold me and make me after thy will,
while I am waiting, yielded and still.
- 2 Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!
Search me and try me, Master, today.
Open mine eyes, my sin show me now,
as in thy presence humbly I bow.
- 3 Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!
Wounded and weary, help me, I pray.
Power, all power, surely is thine.
Touch me and heal me, Savior divine.
- 4 Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!
Hold o'er my being absolute sway.
Fill with thy Spirit till all shall see
Christ only, always, living in me.

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: **Habitat for Humanity**

Diaconal Prayer

We Install New Office Bearers

Installation of Pastoral Elders; Matt Harpster and Chantal Huinink

Song of Response: LUYH #869 – **Here I Am, Lord**

- 1 I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

Refrain

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

- 2 I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send? **Refrain**

- 3 I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?

Refrain

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

We Are Sent Out with the Spirit

Sending Prayer

O God,
you call us into a new covenant relationship with you.
Help us to prepare the way of the Lord Jesus Christ.
Let all people see the salvation of our God.

**Redeem your world, and make all things new,
and bring us into your holy and perfect presence,
now and for all eternity. Amen.**

Closing Song: LUYH #67 – **Blessed Be the God of Israel**

- 1 Blessed be the God of Israel,
who comes to set us free
and raises up new hope for us:
a Branch from David's tree.
So have the prophets long declared
that with a mighty arm
God would turn back our enemies
and all who wish us harm.
- 2 With promised mercy will God still
the covenant recall,
the oath once sworn to Abraham,
from foes to save us all,
that we might worship without fear
and offer lives of praise,
in holiness and righteousness
to serve God all our days.
- 3 My child, as prophet of the Lord,
you will prepare the way,
to tell God's people they are saved
from sin's eternal sway.
Then shall God's mercy from on high
shine forth and never cease
to drive away the gloom of death
and lead us into peace.

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