



Waterloo Christian Reformed Church

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World Hunger Sunday, November 1, 2020

In 1978, the Synod of the Christian Reformed Church stated that “the alleviation of hunger at home and abroad is an integral part of our Christian responsibility.” It asked “that all members of the CRC devote themselves to gratitude, compassion, repentance, and justice as they respond to world hunger with a ministry of word and deed.” To assist with this mandate, the church set aside a special Sunday once a year to focus on world hunger as a day of prayer and fasting.

Preacher: Rev. Vicki Cok

Worship Leader: Carolyn Kleefman

Pianist: Pam Joosse

Deacon: Rob Leach

Liturgy: Jeremy Vander Hoek & Dave Jaarsma

Welcome and Announcements

We Gather for Worship

Call to Worship

Great and marvelous are your deeds, Lord God Almighty!

Just and true are your ways, King of the ages.

Who will not fear you, O Lord, and bring glory to your name?

For you alone are holy. All nations will come and worship you!

—from Revelation 15:3-4, NIV

Song of Praise: LUYH #859 – **Be Thou My Vision**

- 1 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art—
thou my best thought, by day or by night;
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.
- 2 Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.
Thou my great Father; thine own may I be,
thou in me dwelling and I one with thee.
- 3 Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise;
thou mine inheritance, now and always:
thou and thou only first in my heart,
high King of heaven, my treasure thou art.
- 4 High King of heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

God's Greeting

We Confess our Sins and Receive Assurance of Forgiveness

Call to Confession

When we gather to praise God,
we remember that we are people who have preferred our wills to his.
Accepting his power to become new persons in Christ,
let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Confession of Sins

O God, whose nature it is to be generous:

we confess to you our share of the guilt
for a world of hungry families and homeless peoples.

***Forgive us for our self-centered living and spending;
Have mercy upon us.***

O God, forgive us when we forget
that you rule the nations and our small lives.

Holy Spirit, we offend you
in minimizing your power and squandering your gifts.

***We confess that our blindness to your glory,
O God, has resulted in shallow confession,
tepid conviction,
and only mild repentance.***

Assurance of Pardon

I will sprinkle clean water upon you,
and you shall be clean from all your uncleanness,
and from all your idols I will cleanse you.

A new heart I will give you,
and a new spirit I will put within you;
and I will remove from your body
the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh.

Then we will be your people and you will be our God.

— from Ezekiel 36:25-26, 28NRSV

Song: LUYH #282 – **O God of Every Nation**

- 1 O God of every nation,
of every race and land,
redeem the whole creation
with your almighty hand.
Where hate and fear divide us
and bitter threats are hurled,
in love and mercy guide us,
and heal our strife-torn world.
- 2 From search for wealth and power
and scorn of truth and right,
from trust in bombs that shower
destruction through the night,
from pride of race and nation
and blindness to your way,
deliver every nation,
eternal God, we pray!
- 3 Lord, strengthen all who labor
that we may find release
from fear of rattling saber,
from dread of war's increase.
When hope and courage falter,
Lord, let your voice be heard;
with faith that none can alter,
your servants undergird.
- 4 Keep bright in us the vision
of days when war shall cease,

when hatred and division
give way to love and peace,
till dawns the morning glorious
when truth and justice reign,
and Christ shall rule victorious
o'er all the world's domain.

We Hear God's Word

Sung Prayer for Illumination: LUYH #746 (vs. 1) – **Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God**

- 1 Holy Spirit, living Breath of God,
breathe new life into my willing soul.
Bring the presence of the risen Lord
to renew my heart and make me whole.
Cause your Word to come alive in me;
give me faith for what I cannot see;
give me passion for your purity;
Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.

Scripture Reading: **Obadiah vs. 10-21**

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

Immerse: **The Prophets Video 6: Obadiah and Ezekiel**

Sermon: **The Kingdom of God**

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 #296 – **We Are Called**

- 1 Come! Live in the light!
Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!
We are called to be light for the kingdom,
to live in the freedom of the city of God.
Refrain
We are called to act with justice,
we are called to love tenderly;
we are called to serve one another,
to walk humbly with God.
- 2 Come! Open your heart!
Show your mercy to all those in fear!
We are called to be hope for the hopeless
so hatred and blindness will be no more. **Refrain**
- 3 Sing! Sing a new song!
Sing of that great day when all will be one!
God will reign, and we'll walk with each other
as sisters and brothers united in love. **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.*

Offering: **World Renew – World Hunger**

Offertory: **Thy Word** – Amy Grant & Michael W. Smith – *presented by Betty Slothouber*

Diaconal Prayer

We Are Sent Out with the Spirit

Sending Prayer

Almighty God, be gracious to us and bless us
and make your face to shine upon us,
that your way may be known upon earth,
your saving power among all nations.
Empower all the peoples to praise you, O God,
that the nations may be glad and sing for joy.
For you judge the peoples with equity
and guide the nations upon earth.
Enable all the peoples to praise you, O God,
for the earth has yielded its increase
and you, our God, have blessed us.
Teach us to share the abundance you have given us,
never gloating in our excess but always giving our first bushels
to feed the hungry in your name. Amen.
—based on Psalm 67, NRSV

Closing Song: LUYH #53 (vs. 9 & 4) – **The Prophets Song**

Obadiah

- 9 The day of wrath is close at hand,
when God will draw the line
between the good and wicked lot,
the vinegar and wine.
Their destiny lies at the end
of chosen paths they trod:
the sinners lost in dark dismay,
the saints at home with God.

Ezekiel

- 4 The faithful bound in tyrants' chains
shall find their hopes fulfilled,
and stony hearts become true flesh
as God's love is revealed.
Dry bones will dance and whirlwinds sing
when joy supplants despair,
and every corner of the earth
proclaim, the Lord is there!

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