



Waterloo Christian Reformed Church

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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

My comfort, my shelter,
tower of refuge and strength,
Let every breath, all that I am,
never cease to worship you!
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!

Song of Praise: LUYH #603 – **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

Confession of Sins

God, we are afraid.
We are afraid of threats to our health and wellbeing,
But we are also afraid of trusting you.
You placed us in the world to be its salt.
We are afraid of committing ourselves,
afraid of being stained by the world.

We do not want to hear what “they” might have to say,
and our salt dissolves as if in water.

Forgive us, Lord.

God, you placed us in the world to be its light.
We are afraid of the shadows, afraid of poverty.
We do not want to know other people’s struggles,
and our light slowly fades away.

Forgive us, Lord.

Deliver us from the sins of fear and prejudice,
that we may move toward the day
when all are truly one in Jesus Christ. ***Amen.***

Assurance of Pardon

Hear these words from the apostle Paul:
You did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear,
but you have received a spirit of adoption.
When we cry, “Abba! Father!”,
it is that very Spirit
bearing witness with our spirit
that we are children of God,
and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ.
—Romans 8:15-17, NRSV

Song of Assurance: LUYH #776 – **A Mighty Fortress Is Our God**

- 1 A mighty fortress is our God,
a bulwark never failing;
our helper he, amid the flood
of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe
does seek to work us woe;
his craft and power are great,
and armed with cruel hate,
on earth is not his equal.
- 2 Did we in our own strength confide,
our striving would be losing,
were not the right Man on our side,
the Man of God’s own choosing.
You ask who that may be?
Christ Jesus, it is he;
Lord Sabaoth his name,
from age to age the same;
and he must win the battle.
- 3 And though this world, with devils filled,
should threaten to undo us,
we will not fear, for God has willed
his truth to triumph through us.
The prince of darkness grim,
we tremble not for him;
his rage we can endure,
for lo! his doom is sure;
one little word shall fell him.

- 4 That Word above all earthly powers—
no thanks to them—abideth;
the Spirit and the gifts are ours
through him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go,
this mortal life also;
the body they may kill:
God's truth abideth still;
his kingdom is forever!

We Hear God's Word

Prayer for Illumination:

Lord God,
let the words of your servant's mouth
and the meditations of our hearts
be pleasing in your sight,
O Lord, our Rock and Redeemer.
Through Christ. Amen.
—based on Psalm 19:14, NRSV

Scripture Reading: **Psalm 121**

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

Sermon: **The Most Difficult Word to Say: Help**

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 #652 – **I Lift My Eyes Up**

I lift my eyes up to the mountains;
where does my help come from?
My help comes from you, Maker of heaven,
Creator of the earth.
Oh, how I need you, Lord.
You are my only hope;
you're my only prayer.
So I will wait for you
to come and rescue me.
Come and give me life.

I lift my eyes up to the mountains;
where does my help come from?
My help comes from you, Maker of heaven,
Creator of the earth.

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: **House of Friendship**

Diaconal Prayer

We Are Sent Out with the Spirit

Sending Prayer

Go out into the world in peace:

have courage;

trust in what is good;

return no one evil for evil;

help the suffering;

honour all;

love and serve the Lord,

rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

With God's help we will.

Watch now, dear Lord, with those who watch,

Amen.

Closing Song: LUYH #538 – **Holy, Holy, Holy**

- 1 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;
holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!
- 2 Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
who wert and art and evermore shalt be.
- 3 Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye made blind by sin thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in power, in love, and purity.
- 4 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!

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