



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

Lord God,
at the beginning you hovered over the waters;
you breathe life into all creatures.
Holy Spirit, Comforter,
by you we are born again as children of God;
you make us living temples of your presence;
you pray within us with prayers too deep for words.
Holy Spirit, Lord and giver of life,
you bring us light;
you are the source of all goodness.
Holy Spirit, breath of life,
you sanctify and breathe life into the whole body of the church;
you dwell in each one of its members,
and you will one day give new life to our mortal bodies.
Amen.

Song of Praise: LUYH #351 – **Love Divine, All Loves Excelling**

- 1 Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, to earth come down;
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter every trembling heart.
- 2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy loving Spirit
into every troubled breast;
let us all in thee inherit;
let us find thy promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning,
set our hearts at liberty.

- 3 Come, Almighty to deliver,
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never,
nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee with thy hosts above,
pray and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.
- 4 Finish, then, thy new creation;
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee:
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love and praise.

God's Greeting

We Confess our Sins and Receive Assurance of Forgiveness

Prayer of Confession

Wondrous God,
who sets the sun and moon above us,
mountains and valleys beneath us,
and friends and strangers among us:
how often have we tried to hide from your presence,
how seldom have we looked for your creating face
and your fashioning hand!

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Wondrous God,
who pours out freely the Holy Spirit:
how often have we ignored your promptings,
how seldom have we asked for your help or accepted your gifts!

Lord, have mercy upon us. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon – Ephesians 2:19-22, NRSV

Paul writes in his letter to the Ephesians,
“You are no longer strangers and aliens,
but you are citizens with the saints
and also members of the household of God,
built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets,
with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone.
In him the whole structure is joined together
and grows into a holy temple in the Lord;
in whom you also are built together spiritually
into a dwelling place for God.”

Song of Assurance: LUYH #240 – **Fear Not, Rejoice and Be Glad (Joel 2, 3)**

Refrain

Fear not, rejoice and be glad:
the LORD has done a great thing,
has poured out his Spirit on all who live,
on those who confess his name.

- 1 The fig tree is budding, the vine bearing fruit,
the wheat fields are golden with grain.
Thrust in the sickle, the harvest is ripe;
the LORD has given us rain.

Refrain

Fear not, rejoice and be glad:
the LORD has done a great thing,
has poured out his Spirit on all who live,
on those who confess his name.

- 2 We shall eat in plenty and be satisfied,
the mountains will drip with new wine.
"My children will drink of the fountain of life;
my children will know they are mine." **Refrain**
- 3 "My people will know that I am the LORD;
their shame I have taken away.
My Spirit will lead them together again,
my Spirit will show them the way." **Refrain**

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: **Malachi 4:1-6**

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

Video: **Immerse: The Prophets** Week 8 (Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi, Joel, and Jonah)

Sermon: **Some Say Elijah**

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 #667 – **Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies**

- 1 Christ, whose glory fills the skies,
Christ, the true and only Light,
Sun of Righteousness, arise,
triumph o'er the shade of night;
Dayspring from on high, be near;
Daystar, in my heart appear.
- 2 Dark and cheerless is the morn
unaccompanied by thee
joyless is the day's return
till thy mercy's beams I see,
till they inward light impart
glad my eyes and warm my heart.

- 3 Visit, then, this soul of mine,
pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
fill me, Radiance divine,
scatter all my unbelief;
more and more thyself display,
shining to the perfect day!

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: **Resonate Global Mission – Naji Umran & Anne Zaki**

Diaconal Prayer

We Are Sent Out with the Spirit

Sending Prayer

Bless your church throughout the world by your Holy Spirit,
draw the scattered flock of Christ into a visible unity,
and make your church a sign of hope to our divided world.
Grant that we who bear your Son's name
may be instruments of your peace,
bringing peace to our homes, our communities,
our nation, and our world. Amen.

Closing Song: LUYH #53 (vs. 10, 15, 16, 17 and 7) – **Song of the Prophets**

Jonah

- 10 Alone, I called in my distress,
"Good Lord, deliver me!"
And from the dreadful threat of death,
God's mercy set me free.
How can I then but offer up
my life for all my days,
or cease to lift my voice to God
in songs of grateful praise?

Haggai

- 15 Go to the hills, bring wood and stone
to build a sacred place,
where faithful in the Lord may kneel
and meet God face to face.
The firm foundation in God's law
lets justice shine alone,
its walls adorned with charity,

and truth its cornerstone.

Zechariah

- 16 “Be strong!” God’s forceful voice commands.
“Your strength will set you free!
Advance through faith against the foe;
I’ll bring you home to me.
Rejoice as slaves who went before
did shout in days of old:
a humble king upon a colt
will lead you to the fold.”

Malachi

- 17 The Son of Righteousness will rise
with healing in his wings,
and every child will know the peace
his sure redemption brings.
His judgment, like refiner’s fire,
shall purify the soul,
and outcasts find their broken hopes
and shattered lives made whole.

Joel

- 7 Now sanctify a fast, O God,
among your gathered host;
cry out for joy to those who mourn;
bring down the ones who boast.
Come quickly, Lord, and make our hearts
a worthy dwelling place,
where conflict finds an ordered peace,
and vengeance bends to grace.

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