

**CALVARY**  
Christian Reformed Church - Ottawa  
Pastor Pieter Heerema - Sunday, February 7, 2021  
[www.calvarycrc.ca](http://www.calvarycrc.ca)

Order of Worship – 10:00 AM

*\*please stand in body or in spirit*

*Gathering*

Welcome and Announcements  
Gathering Prayer for Worship

*\*Call to Worship (WS 497)*

May the light of God's love push back the darkness.

**We come to the light from the four corners of the earth,  
from the north, from the south,  
from the east, and from the west.**

But we are all one in Jesus Christ.

**We come from many nations and many cultures.**

But we are all one in Jesus Christ.

**We come seeking the light that guides us to life.**

But we are all one in Jesus Christ.

**Let us lift up our many voices and praise the God of all people.**

**\*Singing: Might to Save**

**LUYH 611**

*\*God's Greeting*

Our help is in the name of the LORD,  
**who made heaven and earth.** Psalm 124:8, NRSV

Grace, mercy and peace be to you ....

Beloved, May the Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

**\*Singing: Come, Thou Fount of every Blessing**

**LUYH 521**

(Ebenezer = 'stone of help')

*Confession and Assurance*

*Call to confession:*

*Prayer of Confession*

Eternal Light,

**shine in our hearts;**

Eternal Goodness,

**deliver us from evil;**

Eternal Power,

**be our support;**

Eternal Wisdom,  
**scatter the shadows of our ignorance;**  
Eternal Compassion,  
**have mercy on us,**  
**that with heart and mind**  
**and soul and strength**  
**we may seek your face**  
**and be brought by your infinite mercy**  
**to the Holy Presence,**  
**through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.** (WS 502)

*Assurance of Pardon:*

The true light that gives light to everyone  
was coming into the world.  
To all who have received him, to those who believe in his name,  
he gave the right to become children of God. from John 1:9, 12, NIV

**Singing: Jesus, Light of the World** **LUYH 100**

Confession of Faith:

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,**  
**creator of heaven and earth.**  
**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,**  
**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit**  
**and born of the virgin Mary.**  
**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,**  
**was crucified, died, and was buried;**  
**he descended to hell.**  
**The third day he rose again from the dead.**  
**He ascended to heaven**  
**and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.**  
**From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**  
**I believe in the Holy Spirit,**  
**the holy catholic\* church,**  
**the communion of saints,**  
**the forgiveness of sins,**  
**the resurrection of the body,**  
**and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**Singing: Because He Lives** **LUYH 361**

Children's Time  
Children's Message

**Singing: My God Is so Big**

*God's Word*

Scripture: Mark 1: 29-39

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God!**

Message: Seriously! Seriously?

*Thanksgiving*

**Singing: Christ, Be Our Light**

**LUYH 908: 1,2,5**

Congregational Prayer:

Offerings: First: Race Relations (CRC ministry)

Second: Calvary Church Budget

*\*Sending*

Go in peace, in the knowledge of God's power.

Go in confidence, in the knowledge of God's strength.

Go in joy, in the knowledge of God's love. (WSB 353)

**\*Singing: Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow**

\*God's Parting Blessing

**Amen.**

\*Time of Silent Thanksgiving

**Our Offerings for February** — The collection schedule for 2021 can now be found on our [website](#). Please consider sending cheques or one e-transfer in February for these causes:

**Today – Race Relations** — The CRC's [Office of Race Relations](#) has a 50-year history of working with congregations and collaborating in the public sphere on issues of racialized injustice. The Office helps members and congregations as they dismantle the causes and effects of racism within the body of believers and throughout the world. They help us to live as God's diverse and unified family.



**February 14 – Ministry shares** are an amazingly efficient and stewardly way for us to accomplish ministry together. Over the years, as Synod decided to start new programs, we've used ministry shares as a way of enabling all of our congregations to contribute towards the costs. In this way, every initiative is truly part of our shared ministry.

Currently, churches are contributing less than 60% of the requested amount for ministry. This means fewer funds are available for:

- Supporting new church plants
- Producing new resources for children's ministry
- Training new pastors and supporting those already in ministry
- Resourcing chaplains as they serve populations in crisis
- Producing resources to revitalize worship in congregations
- Equipping churches in abuse prevention, disability awareness, and racial reconciliation
- Sharing the gospel in new ministry fields

With the new system proposed by Synod 2019, ministry budgets will be set based on what is pledged from churches. If this amount is less than what is currently received, important ministry will need to be cut.

## **Our Offerings for February - continued**

**February 21 – [Center for Public Dialogue \( Ottawa \)](#)** – Justice and Hope for all Canadians. We are Reformed Christians who believe that every person is created in the image of Creator God. From this foundation, we work to promote the flourishing of all people through constructive dialogue and advocacy in Canada. We believe that God calls all Canadians to be engaged citizens and to stand with vulnerable and marginalized people in our communities as allies. As Christian citizens, we work toward a just world in which structures and institutions give every person the opportunity to thrive. It's our goal to present a positive voice of faith in Canadian public life, and to live out justice, hope, and reconciliation in advocacy and citizenship.

**February 28 – [Pastor Church Resources](#)** supports congregations and their leaders in times of transition and discernment by providing consultations and resources that foster personal and communal health.



**Bulletin Editor Wanted:** Are you tired of typos in your weekly bulletin? Does the lack of design make you cringe? Good news! This bulletin editor is looking to retire. Or even partially retire if any interested candidates want to share the duties. It's an ideal time for fresh (or even not so fresh) blood to help redesign and rethink what we want our bulletin in 2021 to be. Email [sylviabakker2016@gmail.com](mailto:sylviabakker2016@gmail.com) if you're interested.

### **From Race Relations**

Beyond Race Relations Sunday! - Churches throughout the CRCNA are observing Race Relations Sunday today. How can you learn more about the work of anti racism? Search the website: [crcna.org/Race](http://crcna.org/Race) for great resources on ways to increase your individual commitment and competence in addressing racism and working to dismantle racism in all its forms.

### **From Other**

BLACK HISTORY MONTH BOOK DISCUSSION - Join CRC campus ministers Rick Mast and Mike Wagenman on the last day of Black History Month for a discussion of Jesus and the Disinherited by Howard Thurman, one of the great 20th century American preachers and co-founder of the first interracial/intercultural church in the USA. This is the book that Martin Luther King Jr. carried wherever he went in the cause for racial justice. We gather on Zoom at 8pm ET (5pm PT) Sunday, February 28. The Eventbrite registration link is at [www.WesternCampusMinistry.ca](http://www.WesternCampusMinistry.ca)

### **From Pastor Church Resources**

Offering for CRCNA Pastor Church Resources - On Sunday February 28, we'll be taking a collection for Pastor Church Resources (PCR). This ministry focuses on the health and wellbeing of pastors, ministry leaders, congregations, and classes. Your gift enables PCR to resource, encourage, and support CRC churches and leaders in significant ways.

### **From Faith Formation Ministries**

At-home Faith Formation Tip - The Practice of Justice and Mercy: Proverbs 14:31 says, "He who oppresses the poor shows contempt for their Maker, but whoever is kind to the needy honors God." Who in your community is needy? What might you do to show kindness to that person or group of people? (For more on faith practices from Faith Formation Ministries, visit [crcna.org/FaithFormation/Practices](http://crcna.org/FaithFormation/Practices).)



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Announcements are due Wednesdays by 6 pm. Send to: [bulletin@calvarycrc.ca](mailto:bulletin@calvarycrc.ca)

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