



2nd Sunday in Lent, March 05/2023 - Pastor Harold Kouwenberg

**Rise in body or in spirit*

Gathering

Welcome and Announcements
Gathering Prayer for Worship

***Singing: Here I am to Worship**

LUYH 567

**Call to Worship*

The trumpet of the Lord sounds, calling us to examine our souls,
for we have not only met temptation, we have felt its grip.
The trumpet of the Lord sounds, calling us to mend our ways,
for we have not only committed sin, we have felt its sting.
The trumpet of the Lord sounds, calling us to rend our hearts,
for we have not only witnessed forgiveness, we have felt its power.
O come, let us worship the Lord!

**God's Greeting*

May grace and peace be yours in abundance
in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord. -2 Peter 1:2, NRSV

***Singing: Shout to the Lord**

LUYH 603

Children's Time

Message

Singing: This little light of Mine

LUYH 930

(Children ages 4-7 leave for Church School)

Confession and Assurance

Call to Confession
Remember that our Lord Jesus Christ is able
to sympathize with us in our weaknesses.
In every respect he was tempted as we are, yet without sin.
Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness,
so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.
Let us confess our sins to Almighty God. —based on Hebrews 4:15-16, NRSV

Prayer of Confession:

God of mercy,
you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost.
We confess that we have strayed from you
and turned aside from your way.
We are misled by pride,
for we see ourselves pure when we are stained
and great when we are small.
We have failed in love,
neglected justice,
and ignored your truth.
Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin.
Return us to paths of righteousness
through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen**

LENT
WALKING WITH CHRIST

Singing: O Lord Hear Our Prayer

LUYH 903

Assurance of Pardon:

The Lord God said:

I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you;

I will remove from you your heart of stone
and give you a heart of flesh.

Brothers and sisters: In Christ, all God's promises are "Yes."

Hear the good news: Through Christ,

our minds and hearts are cleansed, healed, and renewed! —based on Ezekiel 36:26; 2 Corinthians 1:20, NI

Singing: Ancient Words

LUYH 762

Proclamation of the Word

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture: Luke 2:29-35, John 14:15-31

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God!

Message: THE SONG OF LOVE - NUNC DIMITTIS - THE SONG OF SIMEON

Thanksgiving

***Singing: Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace** (*TUNE of Amazing Grace*) **LUYH 97**

(Children ages 8-11 leave for Church School)

Congregational Prayer

Offerings: First: World Renew: Canadian Foodgrains Bank
Second: Calvary C.R. Church (our ministry)

Sending:

God of love,
as in Jesus Christ you gave yourself to us,
so may we give ourselves to you,
living according to your holy will.
Keep our feet firmly in the way
where Christ leads us;
make our mouths speak the truth
that Christ teaches us;
fill our bodies with the life
that is Christ within us.

In his holy name we pray. **Amen.**

***Singing: Go My Children with my Blessing**

LUYH 946



***God's Parting Blessing**

Grace and peace to you
from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ,
who gave himself for our sins to rescue us from the present evil age,
according to the will of our God and Father,
to whom be glory for ever and ever. **Amen.** — Galatians 1:2-5, NIV

(Children ages 12-14 leave for catechism)

WELCOME to Calvary Church. This morning we welcome **Pastor Harold Kouwenberg** to our pulpit.
We extend a special welcome to all visitors.

As we give praise to our Living Lord, may we be blessed in our time of worship and fellowship.

Please join the congregation for a time of 'coffee' fellowship after church this morning in the church hall.

CHURCH FAMILY

This past Thursday, **Bruce S.** suffered a stroke. Bruce was brought to the hospital and his condition is serious.

A special congratulations to **Nel VanB.** as she will be celebrating her 90th birthday this Tuesday.

May Nelly continue to experience God's love and faithfulness. **HAPPY BIRTHDAY Nelly!**

May the Lord comfort all those who mourn.

We pray that God brings healing and strength to all with health concerns.

We ask the Lord to bless the relationships we are in – marriage, family, and friendships.

Let us **remember** each other in prayer.



OUR OFFERINGS:



Today - World Renew - Canadian Foodgrains Bank

Canadian Foodgrains Bank is a partnership of 15 church and church-based agencies working together to end global hunger. Together, our members represent nearly 30 Christian denominations made up of over 12,000 individual congregations across Canada.

Each of our members has an account at the Foodgrains Bank that they can draw from to provide food assistance during emergencies around the world and to fund programs that support families and communities in their efforts to access more and better food in the long term.

We provide additional financial support through a general account and access to matching funds for eligible programs. Foodgrains Bank also provides advice for design of programs implemented by our members through their local partners and support for evaluation and assessment to ensure that programs are meeting their intended goal to end hunger. Website: <https://foodgrainsbank.ca/>

March 12 - Centre for Public Dialogue (Canadian) - 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. Website: <https://www.crcna.org/PublicDialogue>

March 19 - Calvin Theological Seminary



Calvin Theological Seminary is a learning community in the Reformed Christian tradition that forms church leaders who cultivate communities of disciples of Jesus Christ, Calvin Theological Seminary serves the Christian Reformed Church in North America and wider constituencies by preparing individuals for biblically faithful and contextually effective ministry of the Word and by offering Reformed theological scholarship and counsel.

March 26 - Ministry Shares

Ministry Shares are collected monthly to assist the work of the many ministries of the Christian Reformed Church. Ministries we support within our Eastern Canada Classis include GEMS Leadership, Safe Church Team, Youth Ministry Team, New Church Development, Campus Ministries in Halifax and Ottawa, Missions Scholarship Fund, Home Missions Fund plus the Seafarers Ministry in Montreal. Ministries we support in both Canada and the US include Calvin College and Seminary, Back to God, Home and World Missions, The Banner, Disability Concerns, Faith Formation, Social Justice, Pastor-Church Relations and many more. We thank you for contributing according to the gifts you have been given.



Please pray for God's blessings on: Community C.R.C., Kanata, Pastor Chris Schievink

YOUTH GROUP: JOIN US! Mission Trip 2023 planning has started! This coming March 11-18, 2023, our youth group will be teaming up with **Calvin C.R.C.** and **Carolina Rebuilding Ministries** for a home improvement/repair from natural disasters work mission trip in North Carolina. We want to make this an intergenerational mission trip, so we want you to join us! **Talk to either Geert, Tim, Ashley, or Tia** if you are interested! *Donations to help with the expenses of this Mission Trip, will also be graciously accepted!*

Ottawa 67's game: The **Cadets of the Golden Triangle**, of which our club is a member, are inviting everyone to the Ottawa 67's hockey game on **Saturday, March 25** at 2:00 pm at TD Place. Please let **Fred V.** (fkvedder@rogers.com) know **by March 4th** how many tickets you would like. Cost per ticket is \$20.00.

Camp Adonai: Looking forward to warm weather? Need a vacation? Camp Adonai is running from August 13 to 18 for junior week (ages 9 – 12) and August 19 to 26 for senior week (ages 13 – 15). Our fees are: Junior week \$270.00; senior week \$335.00. Application forms for campers and counsellors are available on our website at campadonai.ca.



The Ottawa Campus Chaplaincy is seeking a volunteer Bookkeeper to handle our finances. Reporting to the O.C.C. Board through the Treasurer this person maintains records of financial transactions by establishing accounts; posting transactions; ensure legal requirements of compliance. As it is a position of non-remuneration, there is a flexible expectation of time and support working with the O.C.C. Board. Time commitment varies month to month...averaging about 2 hours/week. However, more time is needed in March and April when government compliance items are required. Contact **Kerry Wassenaar** if you are able to help out.

Faith Formation

Lent At-home Faith Formation Tip - Many Christians practice giving something up for Lent in order to make more space for God. If you have kids in your household, think together about how you might make more space for God this week. For example, you might take a technology break each day and spend the time reading about Jesus' life and ministry in The Jesus Storybook Bible or Growing in God's Love: A Story Bible and talking about the stories together. (Tip from Faith Formation; bit.ly/CRCFaithFormation)

ReFrame Ministries

Kids Corner: Sorting Out Our Fears - Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. This week: Managing fear is a muscle we can strengthen just like we can strengthen our leg muscles to run faster. Learning to run fast and learning to calm fear both take practice, but they are worth it! Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net like the Preparing for Easter: A Family Lenten Devotional eBook.

Groundwork: Heavenly Visions to Encourage Our Faith - Seeing heaven's perspective of the cosmic, spiritual battle between God and evil provided John comfort while he was exiled on the island of Patmos. Join Groundwork as we study Revelation 7-14 and discuss the meaning of the images and numbers in John's famous heavenly visions and the comfort we can continue to find in the eternal truths those vision conveyed. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Summer Service Trips with World Renew DRS - Looking for ways to serve with your congregation or youth group this summer? Join World Renew DRS to repair homes after natural disasters all across the US and Canada! We have sites available in Washington, Kentucky, Florida, Michigan, North Carolina, and more! Contact Chris, our Groups Program Manager, at cgibson@worldrenew.net if interested or with questions.

EduDeo Ministries: We're Hiring a Digital Content Specialist - Do you love telling stories of transformation, and capturing images and videos that bring those stories to life? Do you have a heart for sharing about incredible people and how they are seeking to make the world a better place? Are you adept at sharing those experiences through a variety of digital media? If so, come join our team! Visit www.edudeo.com/careers for more information. Applications due March 10, 2023.

Nunc Dimittis, also called the *Song of Simeon* is a brief hymn of praise sung by the aged Simeon, who had been promised by the Holy Spirit that he would not die until he had seen the Messiah.

*Now may your servant, Lord,
according to your Word,
depart in exultation.
My peace shall be serene,
for now my eyes have seen
your wonderful salvation.*

*O Lord, you did prepare
for people everywhere
a Light for revelation,
and radiant glory shall
the gloom of death dispel
for Israel, your nation.*



CALVARY CALENDAR MONDAY, MARCH 06 - SUNDAY, MARCH 12/2023		
MONDAY, MARCH 06	GEMS & CADETS	6:30 PM
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 08	HANDS ON	9:30 AM - 12:00 NOON
THURSDAY, MARCH 09	MEN'S BOWLING YOUTH GROUP	9:30-11:30 AM 7:30 PM
SUNDAY, MARCH 12	WORSHIP SERVICE	10:00 AM

2023 - 10:00 AM	TODAY	3 RD SUNDAY IN LENT, MARCH 12	4 TH SUNDAY IN LENT, MARCH 19
WORSHIP LEADER	PASTOR HAROLD KOUWENBERG	PASTOR DAN ZYLSTRA—ATHENS C.R.C.	PREACHER YANICK BAUDEQUIN
OFFIC./ ELDER	CATHY	JAKE	ELCO
DEACON	HARRY	SYLVIA	GLENDEEN
OFFERING 2ND OFFERING	WORLD RENEW - CANADIAN FOODGRAINS BANK CALVARY C.R.C.	CENTRE FOR PUBLIC DIALOGUE (CANADIAN) CALVARY C.R.C.	MINISTRY SHARES CALVARY C.R.C.
NURSERY	BOB / LEAH F.	BARB/ALEX	LISA/DENISE
COFFEE CLEANUP	ROEL & PAT S.	CHRIS & MICHELLE F.	MIKE & MELISSA F.
GREETERS	BERT & SHIRLEY V.	LINDA M.	JOHN & SARAH C.

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