



3rd Sunday in Lent, March 12/2023 - PASTOR DAN ZYLSTRA—ATHENS C.R.C.

** Rise in body or in spirit*

Gathering

Welcome and Announcements
Gathering Prayer for Worship

***Singing: In the name of God the Father (Resound)**

**Call to Worship*

Let us worship God, who has done great things.

**We rejoice in our God, who made a way
through the desert of this world.**

Let us worship God, who has caused streams of mercy
to flow in the wasteland.

**We are the people God has formed through Christ;
we worship him, and we rejoice!**

Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

**We praise God for the grace that has saved us.
Alleluia! We rejoice!** —based on Isaiah 43:19-21

**God's Greeting*

Our Lord has called us to worship and now greets us.

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,

and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **Amen** —2 Corinthians 13:13, NIV

***Singing: Meekness and Majesty**

LUYH 157

Children's Time

Message

Singing: Jesus Loves Me

(Children ages 4-7 leave for Church School)

Confession and Assurance

Call to Confession

Is not this the fast I choose:

to loose the bonds of injustice;
to share your bread with the hungry;
to bring the homeless poor into your house;
to clothe the naked?

Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,
and your healing shall spring up quickly.

Having heard these promises, let us confess our sins. —based on Isaiah 58:6-8, NRSV

Prayer of Confession:

God of exodus and wilderness,
God of refuge and help,
hear us now as we make our confession to you.

**In times of temptation
we forget what you have done for us.
You give us everything we need,
yet we often remain unsatisfied;
you trust us to care for creation,
yet we often abuse that trust
and spoil what we have been given.
You show us the way we are to follow,
yet we often continue on the path
of self-indulgence and self-centeredness.
Forgive us, we pray.**

[Silence]

We ask for your direction, your patience, your love,
**in the name of Jesus Christ,
who, in spite of his temptations,
was faithful to your saving Word. Amen.**



Singing: Come to the Savior Now

LUYH 613

Assurance of Pardon:

Those who love me, I will deliver, says the Lord;
I will protect those who know my name.
When they call to me, I will answer them;
I will be with them in trouble,
I will rescue them and honor them
and show them my salvation.
Receive the good news of the gospel:
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. —based on Psalm 91:14-15, NRSV

Singing: In Christ Alone

LUYH 770

Proclamation of the Word

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture: Matthew 28:16-20.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God!

Message: "Remembering That We Are Not Alone"

Thanksgiving

***Singing: I Stand Amazed**

LUYH #174

(Children ages 8-11 leave for Church School)

Congregational Prayer (elder)

Offerings: First: Centre for Public Dialogue (Canadian)

Second: Calvary Church (our ministry)

Sending:

God of mercy,
you are full of tenderness and compassion,
slow to anger, rich in mercy,
and always ready to forgive.
Grant us grace to renounce all evil
and to cling to Christ,
that in every way we may prove to be your loving children,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**



***Singing: To God be the Glory**

LUYH 956

*God's Parting Blessing

May God himself, the God of peace,
sanctify you through and through.
May your whole spirit, soul and body
be kept blameless
at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.** —1 Thessalonians 5:23, NIV

(Children ages 12-14 leave for catechism)

WELCOME to Calvary Church. This morning we welcome **Pastor Dan Zylstra—Athens C.R.C.** 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

John B. was admitted to the General hospital this past week for recurring health complications. Please pray for John's recovery so he will be able to move back home to be with **Anne.** Visits and cards are appreciated!

Please pray for all who are currently undergoing treatments or recovering from illness.

May the Lord comfort all those who mourn. As we await spring weather, please consider visiting or calling someone you haven't seen in a long time!

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

THANK YOU very much to my **Calvary Family** for helping celebrate my 90th Birthday. Thank you for the cards, the beautiful orchid, and all your good wishes. You sure made this day extra special with your thoughtfulness.

Nelly Van B.



OUR OFFERINGS:

Today - 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.

Budget		Other Offerings	
		Cadets	35
Calvary Ministry	11,877	Christian Horizons	378
Year to Date	30,383	Harvest House	5
Budget 2 Months	38,120	Mortgage Reduction	2,390
Budget +/-	-7,737	Ottawa Food Bank	200
		Ottawa Mission	866
Ministry Shares	2,418	Pastor Church Relations	480
Year to Date	10,705	Safe Church Ministry	5
Budget 2 Months	7,802	Therefore Go Ministries	5
Budget +/-	2,903	World Renew	100

Offerings for February 2023

Thankfully given and received for The ministries of Calvary C.R.C. and beyond.



Please pray for God's blessings on: First C.R.C., Kemptville, Pastor Sid Ypma

FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE will be meeting at 10:00 AM on Tuesday to play shuffle board. **Everyone is welcome to attend!**

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.

KIDS CORNER: I'm Worried! - Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. It's natural to feel worried now and then, but God helps us turn worry into excitement for the awesome things he has planned for us. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net like the Preparing for Easter: A Family Lenten Devotional eBook.

ReFrame Ministries Family Fire - is an online community exploring Spirit-led family, marriage, parenting, in-laws, blended families, and intimacy. Find encouraging articles and devotions at familyfire.com. Subscribe for regular email updates and connect with our Family Fire community on Facebook.

Social Justice

New Video Study - Trees. Solar panels. Activism. These are some of the ways churches and people of faith are fighting environmental injustice. Learn more through the new OSJ storytelling series This is Hunting Park, available now, along with a free small group study guide. Visit www.crcna.org/hunting-park to explore the series.

Faith Formation

Lent At-home Faith Formation Tip - During Lent, many Christians try to become more aware of the suffering of others as we remember Jesus' suffering and sacrifice. How might you do this? Consider volunteering as a family, with friends, or on your own at a ministry of mercy, or visiting members of your congregation who can't physically join you in worship on Sundays. (Tip from Faith Formation; bit.ly/CRCFaithFormation)



HE FORGIVES

He forgives,
the unforgivable
He loves
the undesirable.

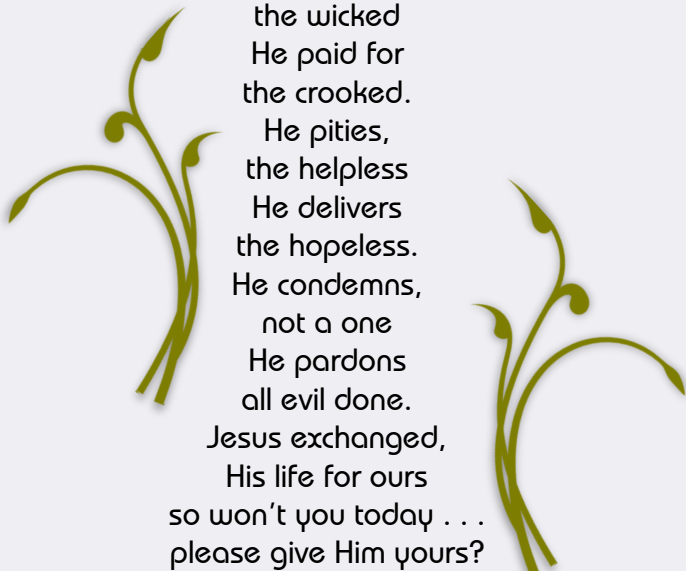
He redeems,
the unjust
He atones
the corrupt.

He justifies,
the wicked
He paid for
the crooked.

He pities,
the helpless
He delivers
the hopeless.

He condemns,
not a one
He pardons
all evil done.

Jesus exchanged,
His life for ours
so won't you today . . .
please give Him yours?



CALVARY CALENDAR MONDAY, MARCH 13 - SUNDAY, MARCH 19/2023		
MONDAY, MARCH 13	GEMS & CADETS	6:30 PM
TUESDAY, MARCH 14	FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE	10:00 AM
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15	HANDS ON	9:30 AM - 12:00 NOON
THURSDAY, MARCH 16	MEN'S BOWLING YOUTH GROUP	9:30-11:30 AM 7:30 PM
SUNDAY, MARCH 19	WORSHIP SERVICE	10:00 AM

2023 - 10:00 AM	3 RD SUNDAY IN LENT, TODAY	4 TH SUNDAY IN LENT, MARCH 19	5 TH SUNDAY IN LENT, MARCH 26
WORSHIP LEADER	PASTOR DAN ZYLSTRA—ATHENS C.R.C.	PREACHER YANICK BAUDEQUIN	MIKE HOGETERP – DIRECTOR, CHRISTIAN REFORMED CENTRE FOR PUBLIC DIALOGUE
OFFIC./ ELDER	JAKE	ELCO	MAXIME
DEACON	SYLVIA	GLENDEN	SHARON
OFFERING 2ND OFFERING	CENTRE FOR PUBLIC DIALOGUE (CANADIAN) CALVARY C.R.C.	CALVIN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY CALVARY C.R.C.	MINISTRY SHARES CALVARY C.R.C.
NURSERY	BARB/ALEX	LISA/DENISE	TRUDY & ABBY
COFFEE CLEANUP	CHRIS & MICHELLE F.	MIKE & MELISSA F.	LISA & MARK M.
GREETERS	LINDA M.	JOHN & SARAH C.	GRACE S.

Announcements are due Wednesdays by 6PM. Send to: bulletin@calvarycrc.ca

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