



**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent, March 26/2023 - Preacher Mike Hogeterp**  
**Director, Christian Reformed Centre for Public Dialogue**

*\*Rise in body or in spirit*

*Gathering*

Welcome and Announcements  
Gathering Prayer for Worship

**\*Singing: Gather us in**

**LUYH 529**

*\*Call to Worship*

Let us fix our eyes on Jesus,  
the author and perfecter of our faith,  
who for the joy set before him endured the cross,  
scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of God.  
Let us consider him who endured such opposition from sinful people,  
so that we will not grow weary and lose heart. —from Hebrews 12:2-3, NIV

*\*God's Greeting*

Our Lord has called us to worship and now greets us.  
May grace and peace be yours in abundance  
in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord. **Amen** -2 Peter 1:2, NRSV

**\*Singing: How Great is Our God**

**LUYH 574**

*Children's Time*

**Singing: We are the Church**

Prayer

(Children ages 4-7 leave for Church School)

*Confession and Assurance*

Call to Confession

Search me, O God, and know my heart;  
**try me and know my thoughts.**  
See if there is any wicked way in me,  
**and lead me in the way everlasting.** —Psalm 139:23-24, NRSV

Prayer of Confession

O God, our great shepherd,  
you tenderly gather us as lambs,  
carrying us with your all-embracing love.  
Yet, like sheep, we wander from you:  
following our own ways, ignoring your voice,  
distrusting your provisions.  
Forgive our stubborn rebellion, our hardened hearts, our lack of trust.  
Refresh us once again by your quiet waters of mercy  
and restore our souls by your redeeming love.  
Guide our paths, that we might follow you more closely. . . .

[*Silent confession*]

Through Jesus Christ, our good shepherd, we pray. **Amen.**

**Singing: Not What My Hands Have Done**

**LUYH 624**

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, NIV

**Singing: Great Is Thy Faithfulness**

**LUYH 348**

And Stephen,<sup>Acts 6:8</sup>  
full of  
**FAITH**  
and **POWER**  
did  
**GREAT**  
**WONDERS**  
and **MIRACLES**  
among the people.

### *Proclamation of the Word*

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture: Acts 6: 1-7, Acts 10:23b-48, Acts 15: 5-11

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God!**

Message: Brokenness and the Grace of Belonging

### *Thanksgiving*

**\*Singing:** Yet not I, but Through Christ in Me. (City Alight)

(Children ages 8-11 leave for Church School)

### Congregational Prayer

Offerings: First: Ministry Shares

Second: Calvary 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: May the Grace (Resound)** \*Remembering that "us" is all the people of God everywhere.

### *\*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 **Preacher Mike Hogeterp** 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**

**Trudy H.** had surgery this past Thursday. The surgeon was pleased with the outcome of the surgery.

We rejoice with **Piet** and **Trudy**, and Family, and pray for further healing and strength for future treatments.

Trudy is expected to be in the hospital for about 7-10 days. **"God is good...all the time"**

**John B.** is back home again with **Anne**. Visits and cards are appreciated!

**90!** We rejoice with **John** and **Christine** and Family celebrating **John's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday** this past Thursday. **HAPPY BIRTHDAY John** from your Calvary Family! We pray for health & a wonderful year ahead.

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

May the Lord comfort all those who mourn the loss of a loved one. Remember our sick and elderly members.

Please consider visiting or calling someone you haven't seen in a long time!

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

**OUR YOUTH GROUP** wants to thank everyone for their prayers and support as we travelled to North Carolina over March Break to share God's love with the community of Plymouth. We had a very successful trip in that many memories were made, homes were renovated, and God's provision was evident. God is so good and so are you!

Thank you!

The spaghetti dinner is tentatively rescheduled for Saturday, April 15.

We will keep you posted on a final confirmation of that date.

**COFFEE/TEA SOCIAL** at the church Tuesday 10 – 12. Lets just sit around and have a good time together, play a game, or place a few pieces in a puzzle. **All are invited to attend.**

## OUR OFFERINGS:

**Today - 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.

**April 02 - World Renew - Refugee Sunday.** Refugee Sunday is a time to explore different ways to give –through your gifts or by considering sponsorship—and learn how you and your church can walk alongside a refugee family on their journey toward hope. Each year, churches dedicate an offering in support of World Renew's refugee resettlement and sponsorship program. In the next 2 seconds someone will be forced to flee their home because of conflict or civil unrest. World Renew provides vital support in resettling refugee families who are seeking peace and safety in Canada. Thank you for joining in that work this Refugee Sunday.



**April 07 - Multifaith Housing Initiative** The MultiFaith Housing Initiative of Ottawa was established as a Canadian nonprofit charitable organization in 2002, which has grown into a coalition of over 80 faith communities including Christians, Jews, Muslims, Hindu, Unitarians, Baha'i and other faiths from across the city of Ottawa. These members are dedicated to achieving MHI's goal to create more affordable housing in Ottawa while promoting tolerance and respect among residents of all faiths. Currently, MHI owns a total of 139 units, housing between 300 and 400 people, at five different property sites: *Blake House, the Haven, Kent House, Somerset Gardens, and Veterans' House: the Andy Carswell Building.*

The Multifaith Housing Initiative exists for one purpose, and it's as simple as our name: we want all people to have safe, continuous affordable housing, and when they do, our job will be done. We want housing to be affordable in Ottawa — for everyone.

The current story in Ottawa is that thousands of individuals and families are without permanent homes or adequate temporary living facilities. How do we #MakeADifference? We're looking beyond city shelters, and into the future. We're talking to people to find out how they live and what they need to feel healthy, safe, empowered, and successful. We're designing solutions based on long-term needs — and long lives. We don't want to be around forever, but we want affordable housing to be. Check out their website at [www.multifaithhousing.ca](http://www.multifaithhousing.ca) to find ways you can help out! If you are looking for direct feedback about this great initiative, **Bob Proper** is currently a volunteer with MHI and would love to share his experiences. An upcoming event on May 29th is **Multifaith's Tulipathon**, check out [www.multifaithhousing.ca/tulipathon.html](http://www.multifaithhousing.ca/tulipathon.html) for more details.

Website: <https://www.multifaithhousing.ca/>

**EASTER SUNDAY - April 09 - Resonate Global Mission (Cambodia – Navy Chann and Ly Chhay)** Global and Home Missions Serves the churches, ministries and members of the Christian Reformed Church of North America through partnerships that fulfil Christ's mission. In past years, Calvary has supported **Kathy VanderKloet** through a special collection via Resonate Global Mission. As Kathy has retired, Calvary will now be supporting missionaries **Navy Chann-Chhay** and **Ly Chhay** and their work in Cambodia.

Navy and Ly have been serving since 2013. To read their story, go to their Resonate Global Mission website: <https://www.resonateglobalmission.org/missionaries/navy-chann-and-ly-chhay>

**Please pray for God's blessings on: Faith Community C.R.C., Milford, Pastor Paul Vanderkooy**

**Kanata Community C.R.C.** (46 Castlefrank Road, Kanata) invites you to their **Speaker Series on Human Sexuality**. We are excited and deeply honoured to have these two guest speakers come to KCCRC. Please join us. You won't want to miss this series on Human Sexuality:

**Dr. Sylvia Keesmaat:** *Thursday, April 13<sup>th</sup>* at 7 pm. — Dr. Keesmaat grew up in the C.R.C., graduated from Redeemer University, and later obtained her PhD under the world-renowned theologian N.T. Wright. Sylvia's deep roots and love of Scripture come through in her teaching, her books on Colossians and Romans, and the farm community she leads with her husband, dedicated to care for God's creation. Sylvia is familiar with the C.R.C., taught at the Institute for Christian Studies, and preaches in CRC churches. She also brings ecumenical experience and work with churches experiencing disagreement about human sexuality.

**KIDS CORNER** - *Jesus Cried* - Check out this week's kids' devotion at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net). Through crying with his friend, Jesus set an example for us by showing empathy towards others. And by feeling for our friends, listening to them, and being with them, we can follow Jesus and show his love. Check out all the great content at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net) like the Bible Story Coloring Packet 6: The Miracle of Easter.

**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](http://familyfire.com). Subscribe for regular email updates and connect with our Family Fire community on Facebook.

Join **World Renew** in Sharing Hope with People Impacted by Cyclone Freddy - In early February, Cyclone Freddy developed over the Indian Ocean and made landfall in southern Africa three times. Freddy, the longest-lasting and most-travelled tropical cyclone ever recorded, brought torrential rains and high winds that resulted in landslides and flooding that claimed hundreds of lives and caused widespread damage across Malawi, Mozambique, and Madagascar. World Renew has released emergency funds to provide blankets, food, and tarps to people who have lost homes and loved ones. You can help families impacted by this disaster. Please give online at [worldrenew.ca/cyclonefreddy](http://worldrenew.ca/cyclonefreddy), call 1- 888-975-3769, or mail your cheque, made out to World Renew with "Tropical Cyclone Freddy" in the memo line, to: World Renew, 3475 Mainway, PO Box 5070 STN LCD 1, Burlington, Ontario, L7R 3Y8.



“ Dear Lord, help me to tell of Your wondrous power and mighty acts to those generations that come after me. May I not let the season pass by without pondering the real meaning of Easter. In Jesus’ Name, Amen.”

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of  
**Lent**  
We prepare



CALVARY CALENDAR MONDAY, MARCH 20 - SUNDAY, MARCH 26/2023		
<b>MONDAY, MARCH 27</b>	<b>CADETS</b>  <b>GEMS</b>	<b>FATHER-SON KUB KAR CUT-OUT NIGHT</b> <b>CALVARY C.R.C. AT 6:30 PM</b> <b>6:30 PM</b>
<b>TUESDAY, MARCH 28</b>	<b>COFFEE/TEA SOCIAL</b>	<b>10:00 - 12 NOON</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2229</b>	<b>HANDS ON</b>	<b>9:30 AM - 12:00 NOON</b>
<b>THURSDAY, MARCH 23</b>	<b>MEN'S BOWLING</b> <b>YOUTH GROUP</b>	<b>9:30-11:30 AM</b> <b>7:30 PM</b>
<b>SUNDAY, APRIL 02</b>	<b>WORSHIP SERVICE</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>

2023 - 10:00 AM	5 <sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT, MARCH 26	PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 02	GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 07	EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 09
<b>WORSHIP LEADER</b>	<b>MIKE HOGETERP – DIRECTOR, CHRISTIAN REFORMED CENTRE FOR PUBLIC DIALOGUE</b>	<b>PASTOR HAROLD KOUWENBERG</b>	<b>PASTOR PIET HEEREMA</b>	<b>PASTOR PIET HEEREMA</b>
<b>OFFIC./ ELDER</b>	<b>MAXIME</b>	<b>GRAHAM</b>	<b>JESSICA TRUDY, KRISTY, BART</b>	<b>TRUDY HYUNG, CATHY, JAKE</b>
<b>DEACON</b>	<b>SHARON</b>	<b>CHRIS F.</b>	<b>CORA</b>	<b>KYLE</b>
<b>OFFERING 2ND OFFERING</b>	<b>MINISTRY SHARES CALVARY C.R.C.</b>	<b>WORLD RENEW - REFUGEE SUNDAY</b>  <b>CALVARY C.R.C.</b>	<b>MULTIFAITH HOUSING INITIATIVE OF OTTAWA CALVARY C.R.C.</b>	<b>RESONATE GLOBAL MISSION</b>  <b>CALVARY C.R.C.</b>
<b>NURSERY</b>	<b>TRUDY &amp; ABBY</b>	<b>KATHRYN / CHLOE</b>	<b>TIM / LEAH H.</b>	<b>BARB / LEAH F.</b>
<b>COFFEE CLEANUP</b>	<b>LISA &amp; MARK M.</b>	<b>JOEY &amp; SYLVIA R.</b>		<b>GRAHAM &amp; LAURIE J.</b>
<b>GREETERS</b>	<b>GRACE S.</b>	<b>HOOPLE FAMILY</b>		<b>BOB AND ALICE P.</b>

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

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