



SUNDAY, APRIL 16/2023 - Guest Preacher: **Chaplain Michelle DePooter**
Montreal Ministry to Seafarers

**Rise in body or in spirit*

Gathering

Welcome and Announcements
Gathering Prayer for Worship

***Singing: All Are Welcome**

LUYH 269

**Call to Worship*

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

He has given us new life and hope.

He has raised Jesus from the dead.

God has claimed us as his own.

He has brought us out of darkness.

He has made us light to the world.

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**God's Greeting:*

To those who are called,
who are beloved in God the Father
and kept safe for Jesus Christ:
May mercy, peace, and love be yours
in abundance. — Jude 1-2, NRSV

***Singing: Awake My Soul** (Resound Worship)

LIVING
+
HOPE

Children's Time

Singing: Peace Like a River

(Children ages 4-7 leave for Church School)

Confession and Assurance

Call to Confession

When we gather to praise God,
we remember that we are people
who have preferred our wills to his.
Accepting his power to become new persons in Christ,
let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Prayer of Confession:

If, at times, we deny you, God forgive.
When the risks of discipleship are high,
and we are nowhere to be found:

God forgive.

When we wash our hands of responsibility:

God forgive.

When we cast our lot with powerful oppressors
and seek to buy freedom with silver:

God forgive.

When fear keeps us from witnessing to your truth,
or prejudice keeps us from believing it:

God forgive.

In the bright light of Easter morning, O God,
our sin is exposed,
and your grace is revealed.

**Tender God,
raise us in your love so that, with joy,
we may witness to your awesome deeds,
in the name of Jesus, the risen one. Amen.**

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Singing: Not What My Hands Have Done

LUYH 624

Assurance of Pardon:

Through Jesus Christ forgiveness of sins
is proclaimed to you.

In Christ we have redemption through his blood,
the forgiveness of our trespasses,

according to the riches of his grace. —from Acts 13:38; Ephesians 1:7, NRSV

Singing: Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

LUYH 693

Proclamation of the Word

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture: John 4: 1-42

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God!

Message: "Seeing the Unseen"

Thanksgiving

***Singing: The Servant Song**

LUYH 309

(Children ages 8-11 leave for Church School)

Congregational Prayer (elder)

Offerings: First: Camp Adonai

Second: Calvary Church (our ministry)

Sending:

You have given yourself to us, Lord.

Now we give ourselves for others.

You have raised us with Christ and made us a new people.

As people of the resurrection, we will serve you with joy.

Your glory has filled our hearts.

Help us to glorify you in all things.

***Singing: We Receive Your Blessing**

LUYH 947

***God's Parting Blessing**

The grace of Christ attend you,
the love of God surround you,
the Holy Spirit keep you
now and forevermore. Amen.

(Children ages 12-14 leave for catechism)

LUYH = Lift Up Your Hearts (red hymnal)
PH = Psalter Hymnal (grey hymnal)
MP = Maranatha Praise (red book)
WS = Worship Sourcebook
RW = Reformed Worship Magazine

THE SPRING CONGREGATIONAL MEETING WILL BEGIN SHORLY AFTER COFFEE

WELCOME to Calvary Church. We welcome **Chaplain Michelle DePooter** of the **Montreal Ministry to Seafarers** 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. **Our Spring Congregational Meeting will take place shortly after coffee time.**

CHURCH FAMILY:

John Z. had a fall last Saturday and suffered a brain bleed, concussion, and sore shoulder. John is recovering at home, and celebrated his 81st birthday as well. We pray for healing blessings for **John & Tannie.**

Trudy H. was readmitted to the General hospital this past Wednesday. Doctors are treating her for an infection. We pray the doctor's intervention is successful. May our Lord grant healing and continued recovery.

This past week, **Bep B.** was admitted to hospital. Doctors are treating her for post-surgical pain in her leg. May our Lord grant relief of pain and healing.

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.

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

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

Budget		Other Offerings	
Calvary Ministry	13,927	Cadets	25.00
Year to Date	51,770	Calvin Seminary	364.00
Budget 3 Months	57,180	Center of Public Dialogue	445.50
Budget +/-	-5,410	Christian Horizons	85.00
Ministry Shares	3,070	Harvest House	25.00
Year to Date	13,775	Mortgage Reduction	410.00
Budget 3 Months	11,703	Ottawa Mission	25.00
Budget +/-	2,072	Pastor Church Relations	85.00
		Safe Church Ministry	25.00
		Therefore Go Ministries	25.00
		WR - Canadian Food Grains	3,239.50

Offerings for March, 2023

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



OUR OFFERINGS:

Today - Camp Adonai - For over 50 years, our campers have made memories that last a lifetime. At Camp Adonai, we provide a natural environment that encourages spiritual growth and community in young people. We do this through worship and small group discussion, along with building relationships in large and small group activities. Camp Adonai is located at Christie Lake near Maberly, Ontario, at the Scouts Canada Camp Opemikon campsite. Camp Adonai is a non-profit, volunteer driven organization. Camp runs for two, one-week periods. The camp's purpose is to provide an environment that encourages spiritual growth and fellowship amongst young people: a balance of light Christian study, lively discussion and of course the fun and games expected at any well-run summer camp. Established in 1962 by members of the Christian Reformed Churches of Eastern Ontario, Camp Adonai continues to provide young people a rich source of spiritual growth and enjoyment. Website: <https://campadonai.ca>

April 23 - 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 30 - GEMS Sunday - GEMS is an acronym for Girls Everywhere Meeting the Savior. GEMS is the go-to ministry for girls' spiritual growth, providing real answers to the challenges girls face. We understand the adversity that girls face today and know you're looking to guide the girls in your life successfully. You're not alone! GEMS walks alongside moms, mentors, and ministry leaders to equip you to understand today's problems. With GEMS resources you can provide a safe, welcoming environment to learn about God and remind your girl she's seen, known, and loved. Through our club programs, one-on-one Bible studies, and girls' activity kits, girls will find a place to belong and be loved. Through monthly Webinars, weekly Coffee Chats, podcasts, and annual training programs, moms, mentors, and ministry leaders will be equipped to understand and guide their girl through life's challenges. Website: <https://gemsgc.org/>

Video: https://vimeo.com/145683173?embedded=true&source=vimeo_logo&owner=764667



Synod 2022's decisions regarding the Human Sexuality Report, particularly concerning homosexuality, has resulted in a lot of division and turmoil in the Christian Reformed Church. The key issue on this specific point is that the decision that homosexual sex is sinful has been given 'confessional status'.

Unlike previous decisions on issues such as divorce or women in office, which were intended to guide behavior, or allow local churches to act as they saw fit, confessional status leaves no room for discussion. Confessions must be 'heartily believed'. In short, "the Reformed confessions are subordinate to Scripture, are accepted as a true interpretation of this Word, and are binding on all office bearers and confessing members of the church." Thus, there is no room for discussion/disagreement. There is a question as to why Synod did not follow its long history of avoiding 'binding consciences' as seen in the previous decision of 1995 that allowed local churches to have final say on whether or not to allow women to serve fully in church offices. This was not addressed in Synod 2022.

There are many overtures that are going to be delivered from Classis to Synod in the hopes of altering or changing this decision. In fact, there are expected to be a great many overtures on both sides of the argument. We, as a congregation, should keep these matters and discussions in our prayers. Our church is facing a real crisis, and we desperately need God's guidance in the upcoming months.

Note: While there is no procedure in the C.R.C. Church Order for forcing a church to disaffiliate, there was an overture in Synod 2022 requesting the development of such a process. This has much relevance given the situation at Neland Avenue C.R.C. regarding the election of a same-sex married deacon. The push for disaffiliation has gained many voices in favour, something that has, outside of outright heresy, never really happened in Reformed history.

Please pray for God's blessings on: First C.R.C., Montreal, Pastor James Kralt

ReFrame Ministries - Kids Corner: Wow! Creation - Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. Think back on your day yesterday. Make a list of God's creations you saw that brought you joy, and then thank God for them. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net like the Bible story podcast "The Creation Story."

The Banner - The Annual Banner Appeal is underway! - The 2023 appeal for The Banner, the CRC's award-winning monthly magazine, has started. The Banner is delivered free in print and online, and this annual donation appeal makes it possible. To help keep this community conversation going please give online now at: TheBanner.org/Give

The cross shows the seriousness of our sin—but it also shows us the immeasurable love of God.



CALVARY CALENDAR MONDAY, APRIL 17 - SUNDAY, APRIL 23/2023		
MONDAY, APRIL 17	CADETS - FATHER - SON KUB KAR RACE NIGHT GEMS	6:30 PM 6:30 PM
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19	HANDS ON	9:30 AM - 12:00 NOON
THURSDAY, APRIL 20	MEN'S BOWLING YOUTH GROUP	9:30-11:30 AM 7:30 PM
SUNDAY, APRIL 23	WORSHIP SERVICE	10:00 AM

2023 - 10:00 AM	TODAY	SUNDAY, APRIL 23	SUNDAY, APRIL 30
TODAY	SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SPRING CONGREGATIONAL MEETING	SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP	SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP
WORSHIP LEADER	CHAPLAIN MICHELLE DEPOOTER MONTREAL MINISTRY TO SEAFARERS	PASTOR SID YPMA, KEMPTVILLE C.R.C.	PASTOR CHRIS SCHIEVINK KANATA COMMUNITY C.R.C.
OFFIC./ ELDER	KRISTY	BART	HYUNG
DEACON	HARRY	SYLVIA	GLENDEN
OFFERING 2ND OFFERING	CAMP ADONAI CALVARY C.R.C.	MINISTRY SHARES CALVARY C.R.C.	GEMS CALVARY C.R.C.
NURSERY	STEPH/DENISE	BOB/ABBY	MICHELLE/ALEX
COFFEE CLEANUP	HUB & GRACE S.	JEAN & JACKIE L. & TIA B.	CHRIS & KRISTY MCW.
GREETERS	MAXIME G.	HENK AND BEP B.	GEMS

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