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LUYH 526



ASCENTION SUNDAY, May 21/2023 - Guest Preacher Yanick Baudequin

*Rise in body or in spirit

Gathering

Welcome and Announcements Gathering Prayer for Worship

*Singing: Come, Now is the Time to Worship

*Call to Worship

As we are called into worship today, it is sobering to remember that when God appeared on earth in the person of Jesus, most of the world did not recognize him and therefore did not worship him.

Today we ask for the faith that will open our eyes to see Jesus for who he is, that we might worship him in truth.

People of God, behold and see your God!

We open our eyes to see his glory.
We open our ears to hear his wisdom.
We open our hands to offer him gifts.
We open our mouths to sing his praise.
We open our hearts to offer him our love.
He is Lord!

*God's Greeting:

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be

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

*Singing: Lord Most High

Children's Time

Children's Message by Yanick

Singing: Jesus Loves the Little Children

(Children ages 4-7 leave for Church School)

Confession and Assurance

Call to Confession

This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you:

God is light; in him there is no darkness at all.

If we claim to have fellowship with him yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live by the truth.

But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light,

we have fellowship with one another,

and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.—1 John 1:5-7, NIV

Prayer of Confession:

Our Father in heaven, we thank you that you have led us into the light.

We thank you for sending the Savior to call us from death to life.

We confess that we were dead in sin before we heard his call,

but when we heard him, like Lazarus, we arose.

But, O Father, the grave clothes bind us still.

Old habits that we cannot throw off,

old customs that are so much a part of our lives

that we are helpless to live the new life that Christ calls us to live.

Give us strength, O Father, to break the bonds;

give us courage to live a new life in you;

give us faith to believe that with your help we cannot fail.

All this we ask in the name of the Savior who has taught us to come to you. **Amen.**

Singing: Lead Me, Guide Me

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Assurance of Pardon God's Will for Us:

God the Creator brings you new life, forgives and redeems you.

Take hold of this forgiveness,

and live your life in the Spirit of Jesus. **Amen.**

Singing: Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine

Proclamation of the Word
Prayer of Illumination

Scripture: Mark 9:36,37 and 10:14-16 Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God!

Message: The Love of Christ for the Children

Thanksgiving

*Singing: Go My Children, with My Blessing LUYH 946

(There will be <u>no</u> Sunday School for children ages 8-11 today)

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Congregational Prayer

Offerings: First: Reframe Ministries

Second: Calvary Church (our ministry)

Sending:

Keep alert,

stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong.

Let all that you do be done in love.—1 Corinthians 16:13-14, NRSV

*Singing: May the Grace (Resound)

Closing Prayer:

Father,

as we go to our homes and our work this coming week,

by the power and promise of your Holy Spirit,

Open our ears

to hear what you are saying to us in the things that happen to us and in the people we meet.

Open our eyes

to see the needs of people around us.

Open our hands

to do our work well,

to help when help is needed.

Open our lips

to tell others the good news of Jesus and bring comfort, happiness, and laughter to other people.

Open our minds

to discover new truth about you and the world.

Open our hearts

to love you and our neighbors as you have loved us in Jesus. Amen.

*God's Parting Blessing

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace.—Numbers 6:24-26, NIV

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

PLEASE NOTE: There will be <u>no</u> Sunday School for children ages 8-11 today

WELCOME to Calvary Church. On this **ASCENTION SUNDAY**, we welcome **Preacher Yanick Baudequin** 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.

A MESSAGE FROM COUNCIL:

We've recently gone through a list of nominations for the positions of new Elders and Deacons. We need 3 Elders and 3 Deacons to make up for those who are finishing their terms. As it stands now, we have only 3 people willing to let their names stand for a combination of Elder and Deacon positions. We would like to ask everyone who was nominated to take a moment to re-consider allowing their nominations to stand. Wouldn't it be neat if pulling names had some actual suspense? On a more serious note, a strong, motivated council will be so important to this congregation moving forward, especially with our lack of a pastor. The potential for upheaval at this year's Synod looms large. Please consider if you are being called to serve and contact your elder by Monday evening if you have a change of heart. God's work doesn't always fit within our own timelines. **Thank you**.

FROM COUNCIL

YOU ARE INVITED! Pray for the C.R.C. for 40 days, in preparation for Synod 2023, with fellow members of Calvary. We will meet at the Prayer Room every Sunday morning from 9:30 to 9:50 AM and will be doing the same till, up and including, Sunday, **June 11th.** Should there be more people than there is space in the Prayer Room, breakout groups will be assigned to the different Sunday school classes by the Elder in charge.

CHURCH FAMILY

I would like to thank my church family for the support, you have blessed me with, over the past two months. I have been spoiled with texts, emails, cards and gifts of kindness from so many of you. I thank our Lord for 🕴 the doctor's care and the healing that I have experienced. I am doing much better and look forward to going to church. Thank you for keeping me in your thoughts and prayers. **Trudy H.**

As we think of our congregation here at Calvary, let éach of us be mindful of those with special needs in health, family, finances, education and in other parts of daily life. We continue to pray for those in need of care and for those who provide care. May God grant each person what they need.

OUR OFFERINGS:

ASCENSION SUNDAY - **Reframe Ministries (Back to God)** God's Story.

Every day, your global media ministry partners at the C.R.C.'s media ministry, ReFrame Ministries, send out thou-ReFrame sands of biblical messages, videos, and podcasts in 10 different languages.

Today's Media Technology is the fastest, most cost-effective way to reach the most people at any given time. Re-Frame Ministries believes everyone, everywhere should have access to the gospel in their own language. ReFrame Ministries has international ministries such as the Global Media Missions where people in at least 175 countries are hearing the Gospel. ReFrame Ministries also produces a family of six programs in the English language.

Today: a daily devotional that helps people refresh, refocus, and renew their faith.

Family Fire: An online community exploring what it means to be Holy Spirit led in our families, dating, marriages, sexuality, parenting, and in-law relationships.

Groundwork: A half-hour radio program and podcast that helps you build a biblical foundation for your life.

Kid's Corner: A website that helps kids find their place in God's story.

Think Christian: An online magazine where Christians bridge the perceived gap between faith and culture.

Church Juice: A website where church leaders can learn how to intentionally engage their congregations and communities in meaningful ways. Website: https://reframeministries.org/
May 28 - 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.

June 04 - Ottawa Persian Church (Azgomi Family)

Over the past several years since immigrating to Canada with the help of Calvary's Refugee Committee, **Omid**Azgomi and his family have worked tirelessly with all the challenges that come with learning to live in a new country. As a result of their dedication and a lot of hard work, Omid began Ottawa Persian Church, the first

Persian language church in Ottawa! Starting a church is a great achievement and with the help of Vision Ministries Canada, Omid has been preaching online during the pandemic and just recently received wonderful news that, beginning in June, the Ottawa Persian Church will begin worshiping in person, using the Chapel Ridge Free Methodist Church in Stittsville. Funds received through this special collection will go to help the Ottawa Persian Church continue to grow and spread God's word. The Ottawa Persian Church has a Facebook page which can be found at https://www.facebook.com/ottawapersianchurch/

June 11 - Candidacy Committee Calvary C.R.C. Budget

Your gift to the Candidacy Committee will help ensure that ministry candidates have the resources they need to successfully enter the ministry. The work of the Candidacy Director and the Candidacy Committee is to oversee the processes of ordination in the C.R.C.N.A. and ensure that paths to ministry are accessible, accountable and equitable. Visit their website (or send an email to candidacy@crcna.org to find out more information. Website: https://www.crcna.org/candidacy

June 18 - Indigenous Ministries

The Indigenous Ministry is made up of a national committee (Canadian Indigenous Ministry Committee), three Urban Indigenous Ministries, and a Justice and Reconciliation Mobilizer, each using their strengths to support healing and reconciliation between Indigenous peoples and non-Indigenous people in Canada. It is rooted in a recognition of our Creator's love for all creation and in the understanding that we all have gifts to offer one another.

The Canadian Indigenous Ministry Committee (CIMC) works with C.R.C. members and congregations to respond to God's call to live in reconciled relationships as covenant (treaty) people before our Creator. It provides leadership and support for learning about Indigenous justice and reconciliation and in putting good words and theology of healing, reconciliation and justice into action. Website: https://www.crcna.org/indigenous

Please pray for God's blessings on: Williamsburg C.R.C., Pastor Gregg Lawson, Youth and Young Adults Pastor Joe Groeneveld.

Camp Adonai: Summer is just around the corner. 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. Please note after May $31^{\rm st}$, there is a late registration fee of \$40.00 per camper. Application forms for campers and counsellors are available on our website at <u>campadonai.ca</u>. If you are applying for a counsellor position, please reserve Saturday, June 3rd for counsellor training day.

Looking to play Trivia?

The Russell United Church is hosting a **Trivia Night** fundraiser event to help with the costs of replacing their furnace. There are 4 tables still available to sell out the event. **Cost:** \$10 per person, with 6 people per table/team.

When: June 3, 2023, Where: Upstairs at the Russell Arena (1084 Concession St)

To register your team, or for more details, contact **Brenda Hoople** at 613-445-3074.

SPRING CONCERT Primavora

OTTAWA CARLETON MALE CHOIR

Friday, May 26/2023 @ 7:30 PM

City View United Church & Epworth Avenue, Nepean

With Special Guests: Mezzo Soprano - Michelle Dawson
Violinist - Ghislain Granger
CAPITAL CITY TROMBONE QUARTET

Tickets \$20.00—Available from Choir Members & at the Door ottawacarletonmalechoir.com or call 613-293-9046 To say that
'prayer changes things'
is not as close
to the truth as saying,
'prayer changes me and then
I change things.'

God has established things so that prayer, on the basis of redemption, changes the way a person looks at things.





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1		MONDAY, MAY 22 - SUNDAY, MAY 28/2023				
	THURSDAY, MAY 25	MEN'S BOWLING, LAST GAME OF THE SEASON	9:30-11:30 AM			
]	SUNDAY, MAY 28	PRAYER TIME FOR SYNOD 2023 WORSHIP SERVICE	9:30 AM - 9:50 AM 10:00 AM			

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2023 - 10:00 AM	TODAY	PENTECOST SUNDAY, MAY 28	SUNDAY, JUNE 04		
TODAY	SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP	PENTECOST SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP	SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP		
WORSHIP LEADER	PREACHER YANICK BAUDEQUIN	CHAPLAIN RYAN FARRELL OTTAWA CAMPUS CHAPLAINCY(O.C.C.)	PASTOR HAROLD KOUWENBERG		
OFFIC./ ELDER	ELCO	MAXIME ELCO, MAXIME, GRAHAM	GRAHAM		
DEACON	CORA	KYLE	HARRY		
OFFERING	REFRAME MINISTRIES	MINISTRY SHARES	OTTAWA PERSIAN CHURCH (AZGOMI FAMILY)		
2ND OFFERING	CALVARY C.R.C.	CALVARY C.R.C.	CALVARY C.R.C.		
NURSERY	KATHRYN/DENISE	TRUDY/LEAH F.	MICHELLE/ALEX		
COFFEE CLEANUP	HENRY & CORA S.	MARSHA H. & MAX G.	SHELDON & EDDA L.		
GREETERS	JAKE & MARIANNE V.	BERT AND SHIRLEY V.	LINDA M.		

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

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