



Sunday, July 09/2023 - Pastor Harold Kouwenberg

**Rise in body or in spirit*

Gathering

Welcome and Announcements

Gathering Prayer for Worship

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

**Call to Worship*

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;
sing the glory of his name;
give to him glorious praise.

***All the earth worships you;
they sing praises to you,***

sing praises to your name. -Psalm 66:1-2, 4, NRSV

**God's Greeting:*

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,
God's love, and the Holy Spirit's fellowship be with you all.

And also with you. -2 Corinthians 13:13, NIV

***Singing: Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven**

LUYH 571

Children's Time

Singing: John 3:16

(Children leave for Junior Sunday School)

Confession and Assurance

Call to Confession

We cannot come before God
unless we are first honest with ourselves
about who we are,
about the mistakes we make,
and about how well or poorly we care for others.
In this spirit, let us offer our prayers to God

Prayer of Confession:

Lord, we have sinned,
without considering how much you love us.
You see our sins more clearly
than we can ourselves.
Lord, you know
when we are indifferent to your Word, the Bible;
how often we forget to pray;
the times we come unwillingly to worship;
and yet we turn to you
when we are in trouble.
Lord, you know when we are untruthful
and when we think evil of others.
You see our anger and unfairness to our friends.
You know how hard it is for us to forgive.
Forgive us and make us clean,
so that we can obey your call
to take up your cross and follow you.
Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Singing: Change My Heart, O God

MP 50



Assurance of Pardon

God's Will for Us:

To all who turn from sin in sorrow,
to all who turn to God in hope,
this is God's Word of grace:
We are accepted, we are forgiven, we are loved.
This gift we have from God.
Thanks be to God.

***Singing: My Hope is Built on Nothing Less**

LUYH 772

Proclamation of the Word

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture: Acts 16: 11-15, Proverbs 31: 10-31

Message: Superheroes of the Faith – Lydia, The Patroness of the Church in Philippi

Thanksgiving

***Singing: Thy Loving Kindness**

MP 232

Congregational Prayer (elder)

Offerings: First: Shepherds of Good Hope
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: Send Us Out** (Resound)

**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
Amen.

Business
Women of
the Bible

*Lydia the Seller
of Purple Cloth*

LUYH = Lift Up Your Hearts (red hymnal)
PH = Psalter Hymnal (grey hymnal)
MP = Maranatha Praise (red book)

WELCOME to Calvary Church. A warm welcome to our visitors. May you feel one with us here, at Calvary, as we worship and fellowship together in the name of Christ Jesus.

This morning we welcome **Pastor Harold Kouwenberg** to our pulpit.

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

CHURCH FAMILY:

Yesterday, we had a memorial service for **Ieneke J.** Ieneke and her husband **Aad** raised their family here at Calvary. Ieneke was heavily involved in the organization of our Friendship Circle (seniors club) and was a faithful visitor to many seniors in our congregation. She was struggling with her health for some time and we are joyful that she is now in glory in heaven. Please remember her family in prayer as they mourn her passing. May happy memories comfort them.

Please pray for all those in our congregation who are suffering with ill health and for travelling mercies.

Calvary C.R.C. Wants to Hear from You!

Although Covid pandemic restrictions were lifted some time ago, Calvary CRC's regular in-person attendance is still lower than pre-pandemic days. Council would like to find out why and is looking for suggestions as to how we can change that.

We pray that you take the time to answer 10 short survey questions by Friday, July 28, 2023 to help us move forward as a congregation: survey link <https://forms.gle/eRDLCfzZcKshanP37>

By using this survey platform, all responses are anonymous. We encourage each member of your household to answer the survey.

If you prefer to fill out a paper copy, the survey will also be available on the table in the Fellowship Hall along with a box to leave completed surveys. For those unable to travel to church, a paper copy can be dropped off by contacting your elder or deacon.

If you have any concerns or questions about this survey, please reach out to your elder or another member of Council.

~ **Council**

OUR OFFERINGS:

TODAY - Shepherds of Good Hope -



Shepherds of Good Hope fosters hope and reduce harm in Ottawa by supporting the homeless and most vulnerable with specialized services, programs and partnerships.

Homes for all. Community for all. Hope for all.

July 16 - World Renew - Justice For All

World Renew understands that God wants us all to learn to better understand his Word and become who he envisioned us to be. Your donation today will provide community support to help ensure that orphans and vulnerable children have access to education. Give online at worldrenew.ca/justiceforall or call 1-888-WRLD-RNW and help communities overcome injustice, making education accessible for all.

Your gift today will help provide:

- Communities with gender justice training to ensure that the rights of girls and women, and other vulnerable people are respected
- Trauma healing to help heal the wounds of those who have suffered abuse and have been denied opportunities to flourish
- Education for local leaders and communities on the importance of all children having the opportunity to attend school
- Community support to help ensure that orphans and vulnerable children have access to education



July 23 -

July 30 - 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.

August 06 - Redeemer Christian High School

Redeemer Christian High School is an independent, faith-based school with a positive and supportive school culture. Since 1975, we've provided a quality, Christ-centred education to Ottawa area students in grades nine through twelve. Redeemer Christian High School offers a quality and integrated curriculum stressing a Christian/Biblical worldview in academic and applied high school courses as well as opportunities for both inter-school and intramural sports teams, specialized arts programs, enriching educational trips, and co-operative work experiences. For more information about RCHS visit the website at <https://rchs.on.ca/> or send an email to info@rchs.on.ca.



COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY, JUNE 20, 2023

- * **New Administration Team:** Chair-**Cathy V.**; Vice-**Hyung-Jeen**; Finance-**Chris F.**; Clerk-**Kyle H.**; Deacon Rep: **Glenden B.**
- * **Ministry Team:** New positions have not been chosen. **Graham** will remain as chair for the summer and liaison positions to committees remain for now.
- * **Elders – Graham** (Chair), **Jessica, Kristy, Elco, Jake, Bert, Peter H.**
- * **Deacons – Cora, Rachele, Yolandi**
- * **Deacons – Chair-Kyle; Vice-Cora; Clerk-Rachele; Treasurer-Chris.**
- * **Pastor Search Team report:**
 - John V.** reported to council that they have reached out to 12 pastors thus far who have declined. They are currently in conversation with another pastor.
 - Council will be asking the congregation to complete a survey regarding declining church attendance.
 - We are looking into hiring an Interim Pastor, should a new pastor not be found by September.
- * A rental contract was signed for the use of our sanctuary on Sunday afternoons and Wednesday evenings by **L'Eglise de Dieu, Nouvelle Alliance, Pastor Jean-Baptiste Augustin**
- * **Dani R.** will take over as **Chair of Education Committee** – Council thanks **Tia B.** for all her work.
- * The Deacon's reported that a crop has been planted at **Green Corner's Farm** again in support of the Canadian Food Grains bank.

Please pray for: Our Church, Calvary C.R.C., Ottawa, Associate Pastor Bryan Hummel

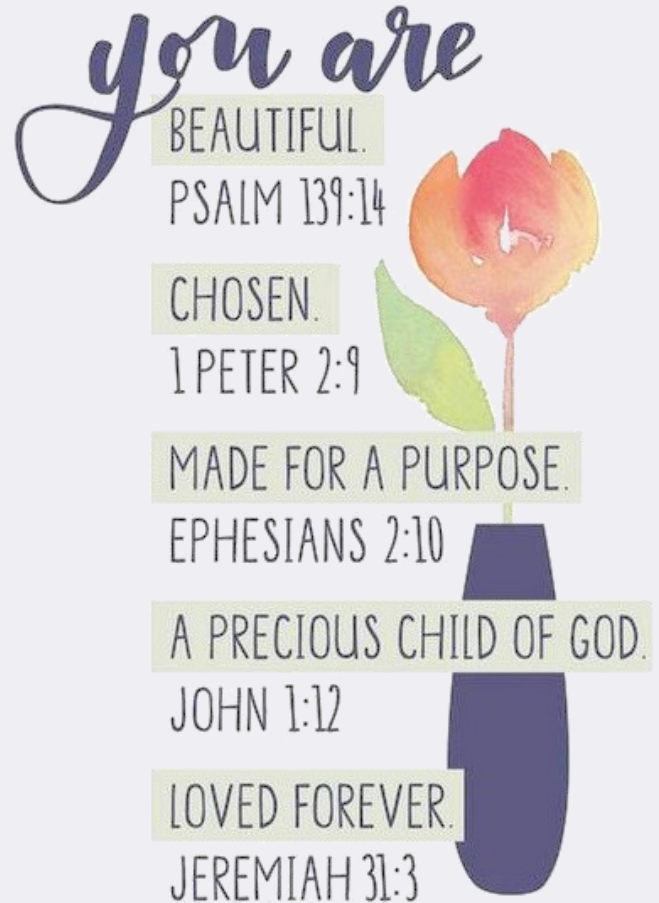
"Preach the Gospel at all times and when necessary use words." — Francis of Assisi

Offerings for June 2023

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



Budget	
Calvary Ministry	9,989
Year to Date	95,540
Budget 6 Months	114,360
Budget +/-	<u>-18,820</u>
Ministry Shares	4,266
Year to Date	24,041
Budget 6 Months	23,406
Budget +/-	<u>635</u>
Other Offerings - May & June	
Camp Adonai	65.00
Candidacy Committee	502.35
DM - New Ground	332.50
Gems	95.00
Indigenous Ministry	565.60
Mortgage Reduction	2,830.00
Multifaith Housing Initiative	65.00
OCRCC	410.75
Persian Church	850.50
Reframe Ministries - Back to God	593.05
Resonate /Chann/Chhay	65.00
St Mary's Home	699.95
World Renew	100.00
WR - Refugee Sunday	65.00



CALVARY CALENDAR MONDAY, JULY 10 - SUNDAY, JULY 16/2023		
SUNDAY, JULY 09	WORSHIP SERVICE	10:00 AM

2023 - 10:00 AM	TODAY	JULY 16	JULY 23
TODAY	SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP	SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP	SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP
WORSHIP LEADER	PASTOR HAROLD KOUWENBERG	PASTOR HAROLD KOUWENBERG	PASTOR HAROLD KOUWENBERG
OFFIC./ELDER	JAKE	CATHY	GRAHAM
DEACON	KYLE	YOLANDI	RACHELLE
OFFERING	SHEPHERDS OF GOOD HOPE	WORLD RENEW - JUSTICE FOR ALL	CALVARY C.R.C.
2ND OFFERING	CALVARY C.R.C.	CALVARY C.R.C.	CALVARY C.R.C.
NURSERY	BARB B. & GRACE S.	JOHN V. & CHASE R.	
COFFEE CLEANUP	LARRY & EVELINA J., JESSICA	PETER & BRENDA H.	KEES & KRISTEN R.
GREETERS	GRAHAM & LAURIE J.	HENK & BEP B.	JESSICA J.

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