



Sunday, August 13/2023 - Pastor Harold Kouwenberg

*\*Rise in body or in spirit*

*Gathering*

Welcome and Announcements  
Gathering Prayer for Worship

**\*Singing: Come Now Is the Time to Worship**

**LUYH 526**

*\*Call to Worship*

Come, let us bow down in worship,  
**let us kneel before the LORD our Maker;**  
for he is our God  
**and we are the people of his pasture,**  
**the flock under his care.** -Psalm 95:6-7, NIV

*\*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: Take My Life and Let It Be**

**LUYH 863**

*Children's Time*

**\*Singing: Hey Jonah, have you heard?** (*Tune of Jesus loves me*) **LUYH 709**  
(Children leave for Summer Sunday School)

*Confession and Assurance*

Call to Confession:

Our Lord Jesus said:

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,  
and with all your soul, and with all your mind."  
This is the greatest and first commandment.  
And a second is like it: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."  
On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."  
As God has instructed us in these great commandments,  
and because we have not lived in full obedience,  
let us now confess our sins to God, trusting Christ as our Savior and Lord. -based on Matthew 22:37-40, NRSV

Prayer of Confession:

Merciful God,  
you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you.  
We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy.  
We have not loved you with a pure heart,  
nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves.  
We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God.  
**Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness.**  
**In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin.**  
**Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us.**  
**Do not cast us from your presence, or take your Holy Spirit from us.**  
**Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.** - based on Psalm 51:10-12

**Singing: O Lord Hear My Prayer**

**LUYH 903**

Assurance of Pardon:

The LORD is merciful and gracious,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.  
He will not always accuse, nor will he keep his anger forever.  
He does not deal with us according to our sins,  
nor repay us according to our iniquities.  
For as the heavens are high above the earth,  
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;  
as far as the east is from the west,  
so far he removes our transgressions from us.  
As a father has compassion for his children,  
so the LORD has compassion for those who fear him.- Psalm 103:8-13, NRSV

**\*Singing: In Christ Alone**

**LUYH 770**

Mercy, peace  
& love be yours  
in abundance



JUDE 1:2

*Proclamation of the Word*

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture: Jonah 3 & 4, Romans 9: 22-26

Message: Quantum Grace

*Thanksgiving*

**\*Singing: Holy Holy, Holy Holy**

Congregational Prayer (elder)

Offerings: First: Ottawa Innerscity Ministries (OIM)

Second: Calvary Church (our ministry)

Sending:

Go out into the world in peace:  
have courage; hold on to what is good;  
return no one evil for evil; help the suffering;  
honor all; love and serve the Lord,  
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

***With God's help we will.***

**\*Singing: Romans Doxology**

**MP 136**

**\*God's Parting Blessing**

The blessing of God Almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be upon you, and remain with you forever. ***Amen***

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

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

We extend a special welcome to all visitors. *Please* join the congregation for a time of 'coffee' fellowship after church this morning in the church hall.

**CHURCH FAMILY:**

A heartfelt *Congratulations* as we celebrate this week with **Gil** and **Grace H.**, on their milestone **70 years of marriage!** May God continue to bless you both!

**Larry J.** recently underwent unexpected abdominal surgery. He's slowly recovering. Please, no visitors at this time, but prayers are very welcomed!

We ask the Lord to bring healing and strength to all with health concerns.

We ask the Lord to bless the relationships we are in – marriage, family, and friendships.

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

*Please let your Elder know if you have any updates or prayer requests you would like to share with the congregation.*



**We are extending the survey <https://forms.gle/eRDLCfzZcKshanP37> until TODAY** to give everyone a chance to have their say. This survey is an important step in helping Council determine what we should do with respect to the Human Sexuality Report. It is also an opportunity to share other concerns you may have. The information we gather in this survey will be shared with the congregation, and it will then allow us to have a more fulsome discussion with the congregation as to what we should do next.

Thanks to all of those who have already filled out the survey. Please encourage others to do so. Paper copies are always available from Council members and at the church.

***As always, we covet your prayers.***

**~Council**



***Please pray for: Community C.R.C., Kanata, Pastor Chris Schievink***



**Kids Corner:** God is Powerful - Check out this week's kids' devotion at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net).

This week, as a family, talk about God's greatness and find strength in the assurance that the enemy is no match for our mighty God. Check out all the great content at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net) like **the Summer Praise Scavenger Hunt.**

## OUR OFFERINGS:

### TODAY - Ottawa Innerscity Ministries (OIM)



We are a community working towards building a just society where people are valued, shown dignity and respect and are given opportunity to attain a higher quality of life. We are called to come alongside people experiencing poverty and homelessness, demonstrate the message of Christ in deed and word, show compassion, build self-esteem and empower individuals through a strength-based approach. Over the years, OIM has grown from a strictly 'charity' model of outreach to one focused on building a supportive community that encourages individuals to move onto the next level of development through a strength-based approach.

Each of our services and programs serve this purpose, beginning with street outreach and our drop-in services where we offer emergency provisions, build relationships and offer support where individuals are encouraged to build on their strengths and move towards greater autonomy and self-sufficiency.

Our goal is to demonstrate to the members of our community that every person has intrinsic value and has inner strengths, skills and talents that offer individuals hope for change.

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

### August 20 - Redeemer University



Redeemer University

Redeemer University College is a Christian undergraduate university offering programs leading to Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Education degrees. From its Hamilton, Ontario campus, Redeemer has prepared graduating classes — the next generation of Christian leaders — for more than 35 years. Redeemer students are being shaped by the Reformed Christian commitment to see faith woven through all aspects of learning and life. From the classroom to the convocation stage to careers and churches, our faculty, students and alumni are making an impact that resounds in our culture and across the world.

### August 27 - 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.

### September 03 - Deacon's Benevolence Fund

The purpose of the benevolence fund is to provide assistance to individuals or families in the church or in the surrounding community who have experienced a personal financial or physical need. The fund is managed by the deacons and is maintained by having collections during the year.

**Groundwork:** Sex, Food, And Faith-Informed Choices. - Should your faith impact the choices you make in life? Only the big ones or the everyday ones too? Join Groundwork as we study 1 Corinthians 7-8 to hear the Apostle Paul's guidance for how faith influences our decisions- even the ones we make about sex and food. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

### Resonate Global Mission

Heading to University or College? - Moving to campus this fall? We'd love to help you get connected to a campus ministry community! There are over 35 CRC ministries on university and college campuses across North America, gathering students, faculty, and staff to grow together in faith as they engage God's world. To find out if there's a CRC ministry at your campus, please check [resonateglobalmission.org/campus-ministry/partner-campus-ministries](http://resonateglobalmission.org/campus-ministry/partner-campus-ministries). If there isn't a Christian Reformed ministry at your school, you can locate a nearby CRC here: [crcna.org/church-finder](http://crcna.org/church-finder). For more information about our ministries, or other info about how to grow in faith while you're on campus, please contact us at [campusministry@crcna.org](mailto:campusministry@crcna.org)

### C.R.C. Communications

Passionate about church ministry? Come work for The Network! - The CRCNA has an online community dedicated to helping ministry leaders from local congregations connect. We are looking for an Online Community and Content Manager to help us keep The Network ([crcna.org/Network](http://crcna.org/Network)) running smoothly. This 15 hour/week position can be done remotely from anywhere across the United States or Canada, and will play a key role in connecting people with stories, conversations, and other content of interest. Learn more and apply at [crcna.org/careers](http://crcna.org/careers).

### ReFrame Ministries

Family Fire - 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.

### Indigenous Ministry

Hearts Exchanged: This Fall - Hearts Exchanged is a learning and action journey designed to equip Reformed Christians to engage with Indigenous people as neighbours. It's a great way to learn more about the history of Canada. You can participate in a cohort with people from your area! Read more and express your interest today. [cncna.org/hearts-exchanged](http://cncna.org/hearts-exchanged)

## An Eight-Year-Old Explains God

*Written by **Danny Dutton**, age 8, from Chula Vista, California, for his third grade homework assignment to "Explain God".*



One of God's main jobs is making people. He makes them to replace the ones that die so there will be enough people to take care of things here on earth.

He doesn't make grown-ups, just babies. I think because they are smaller and easier to make. That way, He doesn't have to take up His valuable time teaching them to talk and walk, He can just leave that to mothers and fathers.

God's second most important job is listening to prayers. An awful lot of this goes on, since some people, like preachers and things, pray at times besides bedtime. God doesn't have time to listen to the radio or TV on account of this. Since He hears everything, not only prayers, there must be a terrible lot of noise in His ears, unless He has thought of a way to turn it off.

God sees everything and hears everything and is everywhere, which keeps Him pretty busy. So you shouldn't go wasting His time by going over your parent's head asking for something they said you couldn't have.

Atheists are people who don't believe in God. I don't think there are any in Chula Vista. At least there aren't any who come to our church.

Jesus is God's Son. He used to do all the hard work like walking on water and performing miracles and trying to teach the people who didn't want to learn about God. They finally got tired of Him preaching to them and they crucified Him. But He was good and kind like His Father and He told His Father that they didn't know what they were doing and to forgive them and God said OK.

His Dad (God) appreciated everything that He had done and all His hard work on earth so He told Him He didn't have to go out on the road anymore, He could stay in heaven. So He did. And now He helps His Dad out by listening to prayers and seeing things which are important for God to take care of and which ones He can take care of himself without having to bother God. Like a secretary, only more important, of course.

You can pray anytime you want and they are sure to hear you because they got it worked out so one of them is on duty all the times.

You should always go to church on Sunday because it makes God happy, and if there's anybody you want to make happy, it's God. Don't skip church to do something you think will be more fun like going to the beach. This is wrong! And, besides, the sun doesn't come out at the beach until noon anyway.

If you don't believe in God, besides being an atheist, you will be very lonely, because your parents can't go everywhere with you, like to camp, but God can.

It is good to know He's around you when you're scared in the dark or when you can't swim very good and you get thrown into real deep water by big kids. But you shouldn't just always think of what God can do for you. I figure God put me here and He can take me back anytime He pleases. And that's why I believe in God."

*To have a united church despite the diversity that exists in it is a miracle of God.*

*This miracle is possible only when Christ dwells in our hearts.*



2023 - 10:00 AM	TODAY	AUGUST 20	AUGUST 27
<b>TODAY</b>	<b>SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP</b>	<b>SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP</b>	<b>SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP</b>
<b>WORSHIP LEADER</b>	<b>PASTOR HAROLD KOUWENBERG</b>	<b>YANICK BAUDEQUIN</b>	<b>PASTOR HAROLD KOUWENBERG</b>
<b>OFFIC./ELDER</b>	<b>JESSICA</b>	<b>KRISTY</b>	<b>HYUNG</b>
<b>DEACON</b>	<b>CORA</b>	<b>KYLE</b>	<b>YOLANDI</b>
<b>OFFERING 2ND OFFERING</b>	<b>OTTAWA INNERCITY MINISTRIES (OIM) CALVARY C.R.C.</b>	<b>REDEEMER UNIVERSITY COLLEGE CALVARY C.R.C.</b>	<b>MINISTRY SHARES CALVARY C.R.C.</b>
<b>NURSERY</b>	<b>LISA D. &amp; LEAH H.</b>	<b>CORA S./LEAH F.</b>	<b>DENISE F./MICHELLE F.</b>
<b>COFFEE CLEANUP</b>	<b>MICHELLE F. &amp; FAMILY</b>	<b>GEORGE &amp; NANCY C.</b>	<b>GERRY &amp; RITA H.</b>
<b>GREETERS</b>	<b>MICHELLE F. &amp; FAMILY</b>	<b>JAKE &amp; MARIANNE V.</b>	<b>BERT &amp; SHIRLEY V.</b>

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