



Sunday, October 01/2023 - Pastor Harold Kouwenberg

*\*Rise in body or in spirit*

*Gathering*

Welcome and Announcements  
Gathering Prayer for Worship

**\*Singing: There's a River of Life Flowing Out of Me  
Shout to the Lord**

**LUYH 603**

*Call to Worship*

Shout for joy to God, all the earth;  
sing the glory of his name;  
give to him glorious praise!  
Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!  
So great is your power that your enemies come cringing to you.  
All the earth worships you  
and sings praises to you;  
they sing praises to your name."-Psalm 66:1-4  
**Oh come, let us worship and bow down;  
let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!** -Psalm 95:6



*God's Greeting*

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ." (Rom. 1:7)

**\*Singing: Shall We Gather at the River**

*Reflection: National Day for Truth and Reconciliation*

The National Day for Truth and Reconciliation is a public remembering and lament of the colonial legacy of residential schools in Canada. It is a time of solemn reflection for all people in this land called Canada and for all Christians who believe in a God who reconciles us to himself and one another.

*Prayer: All*

**Creator God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ  
Life Giver  
Provider  
Mercy Shower  
Just and True  
Help us to remember we are made in Your image  
Help us to remember how we forgot this in the Indian Residential School system  
Help us to remember so that this may never happen again as the Survivors wished  
May we always honour others as fellow image bearers of God  
May we remember our tendency to forget  
May you teach us to practice repentance for our healing and the healing of our nation  
Help us by Your Holy Spirit to not forget Your mercy this day and the days to come  
Amen**

**\*Singing: For the Healing of the Nations**

**LUYH 289**

*Children's time*

**\*Singing: I've Got Peace Like a River**

(Children ages 4-7 leave for Church School)

*Proclamation of the Word*

Scripture: John 7: 1-15 & 37-39  
Isaiah 55 1-13

Prayer of Illumination

Message: "Water, Water Everywhere"

**\*Singing: When Peace like a river**

**LUYH 451**

(Children ages 8-11 leave for Church School)

*Congregational Prayer*

Offerings: First: Race Relations  
Second: Calvary Church C.R.C.

**\*Singing: The Trees of the Field (You Shall Go Out With Joy)**

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

*God's Parting Blessing*

Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen - Jude 24-25

(Children ages 12-14 leave for Catechism)

**WELCOME** to Calvary Church. **Pastor Harold Kouwenberg** will be leading us in worship this morning. We extend a special welcome to all visitors. May your time with us be a blessing to you. Please join the congregation for a time of 'coffee' fellowship after the service in the church hall.

### CHURCH FAMILY

We ask the Lord's blessing upon us, especially those of our family who have burdens of health and/or heart.

We lift **Piet, Willy** and **Leo** up this week in prayer.

We give thanks for all those who have taken up the task of giving care to those in need. May God bless you all.

### September Council Meeting Summary

1. The church survey was reviewed and discussed. Your responses to the survey were very helpful. It is clear that some people have not returned to church following the pandemic closure for a variety of reasons. We are thankful that a number continue to faithfully watch our services on-line and that many have returned to worship in person. Please see below a note from Council regarding questions related to the Human Sexuality Report decision from Synod.
2. The following members will be attending the Classis Meeting on October 20-21 at Community CRC, Dixon's Corners. **Elders: Cathy V., Kristy McW.; Deacons - Cora S., Yolandi F.. Pastor Harold** will also attend as an observer. Members are welcome to also attend any portion of the meetings. Please note that on Friday, October 20th at 1:00 pm, there will be a Delegate conversation re Synod 2023 decisions concerning HSR. This time will be facilitated by **Syd Hielema**, Regional Pastor, Cl Hamilton and Consultant to CRCNA Connections Project. You can view the full agenda on the following website: <https://classiseasterncanada.ca/classis-meetings/>
3. Council approved hiring a part time Church Administrator. The position will be posted in the bulletin in the coming weeks.
4. A report was received from the Pastor Search Team. They are continuing to look for a pastor who will be a good fit for Calvary.
5. The fall Congregational meeting will be held, after church, on Sunday November 26.

### Council Report on the Church Survey and Human Sexuality Report

Thank you, to everyone (112) who shared their observations and feelings with Council in our recent survey. It has been quite clear that our congregation and our denomination have been wrestling with the report on Human Sexuality. It is also clear that we have divergent views contributing to a level of angst. We are saddened that some members are continuing to resign their membership in the C.R.C.. We also, each of us, know we are the undeserving recipients of God's grace, redeemed, but not perfect and we humbly acknowledge this important truth. Our leaders at Calvary accept that we are conflicted but not in conflict, we are troubled but not in trouble. Your Council wants to remind you that we are a "Reformed and Reforming" church and that we have not yet reached the conclusion of this story. We recognize the conversation will likely continue for a very long time. As a congregation, we need to remember how much love we share within this church family. We trust you will join the Council in our commitment to continue the dialogue, to humbly proceed with love and respect for one another, and to renounce any form of judgment. Each individual is precious to our fellowship and each voice is important. We want to continue to work together as a congregation and to wait patiently upon the Lord. God is good.

It was agreed that elders will be sensitive to the concerns raised by members within their ward and that they would welcome calls or requests for visits to discuss issues further. Council recognizes the need for a listening ear and for ongoing dialogue.

*Respectfully from your Council*



**URGENT NEED FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS** We are looking for a few more teachers to help teach Sunday school, specifically to the **8-11 year old age group**. Currently, we have only one teacher and will only be offering Sunday school every other week for this group of children. If you would like to help out, or for more information, please contact **Dani R.**

### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY - Building and Grounds Committee

The Building and Grounds Committee is looking for a new chairperson. This committee is comprised of a few men who like to do the work but don't want to be responsible for incoming requests or reporting to Council:). It is typically a 3 year volunteer term but Council is willing to extend your term!

If you are an organized person who can keep these men on task, the job is yours!

A job description is available on request from Council.

If you are interested, please contact **Joey R.** or **Cathy V.**

**Please pray for: Ministry to Seafarers, Montreal, Chaplain Michelle DePooter**



## OUR OFFERINGS:

### TODAY - Race Relations

Our office was born out the struggles of a local church in Chicago. African American parents from Lawndale C.R.C. who wanted to enroll their children in a nearby "whites only" Christian school made a brave choice: they would struggle together against the forces of segregation and exclusion, for the sake of their children. They brought their concerns to Synod, the C.R.C.'s decision-making body, and our predecessor, the Synodical Committee on Racial Reconciliation, was one of the results. Later, in Canada, several people from diverse racial, ethnic, and faith backgrounds who were joining Christian Reformed churches were seeking authentic ways to remove perceived barriers to fully belonging to the C.R.C.. They started out meeting in living rooms and sharing their stories and faith journeys. Eventually they formally organized themselves into a classical committee and the Canadian racial reconciliation curriculum "Widening the Circle" was created. This original group continues to meet regularly—their work was foundational for our office's work in Canada. Website: <https://www.crcna.org/race>

### October 08 - Ottawa Christian School



Ottawa Christian School is an interdenominational Christian school that seeks to provide students with a Christ-centered elementary education. We aim to educate children in a vibrant and creative environment, equipping them for a life of faithful Christian discipleship and service. Ottawa Christian School is affiliated with Edvance and Christian Schools International. For more information about OCS, visit the website at <https://ocschool.org/>, or send an email to [frontoffice@OCSchool.org](mailto:frontoffice@OCSchool.org). Website: <https://ocschool.org/>

### October 09 - Ottawa Food Bank



The Ottawa Food Bank provides fresh and non-perishable food, as well as supplies such as diapers, toiletries, and cleaning supplies to its network of over 100 emergency food programs across the city. With our main goal being to provide emergency food relief to people in need in our city, we are also working towards doing food banking better and making change. Website: <https://www.ottawafoodbank.ca/>

### October 15 - Disability Concerns

Following God's call to mutual love and service, Disability Concerns collaborates with churches and partner organizations to break individual and systemic barriers that keep people with disabilities from full participation—so that churches truly reflect the body of Christ where everybody belongs and everybody serves.

Disability Concerns strives to promote and foster relationships, communities, and societies where everybody belongs and everybody serves by assisting churches, agencies, institutions, and leadership within the Reformed Church in America and the Christian Reformed Church in North America:

- \* To think and act in keeping with the biblical call regarding people with disabilities
- \* To break barriers of communication, architecture, and attitude
- \* To establish ministries with, for, and by people with disabilities and their families.

Website: <https://www.crcna.org/disability>

### October 29 - 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.

After much deliberation, the **FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE** is planning a trip by Coach bus to Westport on Tuesday October 10, leaving the church at 10 AM. Cost will be \$100 +/- per person, depending on how many people sign up. The more people who sign on the cheaper it will be. Please let **Jackie** know if you plan to attend, so, consider this an open invitation to everyone to attend! Will be a lovely outing to see the fall colours and have a lunch at the Cove Country Inn.

***We hope to have our Bazaar in November. But we need some help.***

The committee is looking for **3** kinds of volunteers.

- Most important, some **volunteers to serve on the committee.**
- Volunteers to help set up on the Friday before and/or helping on Saturday from 9am-2pm.
- Volunteers to make crafts to sell. Some supplies are available in the basement, just ask the committee members to see what's available.

We are open to your ideas....Please contact **Jackie L., Jess J.** or **Trudy H.... Thank you**



## MEN'S BOWLING

Embrun Bowling Lanes are available for our group again (as last year) once a week on Thursdays from **9:30 AM until 11:00 AM**. 3 Games for \$9.00, and \$2.00 for shoes if needed.

No experience is necessary, and no age limit. You may also contact a neighbour or friend who may have an interest. Even those working, who may have a day off, are welcome. No commitments.. Tentative starting date is **October 5, 2023**. Join our group for fun, laughs and coffee afterwards. You may contact me by email, [eypma@rogers.com](mailto:eypma@rogers.com) or cell 613-324-5345. Please let me know asap. Join the fun. **Elco**

## Thrive: Racial Reconciliation

Today is All Nations Heritage Sunday - We celebrate the diverse and multicultural church of Christ today. You can support ethnic minority leadership in the church by giving to the special Scholarship Fund established by the CRCNA. It provides financial assistance to students of various ethnic minority cultures who attend universities affiliated with the CRC. Please give at: [crcna.org/Race/Donate](http://crcna.org/Race/Donate)

## ReFrame Ministries

**Kids Corner:** God's Peace Gives Us Hope - Check out this week's kids' devotion at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net). Can you feel God's peace even when your life doesn't look peaceful? This week's devotion is all about how you can put your hope and trust in God, knowing that he will walk alongside no matter what is going on. Check out all the great content at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net) like the Bible story podcast "Jesus Anointed With Perfume."

## World Renew

Bringing Hope for Families - When families around the globe participate in the Free A Family® program, World Renew sees the cycle of poverty upended and transformation for parents, children, and also their descendants after them. As God brings change, the blessings abound and families can thrive, journeying away from food insecurity and other vulnerabilities. Give a gift in next weekend's offering to bring hope to families around the globe or consider becoming a monthly donor at [worldrenew.ca/FreeAFamily](http://worldrenew.ca/FreeAFamily).



### *Good Bye To Guilt* - by Deborah Ann Belka

*For years with guilt and shame,  
I wrestled and I fought . . .  
thinking that it was the payment  
that all my sins had bought.*

*It was hard to move forward,  
they kept pushing me back  
I thought it was my punishment  
for the faith that I lacked.*

*Whenever I would forget them,  
someone came along to remind  
and with each remembrance  
they became harder to put behind.*

*Then one day the Lord asked me,  
"Why did I die for you?"  
And after that conversation,  
I knew what I had to do.*

*I said goodbye to guilt,  
and bid farewell to all my shame  
for Jesus took them upon Himself  
and He endured all my blame.*

*For years with guilt and shame,  
I wrestled and fought . . .  
but then Jesus reminded me  
"If you hold on to them . . .*

*. . . I died for naught."*

2023 - 10:00 AM	TODAY	OCTOBER 08	OCTOBER 15
TODAY	SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP	SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP	SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP
WORSHIP LEADER	PASTOR HAROLD KOUWENBERG	PASTOR HAROLD KOUWENBERG	PASTOR HAROLD KOUWENBERG
OFFIC./ELDER	PETER	GRAHAM	JESSICA
DEACON	KYLE	YOLANDI	RACHELLE
OFFERING 2ND OFFERING	RACE RELATIONS CALVARY C.R.C.	OTTAWA FOOD BANK CALVARY C.R.C.	DISABILITY CONCERNS CALVARY C.R.C.
JUNIOR SUNDAY SCHOOL NURSERY	MELISSA/LAUREN BARB A./ABBY D.	MEGAN/EVELYN BOB P./DENISE F.	DENISE/CHASE KATHRYN V./LEAH F.
COFFEE CLEANUP	LISA & MARK M.	JOEY & SYLVIA R.	TIM F. & GLENDON B.
GREETERS	GERRY & RITA H.	MAXIME G.	LINDA M.

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

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