



**Sunday, September 24/2023 - Pastor Harold Kouwenberg**

*\*Rise in body or in spirit*

*Gathering*

Welcome and Announcements  
 Gathering Prayer for Worship

**\*Singing: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty  
 Lord, I lift your name on high**

**LUYH 575  
 MP 199**

*Call to Worship*

*Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!  
 Serve the Lord with gladness!  
 Come into his presence with singing!  
 Know that the Lord, he is God!  
 It is he who made us, and we are his;  
 we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.  
 Enter his gates with thanksgiving,  
 and his courts with praise!  
 Give thanks to him; bless his name! -From Psalm 63:1-4  
**For the Lord is good;  
 his steadfast love endures forever,  
 and his faithfulness to all generations. -Psalm 100***

*God's Greeting*

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ." - 1 Corinthians 1:3

**Safe Church Prayer with Song: Teach Us Your Ways - Porter's Gate** See Page 04

**\*Singing: Heart of Worship**

**Children's time**

**\*Singing: This Little Light of Mine**

(Children ages 4-7 leave for Church School)

*Proclamation of the Word*

**Prayer of illumination**

Scripture: John 2:1-2:11  
 John 13: 1-17

Message: Jesus and Mr. Clean



**\*Song of Thanksgiving: Marvelous Grace**

**LUYH 696**

(Children ages 8-11 leave for Church School)

*Congregational Prayer*

Offerings: First: Safe Church Ministry  
 Second: Calvary Church C.R.C.

**\*Singing: Across the Lands**

**LUYH 775**

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*

*May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. —Romans 15:5-6*

(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 all, especially those of our family who have burdens of health and/or heart. We give thanks for all those who have taken up the task of giving care to those in need. May God bless you all.

### Update on Piet H.:



We thank God and are very happy that, after a five (5) week hospital stay, Piet was allowed to come home late Thursday afternoon. In the past week, while in the hospital, Piet got a case of Covid but fortunately, it was a mild case. At home, therapy and healing, to gain his strength back, will be needed. We ask God for continued patience. We thank everyone for your continued prayers and support.

*Piet, Trudy, and family*

**Please pray for: Faith Community C.R.C., Milford, Pastor Paul Vanderkooy**

**THE FINANCE COMMITTEE** has started the 2024 budget.

Please get your requests into **Jackie** or **Ryan** as soon as possible.

If you did not get the form of what your committee has spent to date, please let us know.



**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.**



There will be a **COFFEE SOCIAL** at 10 am on Tuesday morning, September 26, @ the church.

All are welcome to attend.

Try your hand at shuffle board, cards, a puzzle, or just enjoy each others company and a cup of coffee/tea/juice.

**HANDS ON** will once again be starting on September 27. We are a group who meet Wednesdays, from 9:30AM to 12:00, sharing our love of crafts. So, whether it be knitting, quilting, coloring or even sorting out your picture album etc , please join us for a coffee and some laughs while we create together.

Any questions, please don't hesitate to ask **Jess J.** Looking forward to seeing 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

or cell 613-324-5345. Please let me know asap. Join the fun. **Elco**

**OTTAWA CAMPUS CHAPLAINCY** thanks you for your continued prayers for our ministry. As we enter into the new academic year, here is a unique way you might support what we do. Every week we feed hungry students to practice Christlike hospitality. We are looking for folks to cook casseroles, chilis, soups or other easy to reheat meals. Homemade or store-bought breads and baked goods are always a blessing as well. There are many gaps this year. If you are able to help you can sign up using the chaplaincy's MealTrain with the link below or contact

**Chaplain Ryan** with any questions at [chaplain@ottawacampuschaplaincy.org](mailto:chaplain@ottawacampuschaplaincy.org)

<https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/r4qzrd>

**KIDS CORNER:** Orange Shirt Day and Micah 6:8 - Check out this week's kids' devotion at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net). Throughout the Bible, God is clear that justice—or making things right again—is very important to him. In our world, many things are difficult and broken by sin. But God tells us that he is at work restoring justice, and he invites each of us to help him make things right wherever and whenever we can. One way we can make things right is by knowing the sad stories of the past and by doing better today. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net like the KC's Liz and Friends Podcast "Blizzd The Peacemaker."

**World Renew:** Let's Extend Christ's Love - As we celebrate Thanksgiving soon, we remember that in many countries around the world, the struggle for parents to provide for their children is impacted by the hardships of poverty. In Phongsaly (Laos), the infant mortality rate is 60 per 1,000 but World Renew's programs are making an impact. World Renew has helped train and mobilize volunteers in 13 villages, meaning more women are supported before, during, and after birth. Your gift in the offering on Thanksgiving extends Christ's love and makes it possible for more families to find hope through World Renew's Free A Family® program.

## OUR OFFERINGS:

### TODAY - Safe Church Ministry

Safe Church Ministry equips congregations in abuse awareness, prevention, and response. We help build communities where the value of each person is honored; where people are free to worship and grow free from abuse; and where abuse has occurred, the response is compassion and justice that foster healing. Safe Church Ministry is blessed by three kinds of financial support: CRC ministry shares, designated church offerings, and generous gifts from people like you.

Thank You!

### October 01 - 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>

*What if God couldn't take the time to bless us today  
because we couldn't take the time to thank Him yesterday?*

2023 - 10:00 AM	TODAY	OCTOBER 01	OCTOBER 08
<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>PASTOR HAROLD KOUWENBERG</b>	<b>PASTOR HAROLD KOUWENBERG</b>
<b>OFFIC./ELDER</b>	<b>ELCO</b>	<b>PETER</b>	<b>GRAHAM</b>
<b>DEACON</b>	<b>CORA</b>	<b>KYLE</b>	<b>YOLANDI</b>
<b>OFFERING 2ND OFFERING</b>	<b>SAFE CHURCH MINISTRY CALVARY C.R.C.</b>	<b>RACE RELATIONS CALVARY C.R.C.</b>	<b>OTTAWA FOOD BANK CALVARY C.R.C.</b>
<b>JUNIOR SUNDAY SCHOOL NURSERY</b>	<b>NANCY/EVELYN STEPH H./CLAUDIA F.</b>	<b>MELISSA/LAUREN BARB A./ABBY D.</b>	<b>MEGAN/EVELYN BOB P./DENISE F.</b>
<b>COFFEE CLEANUP</b>	<b>MIKE &amp; MELISSA F.</b>	<b>LISA &amp; MARK M.</b>	<b>JOEY &amp; SYLVIA R.</b>
<b>GREETERS</b>	<b>HOOPLE FAMILY</b>	<b>GERRY &amp; RITA H.</b>	<b>MAXIME G.</b>

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

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## **Safe Church Prayer:**

Triune God - hear our prayer.

God, you are the Creator and Sustainer of all. You created a galaxy so vast we only see it in part. You created atoms and molecules so minuscule we only see them with science. You smelled the flowers before creating them to bloom, and tasted the bounty of the crops before they emerged from the soil. You playfully gave animals big and small, spotted and striped, walking, flying and swimming. You God created and continue to create beauty and complexity that leaves us in awe and wonder - for this we give you thanks and praise.

Creator God, while we see the beauty of your creation we also see countless ways that sin has destroyed that which you called "good." We see it in the physical creation. We see it in war-torn countries. We see it in the economic disparity and unequal distribution of resources. We see it in our own country, in our churches, our families, and within ourselves. We lament the brokenness and the pain.

Today we pray for our churches. You call the church to bring forth your kingdom here on earth, to be salt and light, places where the Gospel is proclaimed and your people worship in Spirit and truth. We acknowledge the sin within our own churches. They are not immune from Satan's attacks and temptations and we grieve the many ways the church has been an agent of sin, rather than an agent of hope and restoration. We pray that our own church would be bold in assessing our risk for abuse. Abuse has no place within the walls of your church, and we commit to taking these first steps to prevent it. As we assess our risk, God would you be gentle with us where our hearts are tender? And would you convict us and open our eyes where they need to be opened? Teach us your ways.



***Teach us your ways, teach us your ways  
As we learn from one another, learn to love each other  
Teach us your ways***

As you teach us your ways and shed light on the darkness among us, we pray that we would have the strength and the courage to act. God, no step is too small to be the first step towards abuse prevention. Holy Spirit, move in our hearts as we as Your church put systems in place to protect the vulnerable. Give wisdom to those who craft policies - that they would not place ease over safety and comfort over protection. Teach us Lord, to give.

***Teach us to give, teach us to give  
Let us give to one another, learn to love each other  
Teach us to give***

We thank you, Lord for those who give - who give their time and their skills to teach our youth, staff our children's programs, and lead the adult ministries of the church. We thank you for those who give in public and visible ways, and also those who give quietly and prayerfully. As we take intentional steps toward being a safer space for all, we ask that you would be present in the implementation of our policies and procedures. As leaders are screened and trained may they take seriously their call to love You and to love their siblings in Christ in this very tangible way. Protect hearts within the church that have experienced abuse and are triggered by trainings. Give leaders discernment and wisdom to make good and just decisions. Help us as a congregation to always be mindful of those who suffer. Teach us to weep.

***Teach us to weep, teach us to weep  
Let us weep with one another, learn to love each other  
Teach us to weep***

Jesus, you are our Advocate, our Redeemer, and our Friend. We lament that this work is necessary in our churches. We lament that there are reasons we need policies and screenings and safety measures in place. We lament and we weep. In our tears, would you show us something of your grace today? Show us grace in the preventative steps we are taking and show us yourself once again as the one who equips us, and promises to never leave us nor forsake us. From the grace we have received, we pray for grace and patience with one another. When we experience conflict, may we seek resolution that is grounded in your work of reconciliation and desire for us to be united in love and mission.

***Teach us to give, teach us to give  
Let us give to one another, learn to love each other  
Teach us to give***

Holy Spirit, move among us. Stir in us a passion for justice and compassion. Awaken our hearts to desire change and empower our hands to go forth and do it. We ask this of you because we know you are the God who created all things good, and is at work in this world restoring and renewing. We thank you for this task because you, Jesus reconciled all things and call us to respond with gratitude and willing hearts. We move forward with confidence because you, Holy Spirit equip us and send us out. We are your church, O God. Hallelujah. Amen.

***Hallelujah, hallelujah  
Let us learn from one another, learn to love each other  
Hallelujah***