

**CALVARY
CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH**



**Interim Pastor Harold Kouwenberg
Sunday, March 24 2024**

Gathering
Welcome and Announcements
Gathering Prayer for Worship

*Singing: You Are Holy (Prince of Peace)

LUYH 598



**Call to Worship*

King Jesus comes, King Jesus,
Son of God, Son of Man, Messiah.

Hail! King Jesus, King of all!

Recall the words of the Scriptures:

“A great crowd who had come to the feast
heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem.

So they took branches of palm trees
and went out to meet him, crying, ‘Hosanna!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord,
even the King of Israel!’”

In praise we adore you, King Jesus.

**Enter our hearts today as you entered Jerusalem long ago,
and lead us by faith in the way everlasting. Amen.**

—based on John 12:13

LUYH = Lift Up Your Hearts

Red Hymnal

**God’s Greeting*

Our Lord has called us to worship and now greets us.

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

—2 Corinthians 13:13, NIV

*Singing: Hosanna, Loud Hosanna LUYH 145

Children’s Time

Singing: Hosanna

(Children ages 4-7 leave for Church School)

Confession and Assurance

Call to Confession

Like the people who greeted Jesus as he entered Jerusalem and then later pronounced “Crucify him,”
we are fickle people who often deny Christ in our thoughts, words, and deeds.

Remembering the events of Jesus’ last week helps us see ourselves for what we are:
sinners in need of a Savior, a Savior—praise God—we have in Christ.

In honesty and hope, we confess now our sins to God.

Prayer of Confession

Loving God,
you rode a donkey and came in peace, humbled yourself and gave yourself for us.
We confess our lack of humility.
As you entered Jerusalem, the crowds shouted “Hosanna: ‘Save us now!’”
On Good Friday they shouted “Crucify!”
We confess our praise is often empty. We sing “Hosanna,” but cry “Crucify.”
As the crowd laid their palms in front of you, you took no glory for yourself.
We confess that we want to be accepted and take the easy way.
We do not stay true to your will.
Forgive us, Lord, and help us to follow in the way of obedience. **Amen.**

***Singing: God, Be Merciful to Me** **LUYH 623: 1,2,3**

Assurance of Pardon:

Hear the Word of the Lord from Psalm 118:
Let those who fear the Lord say, “His steadfast love endures for ever.”
Out of my distress I called on the Lord; the Lord answered me and set me free.
The Lord is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation.
I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord.
In Christ, God answers us and sets us free!
In Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.

—based on Psalm 118:4-5, 14, 17, NRSV

***Singing: Will You Come and Follow Me** **LUYH 742**

Proclamation of the Word

Scripture: Zechariah 9: 9-10

John 12: 12-19

Matthew 26: 36-45

Message: TURN THIS DONKEY AROUND



Thanksgiving

***Singing: All Glory, Laud, and Honour** **LUYH 146**

(Children ages 8-11 leave for Church School)

Congregational Prayer

Offerings: First: Ministry Shares

 Second: Calvary Church (our ministry)

Sending:

If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves
and take up their cross daily and follow me. —Luke 9:23, NRSV

***Singing: To God be the Glory** **LUYH 956**

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

The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, guard your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of God's Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord;

and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, remain with you always.

Amen.

—based on Philippians 4:7, NRSV

(Children ages 12-14 leave for Catechism)

Please continue to pray for Pastor James Kralt of First CRC Montreal who will be facing cancer treatments beginning in April, He is doing well. Pray too, for the family and congregation who are confident of a good outcome. God is good. Please continue to uphold all members of Emma's family. We continue to pray too, for Fran and please continue to remember Larry S. Thank God for the witness and work of our young people and supporters of the Mission trip to Kentucky over this past March Break week. We rejoice with them for the life-changing experiences and awareness of the work of the wider Church. The world provides challenging opportunities when we are willing to serve. We look forward to hearing about their experiences. We will continue to be grateful for answered prayers.

Easter Services

This Friday we will have a Good Friday service at 10:00 at which time we will participate together in the Lord's Supper.

On Easter Sunday we will be celebrating, the Lord willing, the profession of faith of some of our youth as well as a re-affirmation of faith.

COFFEE/TEA SOCIAL at the church Tuesday 10 – 12. Lets just sit around and have a good time together, play a game, or place a few pieces in a puzzle. All are invited to attend.

Nominations for Elder and Deacon: This morning you will be given an opportunity to complete nominations for elders and deacons, if you have not already done so. We are looking for 3 elders (replacing Jessica, Graham and Cathy) and three deacons (replacing Glenden and Kyle + one vacant). Please prayerfully consider who you believe has the gifts to fill these positions. You can make your suggestions on paper at church or let anyone on Council know via email.

Beyond the Culture Wars Conference - Our world and our churches are so polarized and divided these days. Why is that the case, and what can we do about it? Come find out at "Beyond the Culture Wars," a conference put on by the Institute for Christian Studies and hosted by Martin Luther University in Waterloo, April 18-20, 2024. Featuring presentations by James K.A. Smith, Kristin Kobes Du Mez (author of Jesus and John Wayne) and many others, this conference will educate and equip you to help make more people feel more comfortable at your church and in the faith. Also supported by the CRC, Shalem Mental Health Network, Citizens for Public Justice, and others. Register and find out more at luther.wlu.ca/beyond.

Thrive Legacy giving to the CRCNA - Did you know cash isn't always the best way to give to CRCNA ministries like Thrive? You may be able to increase your potential impact— and experience significant tax benefits by giving stock, real estate or other non-cash assets. Write to advancement@crcna.org to learn more.

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - In Life Together, Dietrich Bonhoeffer wrote, "Just as love to God begins with listening to His Word, so love for the brethren is learning to listen to them." Who might you show this kind of "listening love" to in the coming week? Learn more at crcna.org/FaithPracticesProject

Kids Corner: Called By Name - Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. Mary was alone at the tomb. Then she met Jesus but didn't recognize him. All he had to do was say her name, and then she knew she was loved and not alone anymore. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like KC's Lent and Easter Collection.

CALVARY CRC WEB SITE "calvarycrc.ca" WATCH ONLINE / BULLETIN / CALENDAR

25	26	27	28	29
1pm Abba's Daughters 6:30pm Cadets Kub Car 6:30pm GEMS 6:30pm Refine Ladies Group	10am Coffee / Tea Social 7pm Council Meeting	9:30am Hands-on	9:30am Bowling 10am Bible Study	GOOD FRIDAY

	MARCH 24	MARCH 29	MARCH 31	APRIL 7
	SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP	GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP	EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP	SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP
WORSHIP LEADER	PASTOR HAROLD KOUWENBERG	PASTOR HAROLD KOUWENBERG	PASTOR HAROLD KOUWENBERG	PASTOR HAROLD KOUWENBERG
OFFIC./ELDER	BERT	BERT - COMMUNION CATHY / JAKE/ ELCO	JESSICA	ELCO
DEACON	YOLANDI	YOLANDI	YOLANDI	RACHELLE
OFFERING 2ND OFFERING	MINISTRY SHARE CALVARY CHURCH	THRIVE (PASTOR CHURCH RE- SOURCE) CALVARY CHURCH	RESONATE GLOBAL MISSION (CAMBODIA CHANN & CHHAY) CALVARY CHURCH	MULTIFAITH HOUSING INITIATIVE OTTAWA CALVARY CHURCH
JUNIOR SUNDAY SCHOOL NURSERY	MEGAN & LEAH ALICE & ABBY	NO SUNDAY SCHOOL MICHELLE & ALEX	DENISE & LAUREN BARB & LEAH H	NANCY & EVELYN LISA & LEAH F
COFFEE CLEANUP	MIKE & MELISSA	NO COFFEE	LISA & MARK	JOEY AND SYLVIA
GREETERS	GRACE S	BOB & ALICE	HOOPLE FAMILY	GERRY & RITA

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