

**CALVARY
CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH**



Interim Pastor Harold Kouwenberg

Sunday, March 17 2024

Gathering

Welcome and Announcements

Gathering Prayer for Worship

** Rise in body or in spirit*

***Singing: How Great is Our God**

LUYH 574

LUYH = Lift Up Your Hearts

Red Hymnal

**Call to Worship*

Let us contemplate Jesus the Lord:
Instead of the joy meant for him,
he endured the cross, disregarding its disgrace.

We worship you, Lord.

O Jesus Christ, born in humility
to confound the proud and to raise the humble:

We worship you, Lord.

You lived among us, healing the sick,
proclaiming good news to the poor and freedom to prisoners.

We worship you, Lord.

You came to unbind the chains of every slavery,
O friend of the humble, bread of hungry hearts.

We worship you, Lord.

Jesus, full of patience and goodness,
you showed forgiveness and kindness to the very end.

We worship you, Lord.

Jesus, gentle and humble of heart,
you call to yourself all who are weary and burdened.

We worship you, Lord.

Jesus, you came into the world to serve and to give your life;
you were betrayed for money, dragged before judges,
and nailed to a cross.

We worship you, Lord.

Jesus, Lord of the universe,
by your resurrection from the dead you are alive at the Father's side,
and there you prepare a place for us.

We worship you, Lord.

**God's Greeting:*

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. -2 Corinthians 13:13, NIV

***Singing: Man of Sorrows – What a Name**

LUYH 170

Children's Time:

Singing: We Are the Church

(Children ages 4-7 leave for Church School)

Confession and Assurance

Call to Confession:

Remember that our Lord Jesus Christ is able to sympathize with us in our weaknesses.
In every respect he was tempted as we are, yet without sin.
Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness,
so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.
Let us confess our sins to Almighty God.

—based on Hebrews 4:15-16, NRSV

*** Singing: Meekness and Majesty LUYH 157**

Assurance of Pardon:

The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners.
He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that we, free from sins, might live for righteousness;
by his wounds we have been healed.

—from 1 Timothy 1:15; 1 Peter 2:24, NRSV

***Singing: Great Is Thy Faithfulness LUYH 348**

Proclamation of the Word

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture: Galatians 2: 15-21 & Ephesians 2: 1-10

Message: JUSTIFICATION BY FAITH



Song of Response

***Singing: Yet not I, but Through Christ in Me. (City Alight)**

(Children ages 8-11 leave for Church School)

Congregational Prayer

Offerings: First: Calvin Theological Seminary

Second: Calvary C.R.C.

Sending

Closing Prayer:

God of love, as in Jesus Christ you gave yourself to us, so may we give ourselves to you,
living according to your holy will.

Keep our feet firmly in the way where Christ leads us; make our mouths speak the truth
that Christ teaches us; fill our bodies with the life that is Christ within us.

In his holy name we pray. **Amen.**

***Singing: Now Blessed Be the Lord our God LUYH 953**

**God's Parting Blessing*

Grace and peace to you
from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ,
who gave himself for our sins to rescue us from the present evil age,
according to the will of our God and Father,
to whom be glory for ever and ever. **Amen.** -Galatians 1:2-5, NIV

(Children ages 12-14 leave for Catechism)

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

Frank Lesage New Address:

Perley Health SBSU Room 127

1750 Russell Road, Ottawa ON K1G5Z6

Please contact Bertha for visiting information. He is settling in very nicely.

Thank you for your prayers and support.

Bertha .

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. 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 will continue to be grateful for answered prayers.

Nominations for Elder and Deacon: It is that time of year again when we go to you with requests for nominations for the positions of elder and deacon. 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.

CALVARY CRC WEB SITE. calvarycrc.ca

Last week's bulletin had a link to the Calvary CRC Web Site. I was approached by several people who were unaware the church had a web site. So, here is a bit of info to help people find and use our website. It's easy to type a web address and go to a specific site! In your PC you'll need to find the long, white address bar at the top of the page, then type calvarycrc.ca into that bar. Similarly for Cell Phone or Tablet find the search address bar and type calvarycrc.ca and hit "Enter" n keyboard to go directly to the website.

You will find a lot of information, such as: "About US", "Services", "How To Get Involved", and Giving. You will also be able to watch the Sunday Worship Service Online, Read this weeks Bulletin or view the church Calendar. Coming soon will be the new software ChurchTrac, currently being installed to provide a up-to-date directory of our members and the ability to make a donation through your Cell Phone.

If you need assistance or have questions, please contact me and I will help you.

Mark Mallette at office@calvarycrc.ca or dial 613.880.1791.

Good Day to Each of You Involved with Ministry in Your Congregation,

March 31 2024 is Easter Sunday.

It is a designated offering Sunday for Resonate.

Whether or not you have an offering for Resonate that day please consider using our FREE Worship Resources and pass this e-mail onto your worship teams and leaders. Downloadable Worship Resources found at the web-site below.

<https://www.resonateglobalmission.org/church-resources/worship-resources/easter-worship-resources>

Thank you for your ongoing participation with us in mission around the world and locally!

Blessings with Peace from Winston Visser,

wvisser@crcna.org

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - What would happen if we all listened to others just as deeply and lovingly as God listens to us? How would that change our family life, our work life, our interactions with our neighbor, or our online presence? Learn more at crcna.org/FaithPracticesProject

Calvin Theological Seminary

Calvin Theological Seminary is a learning community in the Reformed Christian tradition that forms church leaders who cultivate communities of disciples of Jesus Christ, Calvin Theological Seminary serves the Christian Reformed Church in North America and wider constituencies by preparing individuals for biblically faithful and contextually effective ministry of the Word and by offering Reformed theological scholarship and counsel.

Kids Corner: The Not-So-Triumphal Entry - Check out this week’s kids’ devotion at www.kidscorner.net. Ever wonder why Jesus chose to ride a donkey? By selecting a donkey, he declared that he was there to get to work—God’s work—and he wasn’t threatening anyone. Donkeys aren’t flashy. 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

18	19	20	21	22
6:30pm Cadets 6:30pm GEMS 6:30pm Refine Ladies Group		9:30am Hands-on	9:30am Bowling 10am CEOW Peer Group	

	MARCH 17	MARCH 24	MARCH 29	MARCH 31
	SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP	SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP	GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP	EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP
WORSHIP LEADER	PASTOR HAROLD KOUWENBERG	PASTOR HAROLD KOUWENBERG	PASTOR HAROLD KOUWENBERG	PASTOR HAROLD KOUWENBERG
OFFIC./ELDER	JAKE	BERT	BERT - COMMUNION	JESSICA
DEACON	KYLE	YOLANDI	YOLANDI	YOLANDI
OFFERING 2ND OFFERING	CALVIN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY CALVARY CHURCH	MINISTRY SHARE CALVARY CHURCH	THRIVE (PASTOR CHURCH RE- SOURCES) CALVARY CHURCH	RESONATE GLOBAL MISSION (CAMBODIA CHANN & CHHAY CALVARY CHURCH
JUNIOR SUNDAY SCHOOL NURSERY	MELISSA & CHASE KATHRYN & LEAH F	MEGAN & LEAH ALICE & ABBY	NO SUNDAY SCHOOL MICHELLE & ALEX	DENISE & LAUREN BARB & LEAH H
COFFEE CLEANUP	CHRIS & MICHELLE	MIKE & MELISSA	NO COFFEE	LISA & MARK
GREETERS	JOHN & SARAH	GRACE S	BOB & ALICE	HOOPLE FAMILY

Announcements are due Wednesdays by 6PM. Send to: bulletin@calvarycrc.ca

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