

**CALVARY
CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH**



Interim Pastor Harold Kouwenberg

Sunday, April 28 2024

Gathering

* Rise in body or in spirit

Welcome and Announcements

Gathering Prayer for Worship

***Singing: Shout to the Lord**

LUYH 603

LUYH = Lift Up Your Hearts

Red Hymnal

**Call to Worship:*

Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.

Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.

Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us and we are his;

we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.

For the LORD is good and his love endures forever;

his faithfulness continues through all generations. -Psalm 100, NIV

**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: How Great is Our God**

LUYH 574

GEMS Theme: Rise Up!

Scripture reading: Isaiah 40:31

GEMS Responsive Litany

Dance: "Rise Up (Lazarus)" CAIN



Children's Time

Singing: The Lord is My Shepherd

(Children ages 4-7 leave for Church School)

Confession and Assurance

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.

Assurance of Pardon:

While it is true that we have sinned,
it is a greater truth that we are forgiven
through God's love in Jesus Christ.
To all who humbly seek the mercy of God I say,
in Jesus Christ your sin is forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

***Singing: Ancient Words**

LUYH 762

Proclamation of the Word

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture: Habakkuk 1:1-2:1, Romans 8:17-28

Message: SERIOUSLY GOD?

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

(Children ages 8-11 leave for Church School)

Congregational Prayer

Offerings: First: GEMS

Second: Calvary Church (our ministry)

Prayer

Casting of lots for Elder

Sending:

As you prepare to leave this place,
hear now God's invitation to a life of Christian discipleship.
God has shown you what is good.
And what does the Lord require of you?
To act justly and to love mercy
and to walk humbly with your God.
-from Micah 6:8, NIV

***Singing: My Friends, May You Grow in Grace**

LUYH 938

*God's Parting Blessing

The LORD bless you and keep you;
the LORD make his face to shine upon you
and be gracious to you;
the LORD turn his face toward you
and give you peace.

-Numbers 6:24-26, NIV

(Children ages 12-14 leave for Catechism)

We are grateful for the support and comfort derived from the faithful prayers of the people of God for individuals and families. We continue to ask God to bring comfort and healing to those needful of His presence and love. We remember Emma and her family, Fran and Henk, and today we pray for Hyung and his family. Thank God for faithful caregivers and for the skill and talent of our medical practitioners.

GEMS is an acronym for Girls Everywhere Meeting the Savior. GEMS is the go-to ministry for girls' spiritual growth, providing real answers to the challenges girls face. We understand the adversity that girls face today and know you're looking to guide the girls in your life successfully. You're not alone! GEMS walks alongside moms, mentors, and ministry leaders to equip you to understand today's problems. With GEMS resources you can provide a safe, welcoming environment to learn about God and remind your girl she's seen, known, and loved. Through our club programs, one-on-one Bible studies, and girls' activity kits, girls will find a place to belong and be loved. Through monthly Webinars, weekly Coffee Chats, podcasts, and annual training programs, moms, mentors, and ministry leaders will be equipped to understand and guide their girl through life's challenges. To learn more about GEMS, visit their website, <https://gemsgc.org/>



Calling of Elders and Deacons: As a congregation we are in the process of calling members to serve as deacons and elders. We have already moved through the steps of nominations and ratification. Today we declare those who have been called to serve. During our worship, we will 'draw the lot' to determine who will be called to serve as elder. Those called to serve as deacons have all been called by acclamation through the ratification vote. During worship we will hear the names of all who will serve the congregation. The installation of elders and deacons will be announced at a later date.

Elevator Operators Needed: We really need a few volunteers that can help operate the elevator before/after church services. Training will be provided and more importantly, you will be helping with the accessibility of our church. Please send your interest to office@calvarycrc.ca or speak to Anna.

Dear Friends at Calvary CRC - Ottawa:

The Ministry to Seafarers (M2S) has an opening for 2 volunteer board members from Classis Eastern Canada for 3-year terms. The board meets three/year in the winter, spring and fall. Treasurer experience or a financial background is an asset.

The M2S Board of Directors is comprised of at least three people from Classis Quinte and three more from Classis Eastern Canada. It strives to be a governance board and leaves operations in the hands of the staff.

In addition to regular roles and responsibilities, board members promote the work of M2S in their local churches and circles of influence, acting as advocates and ambassadors of M2S.

The Ministry to Seafarers (M2S) is dedicated to enhancing the lives of seafarers regardless of race, religion, gender or rank, through ship visiting, advocacy and hospitality; and showing Jesus' love by caring for their physical, emotional, spiritual and justice needs.

Interested candidates should inquire with Chaplain Michelle DePooter (chaplain@ministrytoseafarers.org).

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - Pastor Rich Villodas observed, “Prayer is not about throwing holy words at God to see what sticks; it is, rather, entrance to a new way of seeing reality, the opening of ourselves to God’s presence, and an act that trains us in love.” Learn more at crcna.org/FaithPracticesProject

Kids Corner: Push Pause - Check out this week’s kids’ devotion at www.kidscorner.net. Rest can take many forms. As long as we slow down, pay attention, and enjoy God’s blessings, we receive the benefits of rest. Try it! Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like The Spring Scavenger Hunt, and go for a hike!

Resonate Global Mission There's Still Time to Double Your Impact - You can help join God's mission and spread the gospel by supporting Resonate Global Mission. From now through April 30, a generous donor will match your gift dollar for dollar—visit www.resonateglobalmission.org/double to find out more! Give while your gift will go twice as far!

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29	30	May 1	2	3
6:30pm Cadets 6:30pm GEMS 6:30pm Refine Ladies Group		9:30am Hands-on	9:30am Bowling	

	APRIL 28	MAY 5	MAY 12	MAY 19
	SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP	SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP	SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP	SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP
WORSHIP LEADER	PASTOR HAROLD KOUWENBERG	REBECCA BOKMA	RYAN FARRELL OTTAWA CAMPUS CHAPLAINCY	PASTOR HAROLD KOUWENBERG
OFFIC./ELDER	JESSICA	KRISTY	HYUNG	JAKE
DEACON HALL MONITOR	CORA JAKE	KYLE ELCO	YOLANDI CHRIS	GLENDE JESSICA
OFFERING 2ND OFFERING	GEMS SUNDAY CALVARY CHURCH	DIACONAL MINISTRIES CANADA - NEW GROUND CALVARY CHURCH	ST MARY’S HOME CALVARY CHURCH	OTTAWA PERSIAN CHURCH (AZGOMI FAMILY) CALVARY CHURCH
JUNIOR SUNDAY SCHOOL NURSERY	DENISE & LEAH F. BOB & LEAH H.	NANCY & LAUREN KATHRYN & LEAH F	MELISSA & EVELYN MICHELLE & ABBY	MEGAN & LEAH F. ALICE & ALEX
COFFEE CLEANUP	HUB & GRACE	JEAN & JACKIE	CHRIS & KRISTY	ALLAN & MANJA
GREETERS	MONIQUE	BOB & ALICE	LARRY & EVELINA	CHRIS & MICHELLE

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

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