

CALVARY
CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH



Interim Pastor Harold Kouwenberg

Sunday, May 19 2024

Gathering

* Rise in body or in spirit

Welcome and Announcements

Gathering Prayer for Worship

***Singing: Spirit of the Living God, Fall Afresh on MeMP 277**

LUYH = Lift Up Your Hearts

Red Hymnal

*Call to Worship

The love of God has been poured into our hearts
through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us;

we dwell in him and he in us.

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name;

make known his deeds among the peoples.

Sing to him, sing praises to him,

and speak of all his marvelous works.

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God almighty,

who was and is and is to come!

—based on Psalm 105:1-2; Romans 5:5; Revelation 4:8

*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: This is the Day MP 218**

Profession of our Churches Faith:

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,

sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and our neighbor,

and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the church.

The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles

rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,

engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism,

feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,

and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.

In a broken and fearful world

the Spirit gives us courage

to pray without ceasing,

to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,

to unmask idolatries in church and culture,

to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,

and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

**In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,
praying, Come, Lord Jesus!**

**With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus, our Lord.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

—from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

***Singing: Spirit of God, Who Dwells within My Heart** **LUYH 618**

Holy Communion

***Singing: Behold the Lamb** **LUYH 840**

Children's Time

Singing: The Fruit of the Spirit

(Children ages 4-7 leave for Church School)

Proclamation of the Word

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture: Ruth 1: 1-18, 2 Timothy 1: 5-7 & 3: 14-15

Message: A HAPPY WONDERFUL MOTHER-IN-LAW'S DAY

Thanksgiving

***Singing: Keep What You Have Believed** **LUYH 76**

(Children ages 8-11 leave for Church School)

Congregational Prayer

Offerings: First: Ottawa Persian Church (Azgomi Family)

Second: Calvary Church (our ministry)

Sending:

Now may the God of hope fill you
with all joy and peace in believing
so that by the power of the Holy Spirit
you overflow with love and hope.

Thanks be to God.

Remember that the harvest of the Spirit is
love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness,
faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

The Spirit is our source of life.

Let us therefore walk by the Spirit. **Amen.**

—based on Romans 15:13; Galatians 5:22-23, 25

Prayers: 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. We rejoice with the Song family as Hyung was able to go home this past week for further recovery from heart surgery. Evelina Joldersma is continuing to recover well and is now at home. She thanks you for all the prayers sent to her. Please pray for the Vedder family as we spend time with Jane (Oma) Vedder in her last days here on earth. We are praying that she will be taken soon to heavenly glory. We are thankful for caring hands at work in Osgoode Care Centre. Your encouragement and prayers for Pastor James Kralt and for the congregation of First Christian Reformed Church in Montreal is appreciated. James will soon undergo a regimen of Chemotherapy and is on medical leave until the end of the summer at the earliest when it is hoped he will have experienced full recovery.

Pastor Rebecca Bokma: It is with gratitude that we announce that Pastor Rebecca Bokma has accepted our call to be our Minister of the Word. She was very impressed with the degree of welcome she felt when spending the weekend with us. She will be finishing the school year with the students in her current church and then has asked for some time before beginning her ministry at Calvary. Although she anticipates being able to join us after Labour Day weekend, her family has just received the devastating news that her father has been diagnosed with esophageal cancer. She is asking for our prayers and some grace with her start date. Please pray for her and her family as they deal with this sad news. - Council

Use of the church building

Anna would like to request that attention be brought to the use of the church building. This past week the church basement, the youth room and attached classroom, were found disorganized with furniture moved including some in front of doorways blocking access. This is a fire and health safety concern. Please remember to leave rooms as you found them to the best of your ability so all members can use them without concern. Thank you!

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.

Ottawa Persian Church: Over the past several years since immigrating to Canada with the help of Calvary's Refugee Committee, Omid Azgomi and his family have worked tirelessly with all the challenges that come with learning to live in a new country. As a result of their dedication and a lot of hard work, Omid began Ottawa Persian Church, the first Persian language church in Ottawa! Starting a church is a great achievement and with the help of Vision Ministries Canada, Omid has been preaching online during the pandemic and just recently received wonderful news that, beginning in June, the Ottawa Persian Church will begin worshiping in person, using the Chapel Ridge Free Methodist Church in Stittsville. Funds received through this special collection will go to help the Ottawa Persian Church continue to grow and spread God's word. The Ottawa Persian Church has a Facebook page which can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/ottawapersianchurch/>

Pastor Harold has been making enquiries of members of the congregation to see if there is sufficient interest for a WEEKEND RETREAT focussing on young people and their parent / parents. Canoeing, swimming, singing, fun and deepening friendship and relationships are anticipated and are encouraged! We would get away Friday July 5th as early as possible and return to Calvary Sunday evening. "tenting", camping, outdoor cooking and a series of 3 devotions/discussions on the Beatitudes will be the intent of the weekend. Please speak to Pastor Harold AND EMAIL YOUR DESIRE TO PARTICIPATE! Planning party to be announced.

Sunday, May 19, is Pentecost. The Pentecost story recalls one amazing event right after the other: rushing wind, tongues of fire, speaking in tongues, thousands of new Christians, and miracles! It's that same Holy Spirit which still works to amaze us, filling us with the very breath of God, and inviting us to join God's mission. At Resonate we see these same Pentecost miracles happen every day: the unmistakable presence of God, answers to prayer, and hearts transformed by the power of the gospel! Learn more and find resources for both occasions at crcna.org/ChurchYear.

Diaconal Ministries Canada: New Ground - Thanks to our supporters' prayers and generosity, NewGround has been cultivating community impact across Canada for almost 50 years! Last year, Diaconal Ministries received applications to the program totaling over \$90,000. Because Christian Reformed Churches held offerings and individual donors gave generously, we were able to say "Yes!" to more churches longing to share God's love in their local community. Thank you for your prayers and support! You are helping us and our partners make a difference. Together we can continue to help transform communities for God's glory! To donate once or monthly, visit our website (diaconalministries.com/donate), send an e-transfer to dmc@crcna.org OR donate through your CRC church. Questions? Visit diaconalministries.com/newground and/or email our fundraising coordinator, Kathrin, at kveenstra@crcna.org.

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20	21	22	23	24
	1pm Abba's Daughters			

	MAY 19	MAY 26	JUNE 2	JUNE 9
	SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP	SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP	SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP	SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP
WORSHIP LEADER	PASTOR HAROLD KOUWENBERG	PASTOR HAROLD KOUWENBERG	PASTOR HAROLD KOUWENBERG	PASTOR HAROLD KOUWENBERG
OFFIC./ELDER	CATHY BERT PETER GRAHAM	JAKE	BERT	ELCO
DEACON HALL MONITOR	RACHELLE JESSICA	GLENDE PETER	CHRIS KYLE	CORA CATHY
OFFERING 2ND OFFERING	OTTAWA PERSIAN CHURCH (AZGOMI FAMILY) CALVARY CHURCH	MINISTRY SHARE	THRIVE (FAITH FORMATION MINKSTRY) CALVARY CHURCH	TEEN CHALLENGE EAST ONT MENS CENTRE RENFREW CALVARY CHURCH
JUNIOR SUNDAY SCHOOL NURSERY	MEGAN & LEAH F. ALICE & ALEX	DENISE & CHASE BARB & LEAH H	NANCY & CHLOE LISA & LEAH F	MELISSA & LAUREN TRUDY & ABBY
COFFEE CLEANUP	ALLAN & MANJA	HARRY & MARNIE	HENRY & CORA	MARSHA & MAX
GREETERS	CHRIS & MICHELLE	JAKE & MARIANNE	BERT & SHIRLEY	LINDA & MARK

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