

# Welcome to Willowdale Christian Reformed Church

May 12, 2019 10:00 a.m.

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*In worship, God speaks to us through his Word,  
and we respond with praise and prayer.*

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## **About the service:**

\* Please rise in body or in spirit.

The nursery is available during the service.

The preacher is Rev. Shiao Chong.

The elder is Nell DeBoer.

The worship musicians are:

Sung Ho Jun — bass guitar

Hye-jin Im — piano and organ

## **After the service:**

We invite you to join us for coffee and refreshments in the Fellowship Hall.

At approximately 11:50 a.m. everyone, especially newcomers to Willowdale CRC, is invited for a time of orientation guided by Rev. Shiao Chong.

*Experiencing Jesus every Sunday; embodying Jesus every day.*

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## We prepare for worship

### Reflection:

“What’s ironic (or perhaps natural) is that research tells us that we judge people in areas where we’re vulnerable to shame, especially picking folks who are doing worse than we’re doing. If I feel good about my parenting, I have no interest in judging other people’s choices. If I feel good about my body, I don’t go around making fun of other people’s weight or appearance. We’re hard on each other because we’re using each other as a launching pad out of our own perceived shaming deficiency. It’s hurtful and ineffective, and if you look at the mean-girl culture in middle schools and high schools, it’s also contagious. We’ve handed this counterfeit survival mechanism down to our children.

We’re so desperate to get out and stay out of shame that we’re constantly serving up the people around us as more deserving prey.”

— Brene Brown, in her book, *Daring Greatly*, p. 99

### Prelude

## Jesus walks alongside us into worship

### Welcome and introduction — Nell DeBoer

#### \*Call to worship —adapted from Luke 24 (ESV, The Message)—Nell DeBoer

Leader: Friends, it’s really happened! The Lord has been raised up. His disciples saw him!

All: They met and ate meals together with the risen Lord.

Leader: Jesus showed them his hands and his feet. They touched and saw. This Jesus who was crucified and killed, God raised him up. Death was no match for him.

All: What does this mean?

Leader: This means that since then, repentance and forgiveness of sins have been proclaimed in Jesus name to all nations by his disciples, his first witnesses.

All: And today, we hear this good news, and we believe and know Jesus is alive.

Leader: Let us worship God and the risen Lord.

#### \*Opening song — LUYH 182 (PsH 388) — *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today*

#### \*Prayer of adoration — Nina (Nastaran) Yeganeh

#### \*God’s greeting & congregational greeting — Nell DeBoer

**\*Song of praise** — LUYH 216 (PsH 47) — *Nation, Clap Your Hands*

**Call to confession** — James 3:7-17 — Nell DeBoer

<sup>7</sup> All kinds of animals, birds, reptiles and sea creatures are being tamed and have been tamed by mankind, <sup>8</sup> but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison.

<sup>9</sup> With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse human beings, who have been made in God's likeness. <sup>10</sup> Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this should not be. <sup>11</sup> Can both fresh water and salt water flow from the same spring? <sup>12</sup> My brothers and sisters, can a fig tree bear olives, or a grapevine bear figs? Neither can a salt spring produce fresh water.

<sup>13</sup> Who is wise and understanding among you? Let them show it by their good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom. <sup>14</sup> But if you harbor bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth. <sup>15</sup> Such "wisdom" does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. <sup>16</sup> For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice.

<sup>17</sup> But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. <sup>18</sup> Peacemakers who sow in peace reap a harvest of righteousness.

**Prayer of confession** — Rev. Shiao Chong  
*Silent confession*

**Prayer of thanksgiving** — Rev. Shiao Chong

**Assurance of forgiveness** — Rev. Shiao Chong

**\*Song of dedication** — LUYH 117— *Blest Are They*

1. Blest are they, the poor in spirit;  
theirs is the kingdom of God.  
Blest are they, full of sorrow;  
they shall be consoled.

*Refrain*

Rejoice and be glad!  
Blessed are you; holy are you.  
Rejoice and be glad!  
Yours is the kingdom of God.

2. Blest are they, the lowly ones;  
they shall inherit the earth.  
Blest are they who hunger and thirst;  
they shall have their fill.

*Refrain*

3. Blest are they who show mercy;  
mercy shall be theirs.

Blest are they, the pure of heart;  
they shall see God.

*Refrain*

4. Blest are they who seek peace;  
they are the children of God.

Blest are they who suffer in faith;  
the glory of God is theirs.

*Refrain*

5. Blest are you who suffer hate,  
all because of me.

Rejoice and be glad, yours is the kingdom;  
shine for all to see.

*Refrain*

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**Prayers of God's people** — Nell DeBoer

## Jesus opens the Scriptures

**Children's message** — Nicholas Chuba

Children ages 3–10 are invited to gather in the front before continuing their worship in Sunday school. Visitors' children are welcome!

**Prayer for illumination** — Rev. Shiao Chong

**Scripture readings** — Matthew 7:1-6 (p. 894 pew Bible) — Rev. Shiao Chong

“Do not judge, or you too will be judged. <sup>2</sup>For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.

<sup>3</sup>“Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother's eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? <sup>4</sup>How can you say to your brother, ‘Let me take the speck out of your eye,’ when all the time there is a plank in your own eye? <sup>5</sup>You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye.

<sup>6</sup>“Do not give dogs what is sacred; do not throw your pearls to pigs. If you do, they may trample them under their feet, and turn and tear you to pieces.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

**Sermon** — *Judgmentalism*— Rev. Shiao Chong

## Jesus breaks bread and gives us himself

**\*Song of response** — PsH 545 — *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace*

**\*Credal response** — *The Apostle's Creed* (Pg. 813 in PsH) — Rev. Shiao Chong

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried;  
he descended to hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended to heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**Offering of our tithes and gifts for ministry**

1<sup>st</sup> offering — Church ministries

2<sup>nd</sup> offering — World Renew (Barbara Kayanja)

**Offering of music** —

**\*Doxology** — LUYH 183, stanzas 1, 4 — *Alleuia*

1. Alleluia, alleluia. (3x)

Christ the Lord is risen indeed.

4. Alleluia, alleluia. (3x)

Glory, love, and praise to God.

**\*Prayer over the offering** — Deacon

**Celebration of the Lord's Supper** — Rev. Shiao Chong

**The invitation**

## **The Thanksgiving**

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise to our God.

## **The Institution** (from 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 11)

### **Prayer of Consecration**

The minister prepares the elements and prays for the Spirit's action.

Minister: Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith.

All: Christ has died; Christ has risen. Christ will come again.  
Dying, he destroyed our death. Rising, he restored our  
life. Lord Jesus, come in glory.

Minister: Gracious God, pour out your Spirit on us and the  
sacrament, we pray.

May this bread and these cups be for us the body and  
blood of Jesus Christ. As we eat the body of Christ and  
drink his blood, may we abide in Christ, and Christ in us.

All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your  
kingdom come; your will be done, on earth as it is in  
heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our  
debts as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us  
not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. For  
yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory  
forever. Amen.

## **The Communion**

We pass the elements in the pews and all partake together.

### **Communion song**

During the passing of the bread — LUYH 835 — *One Bread, One Body*

#### *Refrain*

One bread, one body, one Lord of all,  
one cup of blessing which we bless.  
And we, though many, throughout the earth,  
we are one body in this one Lord.

1. Gentile or Jew, servant or free,  
woman or man, no more.

#### *Refrain*

2. Many the gifts, many the works,  
one in the Lord of all.

*Refrain*

3. Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,  
gathered to one, for all.

*Refrain*

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During the passing of the cups — LUYH 227— *He Is Lord*  
(*stanaza 1&3: English; stanzas 2&4: Farsi*)

1. He is Lord, he is Lord,  
he is risen from the dead, and he is Lord!  
Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess  
that Jesus Christ is Lord.

2. He is King, he is King,  
he will draw all nations to him; he is King!  
And the time shall be when the world shall sing  
that Jesus Christ is King.

3. He is Love, he is Love,  
he has shown us by his life that he is Love!  
All his people sing with one voice of joy  
that Jesus Christ is Love.

4. He is Life, he is Life,  
he has died to set us free, and he is Life!  
And he calls us all to live evermore,  
for Jesus Christ is Life.

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**Prayer of thanksgiving** — Rev. Shiao Chong

**God blesses us as we go to serve**

**\*Benediction** — Rev. Shiao Chong

**\*Closing song** — LUYH 947 — *We Receive Your Blessing*

We receive your blessing; we receive your grace,  
as we walk in the light shining from your face.  
May the peace that you give change the way that we live.  
We receive your blessing as we leave this place.  
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise him, all creatures here below.  
Praise him above, you heavenly hosts.  
Praise Father, Son, and praise the Holy Ghost.  
We receive your blessing as we leave this place.

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## **Postlude**