

Welcome to Willowdale Christian Reformed Church

September 8, 2019 10:00 a.m.

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

About the service:

* Please rise in body or in spirit.

The nursery is available during the service.

The preacher is Rev. Lesli Van Milligen.

The elder is Jennifer Dekker.

The worship musicians are:

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. Lesli Van Milligen.

Experiencing Jesus every Sunday; embodying Jesus every day.

We prepare for worship

Reflection — Heidelberg Catechism, Q & A 95

Q. What is idolatry?

A. Idolatry is having or inventing something in which one trusts in place of or alongside of the only true God, who has revealed himself in the Word

Prelude

Jesus walks alongside us into worship

Welcome and introduction — Jennifer Dekker

***Call to worship** — from Psalm 18, Jeremiah 10 — Jennifer Dekker

Leader: People of God, call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised.

All: We love you, O LORD, our rock and our strength.

Leader: This God—his way is perfect; the word of the LORD proves true; he is a shield for all those who take refuge in him.

All: For who is God, but the LORD? And who is a rock, except our God?

Leader: Our God makes our feet like the feet of a deer and sets us secure on the heights. He rescues us and brings us out into a broad place. Our God saves us and lightens our darkness.

All: There is none like you among the gods, O LORD. You are the true God, the living God, and the everlasting King.

Leader: Let us worship.

***Opening song** — LUYH 194 — *Refuge and Rock*

1. Refuge and Rock, Shield and Deliverer!
I love you, LORD, for your unfailing care:
facing the grave, fearing destruction,
I called to you and you answered my prayer:
I was distressed— you heard my voice;
I will rejoice, for you saved me.
2. Earthquake and fire, thunder and lightning!
Clothed in such armour you sprang to my aid;
parting the heavens, bursting with splendour,
you left your foes overwhelmed and dismayed.

Your awesome power, your tender grace
gave me a place where I flourish.

3. Faithful and pure, blameless and perfect—
yet to the crooked you show yourself shrewd.
Your holy light shines on my darkness;
my steps are guided, my vigour renewed.
Your law will shape my heart and mind,
letting me find richest blessing.
4. Wisdom and strength, honour and triumph!
Such are the gifts you are eager to give:
strength for the fight; wisdom to lead me;
triumph and more for as long as I live;
honour indeed to make it known
that you alone are eternal.
5. Worship and thanks, reverence and glory
be to the LORD I am honoured to know;
saved from my foes, called to your service,
I will extol you wherever I go.
Your love surrounds me all my days:
therefore I praise you, my Saviour.

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***Prayer of adoration** — Jennifer Dekker, Atrin Sharifian

***God's greeting & congregational greeting** — Jennifer Dekker

***Song of praise** — LUYH 603 — *Shout to the Lord*

My Jesus, my Saviour, Lord, there is none like you.
All of my days, I want to praise the wonders of your mighty love.
My comfort, my shelter, tower of refuge and strength,
let every breath, all that I am, never cease to worship you.
Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing power and majesty, praise to the King.
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar at the sound of your name.
I sing for joy at the work of your hands: forever I'll love you, forever I'll stand.
Nothing compares to the promise I have in you.

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Call to confession — from the Sermon on the Mount, Matthew 6:24-34 — Kaitlyn Wiersma

[Jesus said,] ²⁴ "No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.

²⁵ “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? ²⁷ Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?

²⁸ “And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labour or spin. ²⁹ Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendour was dressed like one of these. ³⁰ If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? ³¹ So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ ³² For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. ³³ But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. ³⁴ Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

Prayer of confession and thanksgiving — Rev. Lesli Van Milligen

Silent confession

*** Song of affirmation** — LUYH 54 — *Wisdom Calls*

1. At the crossroads of decision
Wisdom calls to all and each:
“Come, my children, learn and listen—
heed the ways I seek to teach.”
Conscious thoughts or intuition
frame her words of grace and peace:
“Choose the pathway of the Lord.”
2. On the ash heap of disaster
“Where is God?” we cry and weep.
Friends are false and faith uncertain;
Wisdom seems beyond our reach.
Still she whispers from the whirlwind
of our pain and of our grief:
“Trust the goodness of the Lord.”
3. On a cross and in a manger
God’s compassion is made plain.
“Word made flesh” is God among us;
“He is risen” brings hope for pain.
“Come, you weary,” pleads the Saviour;
Wisdom calls to us again:
“Cast your burdens on the Lord.”

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Prayers of God’s people — Jennifer Dekker

***Song of dedication** — LUYH 743 — *O God. You Are My God*

O God, you are my God,
and I will ever praise you.
O God, you are my God,
and I will ever praise you.
I will seek you in the morning,
and I will learn to walk in your ways.
And step by step you'll lead me,
and I will follow you all of my days.

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Jesus opens the Scriptures

Children's message — Reinette du Preez

Children ages 3–10 are invited to gather in the front for the children's message. Visitors' children are welcome!

Prayer for the children — Reinette du Preez

Scripture readings — Exodus 20:3-6, Colossians 3:5 — Rev. Lesli Van Milligen

Exodus 20:3-6

⁴“You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below.⁵You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, ⁶but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments.

Colossians 3:5

⁵Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon — *The 10 Best Ways to Live: 2. Love no Substitutes* — Rev. Lesli Van Milligen

Jesus breaks bread and gives us himself

***Song of response** — LUYH 720 — *How Shall the Yong Direct Their Way*

***Creedal response** — *The Apostle's Creed* (Pg. 813 in PsH) — Rev. Lesli Van Milligen

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

1st offering — Church ministries

2nd offering — World Renew (Barbara Kayanja)

Offering of music —

***Doxology** — LUYH 965 (PsH 638) — *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

***Prayer over the offering** — Ingrid Roeleveld

Celebration of the Lord's Supper — Rev. Lesli Van Milligen

At Willowdale, we believe Jesus “makes himself known in the breaking of the bread” (Luke 24:35) in a way that transcends any human language. Therefore, we hope people from all nations and languages who trust in Christ will feel especially welcome at the table of the Lord. In the Lord's Supper, we see our Father answering Jesus' prayer that his followers would be one, as the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are one. (John 17)

The invitation

The prayer of thanksgiving

Minister: The Lord be with you.
All: And also with you.
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 for us to give thanks and praise.
Minister: Therefore we join our voices with all the saints and angels and the whole creation to proclaim the glory of your name.

All sing Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty
a capella: All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty
God in three persons blessed Trinity

The institution

Prayer of Consecration

Minister: Therefore we proclaim our faith as signed and sealed in this sacrament.
All: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

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

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.

Minister: The bread we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.
All: We who are many are one body, for we all share the same loaf.
Minister: The cup for which we give thanks is a sharing in the blood of Christ.
All: The cup that we drink is our participation in the blood of Christ.

The communion: We invite you to come forward to receive the elements. For those receiving the elements in the pews, an Elder will bring them to you. Please partake of the elements in the way that best helps you experience communion with our Lord.

Communion song — *I Surrender*

1. Here I am, down on my knees again.
Surrendering all. Surrendering all.
2. Find me here. Lord, as You draw me near.
Desperate for You. Desperate for You.
I surrender. I surrender.
3. Drench my soul, as mercy and grace unfold.
I hunger and thirst. I hunger and thirst.

4. With arms stretched wide, I know You hear my cry.
Speak to me now. Speak to me now.

Chorus

I surrender. I surrender.
I want to know You more. I want to know You more.
I surrender. I surrender.
I want to know You more. I want to know You more.
Like a rushing wind, Jesus breathe within.
Lord have Your way. Lord have Your way in me.
Like a mighty storm, stir within my soul.
Lord have Your way. Lord have Your way in me.
Like a rushing wind, Jesus breathe within.
Lord have Your way. Lord have Your way in me.
Like a mighty storm, stir within my soul.
Lord have Your way. Lord have Your way in me.
I surrender. I surrender.
I want to know You more. I want to know You more.
I surrender. I surrender.
I want to know You more. I want to know You more.

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Prayer of thanksgiving — Rev. Lesli Van Milligen

God blesses us as we go to serve

***Benediction** — Rev. Lesli Van Milligen

***Closing song** — LUYH 17 (PsH 461) vs. 1, 4 — *Beautiful Saviour*

Postlude