



Ein Leben Fur Die Schafe

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Welcome to Willowdale Christian Reformed Church

August 2, 2020, 10:00 a.m.

Twenty-first ZOOM service in the time of COVID-19

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

Reflection

Only those who have been brave enough to ride their own monsters of anger and greed, jealousy and narcissism, fear and violence all the way down to the bottom will find a truer energy with which to lead...We are starved for quiet, to hear the sound of sheer silence that is the presence of God himself.

Ruth Haley Barton

Welcome and God's greeting — Pastor Syd Hielema

Call to worship — From Psalm 100, 119, 49, Matthew 9, John 10
— Pastor Syd Hielema

Friends,

Make a joyful shout to the LORD!

Come before His presence with singing and thanksgiving.

Know that the LORD, He is God!

It is He who made us, and we are His;

We are His people and the sheep of His pasture.

But once, we were lost sheep; we all had gone astray.

We were scattered and weary like sheep having no shepherd.

Like sheep we were laid in the grave, and death shepherded us.

But the great Shepherd of the sheep sought us out and found us.

The great Shepherd is the good shepherd.

The good shepherd gives his life for the sheep.

The good shepherd knows His sheep, and His sheep know His voice.

Do you hear your shepherd's voice? Do you know Him?

This great Shepherd shepherds us to eternal life,
and we shall never perish;

Neither shall anyone snatch us out of His hand.
This great Shepherd is Jesus Christ, God's beloved Son.
People of God,
Let us come and turn to see the Shepherd's voice
that is speaking to us, and let us follow Him.
He is our God. Let us worship and bow down.

Song of praise — LUYH 509 — *Psalm 95: Come, Worship God*
— Leanne Chuba

1. Come, worship God, who is worthy of honour;
enter God's presence with thanks and a song!
You are the rock of your people's salvation,
to whom our jubilant praises belong.
2. Ruled by your might are the heights of the mountains;
held in your hands are the depths of the earth.
Yours is the sea, yours the land, for you made them,
God above all gods, who gave us our birth.
3. We are your people, the sheep of your pasture;
you are our Maker, and to you we pray.
Gladly we kneel in obedience before you;
great is the one whom we worship this day!
4. Now let us listen, for you speak among us;
open our hearts to receive what you say.
Peace be to all who remember your goodness,
trust in your word, and rejoice in your way!

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Children's message — Nicholas Chuba

Psalm 23 by heart (in Farsi) — Shaghayegh Mozafarzadeh

Prayers of God's people — Pastor Syd Hielema

Virtual Offering Plate

1st Offering, Church Ministries, by cheque to the church or by online
banking at any one of the 5 big banks, DUCA and Tangerine.

2nd Friendship Community Church, by cheque to the church.

Prayer for illumination — LUYH 532 — *Be Still, for the Presence*
— Leanne Chuba

1. Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
the Holy One, is here.
Come, bow before him now,
with reverence and fear.
In him no sin is found;
we stand on holy ground.
Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
the Holy One, is here.

2. Be still, for the glory of the Lord
is shining all around.
He burns with holy fire;
with splendour he is crowned.
How awesome is the sight,
our radiant King of light!
Be still, for the glory of the Lord
is shining all around.

3. Be still, for the power of the Lord
is moving in this place.
He comes to cleanse and heal,
to minister his grace.
No work too hard for him;
in faith receive from him.
Be still, for the power of the Lord
is moving in this place.

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Scripture reading — Psalm 23 (NRSV) — Pastor Syd Hielema

A Psalm of David.

¹The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.

² He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;

³ he restores my soul.

He leads me in right paths
for his name's sake.

⁴Even though I walk through the darkest valley,

I fear no evil;

for you are with me;

your rod and your staff—
they comfort me.

⁵You prepare a table before me

in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil;

my cup overflows.

⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me

all the days of my life,

and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD

my whole life long.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon — *Trusting the Shepherd* — Pastor Syd Hielema

Song of response — LUYH 369

— *Psalm 32: My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*

— Leanne Chuba

1. My Shepherd will supply my need;
the LORD God is his name:
in pastures fresh he makes me feed,
beside the living stream.
He brings my wandering spirit back,
when I forsake his ways;
and leads me, for his mercy's sake,
in paths of truth and grace.

2. When I walk through the shades of death
your presence is my stay;
one word of your supporting breath
drives all my fears away.
Your hand, in sight of all my foes,
shall still my table spread;
my cup with blessings overflows,
your oil anoints my head.
3. The sure provisions of my God
attend me all my days;
O may your house be my abode,
and all my work be praise.
There would I find a settled rest,
while others go and come;
no more a stranger or a guest,
but like a child at home.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), 1719, alt., P.D.

Benediction — Pastor Syd Hielema

Prayer Requests:

Pray for all young children and families of our church and community. May the Lord provide ample patience and grace during the summer months ahead.

Pray for everyone who is burnt out by physical distancing, as we continue to adjust to this new normal, praise that the Lord provides us with creative ways to stay connected.

Pray that we all continue to adjust to our new normal of wearing masks in public places, especially in the heat of the summer. May the Lord give all strength, stamina, and patience to endure this challenging time.

At Holland Christian Homes, both Grace Manor and Faith Manor have no new resident or staff cases of COVID-19. In the Towers, the COVID-19 case has been resolved and there are no new cases at this time, praise the Lord. More information may be found at:

<http://www.hch.ca/latest-hch-covid-19-updates/>. Please continue to pray for the staff and residents of Holland Christian Homes, and all care homes dealing with the challenges of COVID-19.

Pray for our second offering cause, Friendship Community Church. Our sister church, Friendship Community Church is a place where whole communities of newcomers to Canada land and begin another life. Struggles with poverty, education and employment are common. See www.friendshipintoronto.com

Voting for Elders and Deacons:

There will be a congregational meeting on **Sunday, August 9**, right after the ZOOM service. The purpose of this meeting will be to **explain the process for voting for office bearers**. In this time of not meeting physically, we need to explore alternate ways of voting. The bylaws of Willowdale CRC allow for different methods of voting, if approved by members of the congregation. Council's recommended method of voting will be shared then and a vote will take place to approve – or not – the process. A written explanation of the process will also be sent to all members via email after the service. There are a few members who do not use email and they will be contacted directly by telephone.

Second Offering for August 9:

Hope and Healing International (formerly CBM – Christian Blind Missions). Help us care for children with disabilities. We are doctors, teachers, health workers, community advocates and funding partners like you – passionate about giving hope and medical care to children and families trapped in poverty and disability. For more information see www.hopeandhealing.org.

Thank you from Ruth Hofman:

Our church had a thank you note from Ruth Hofman recently who works with LOGOS, the campus ministry at York University. One of their recent graduates was returning to China for master's study. "This young woman is not a Christian yet. We can see God working in her life and we're grateful to be a part of it. So are you! With your prayers and offering we have and will continue to show the love of God in Jesus Christ to her and many more students." Thank you for your gifts to the campus ministries.

The Passing of Former Member James "Jim" Gehrels:

Former member of Willowdale CRC James "Jim" Gehrels died suddenly on July 28, 2020. Jim will be dearly missed by his wife, Lynda; son Benjamin (Naomi); daughter Hannah (Kate); parents Jack and Lenie; brother Ken (Sharon); sisters Angela (Karl) and Betty-Ann (Evan); and brother-in-law Bill, as well as numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews. He was pre-deceased by his sister Corrine on July 28, 2013. A Celebration of this remarkable man's life will be held in Thunder Bay, by invitation only, at Bethlehem Christian Reformed Church, on Friday, July 31, 2020. Current COVID protocol will be followed. A recording of the service will be posted online at a future date. If friends so desire, in lieu of flowers or in honour of Jim's life and passion, donations may be made to the continuing work of www.Lifewater.ca. Jim's full obituary can be found here: www.arbormemorial.ca/harbourview/obituaries/james-gehrels/52399/

Birthdays this week:

August 2 — Nathan C.
August 4 — Leanne C.
August 5 — Danielle V. H.
August 6 — Hendrieke Anna S.
August 7 — Art d. W.
August 8 — Sungho J.

Preaching Schedule:

August 9 — Rev. Lesli van Milligen — Psalm 51
August 16 — Rev. Lesli van Milligen — Psalm 32
August 23 — Peter Schuurman
August 30 — Pastor Syd Heilema — Psalm 139 — Lord's Supper
September 6 — TBD
September 13 — Rev. Lesli van Milligen — Psalm 103
September 20 — Pastor Syd Heilema — Psalm 46
September 27 — Rev. Lesli van Milligen — Lord's Supper

Weekly Zoom Events – Join us!:

- Worship Service – Sunday morning at 10:00 a.m.
- Bible Study – Sunday evening at 7:30 p.m., contact Hye-jin Im or Rob Datema
- Singing Gathering – Monday mornings at 10:00 a.m., contact Hye-jin Im
- Bible Study – Wednesday morning at 7:00 a.m., contact Rob Datema
- College & Careers Virtual Pizza & Board Games – Wednesday evenings at 8:00 p.m., contact Jennifer Dekker or Suanne Miedema
- Alpha Course – Thursday evenings at 7:30 p.m., contact Alana Yoneyama for meeting details

Zoom Video Conferencing is available for your small group, Bible study, or special visits with friends for free through the church Zoom account. To book your Zoom gathering please contact Jennifer Dekker (jenniferanndekker@gmail.com).

