



Bald Eagle of Algonquin Park,
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Welcome to Willowdale Christian Reformed Church

September 13, 2020, 10:00 a.m.

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

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

Welcome and God's greeting — Rev. Lesli van Milligen

Call to worship — Psalm 63 (from Iona Abbey worship book)
— Rev. Lesli van Milligen

O God, you are my God: How I long for you!
My soul thirsts for you, my body pines for you
like a dry, weary land without water.
I gaze upon you in the sanctuary to behold your power and glory.
Your unchanging love is better than life:
My lips will speak your praise.
And so I will praise you with all of my life:
I will lift up my hands and call on your name.
My soul will feast and be satisfied,
And my mouth will praise you with joy.
For I will call you to mind as I lie in bed,
and meditate upon you in the watches of the night.
My soul clings to you, and your right hand upholds me.
You have been my helper, my joy:
I am safe in the shadow of your wings.

Prayer of confession — Rev. Lesli van Milligen

Song of praise — LUYH 571: Psalm 103

— *Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven*

1. Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
to his feet your tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
evermore his praises sing.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise the everlasting King!
2. Praise him for his grace and favour
to his people in distress.
Praise him, still the same as ever,
slow to chide, and swift to bless.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Glorious in his faithfulness!
3. Father-like he tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame he knows.
In his hand he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Widely yet his mercy flows!
4. Frail as summer's flower we flourish,
blows the wind and it is gone;
but while mortals rise and perish
God endures unchanging on.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise the High, Eternal One.
5. Angels, help us to adore him;
you behold him face to face.
Sun and moon, bow down before him,
dwellers all in time and space.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise with us the God of grace!

Words: Henry F. Lyte, 1834, alt., P.D.

Children's message — Sarah Moghadam

Prayers of God's people — Rev. Lesli van Milligen

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 Offering, Institute for Christian Studies by cheque to the church.

Song of adoration — LUYH 595 — *Holy, Holy, Holy, My Heart*

English

Holy, holy, holy,
my heart, my heart adores you!
My heart pours out my praise to you;
you are holy, Lord.

Dutch

Heilig, heilig, heilig,
mijn hart brengt U de ere!
Van harte loof ik Uwe Naam;
heilig bent U, Heer.

Spanish

¡Santo, santo, santo,
mi corazón te_adora!
Mi corazón te sabe decir:
santo_eres Señor.

Farsi

قدوس ، قدوس ، قدوس
قلب من حمدت می خواند
قلبم ستایشت گوید
تو قدوس هستی

Tagalog

Santo Santo Santo
Ang puso ko ay sa Iyo
Ang puso'y binubuhos ko
Ika'y banal, O Dios.

Korean

거룩, 거룩, 거룩,
나를 주님께 드립니다.
내가 주님 찬양 합니다;
거룩 하신 주님.

Afrikaans

Heilig, heilig, heilig,
my hart, my hart aanbid U!
My hart stort uit my lof aan U;
U is heilig, Heer.

English

Holy, holy, holy,
my heart, my heart adores you!
My heart pours out my praise to you;
you are holy, Lord.

Words: Spanish traditional; English tr. Sing! A New Creation (2001); Dutch tr.
Robert De Moor (b. 1950);
French tr. Otto Selles (b. 1964) © 2001 Faith Alive Christian Resources

Prayer for illumination — Rev. Lesli van Milligen

Scripture reading — Psalm 103 (NIV) — Rev. Lesli van Milligen

Of David.

- ¹ Praise the LORD, my soul;
 all my inmost being, praise his holy name.
- ² Praise the LORD, my soul,
 and forget not all his benefits—
- ³ who forgives all your sins
 and heals all your diseases,
- ⁴ who redeems your life from the pit
 and crowns you with love and compassion,
- ⁵ who satisfies your desires with good things
 so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.
- ⁶ The LORD works righteousness
 and justice for all the oppressed.
- ⁷ He made known his ways to Moses,
 his deeds to the people of Israel:
- ⁸ The LORD is compassionate and gracious,
 slow to anger, abounding in love.
- ⁹ He will not always accuse,
 nor will he harbour his anger forever;
- ¹⁰ he does not treat us as our sins deserve
 or repay us according to our iniquities.
- ¹¹ For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
 so great is his love for those who fear him;

- ¹² as far as the east is from the west,
so far has he removed our transgressions from us.
- ¹³ As a father has compassion on his children,
so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him;
- ¹⁴ for he knows how we are formed,
he remembers that we are dust.
- ¹⁵ The life of mortals is like grass,
they flourish like a flower of the field;
- ¹⁶ the wind blows over it and it is gone,
and its place remembers it no more.
- ¹⁷ But from everlasting to everlasting
the LORD's love is with those who fear him,
and his righteousness with their children's children—
- ¹⁸ with those who keep his covenant
and remember to obey his precepts.
- ¹⁹ The LORD has established his throne in heaven,
and his kingdom rules over all.
- ²⁰ Praise the LORD, you his angels,
you mighty ones who do his bidding,
who obey his word.
- ²¹ Praise the LORD, all his heavenly hosts,
you his servants who do his will.
- ²² Praise the LORD, all his works
everywhere in his dominion.
Praise the LORD, my soul.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon — *Praising God for WHO he IS* — Rev. Lesli van Milligen

Song of response — LUYH 593 — *Lord Most High*

From the ends of the earth, (*echo*)
from the depths of the sea, (*echo*)
from the heights of the heavens (*echo*)
your name be praised.
From the hearts of the weak, (*echo*)
from the shouts of the strong, (*echo*)
from the lips of all people (*echo*)
this song we raise, Lord.
Throughout the endless ages
you will be crowned with praises,
Lord Most High.
Exalted in every nation,
sovereign of all creation,
Lord Most High,
be magnified,
be magnified.

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Benediction — Rev. Lesli van Milligen

Prayer Requests:

Please pray for our brother **Albert Martens** who is recovering from surgery.

Please pray for **Sarah Moghadam's** father, he is recovering from 2 surgeries this week due to his cancer issue.

Continue to pray for **Corrie Vanderhoef's** nephew **Henry**, his chemotherapy treatments are ongoing.

Pray for all students within our congregation as they prepare for the upcoming school year, a school year unlike any other.

Please continue to pray for all our essential workers in health care, and other vital services to our community.

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

Please pray for our church council - elders, deacons, ministry teams and committees, Operations Team, and staff as they continue to navigate this pandemic reality.

Please pray for our 2nd offering cause: Institute for Christian Studies
The Institute for Christian Studies, located in Toronto, is a Christian graduate school in the Reformed tradition. Your gift ensures that a new generation of Christian scholars from all over the world will see how they can make a difference as future leaders in the church, the university and society.

If you have a prayer request or praise report to share on this page please contact Alana, an elder, or a deacon.

Sermon series: “Dear God, I’ve always wondered…”

We will be exploring the important role of questions to our faith formation and discipleship and are excited to announce a sermon series that will start early in October which will be guided by the faith questions of our younger members and perhaps, those who are young at heart. We are interested in what younger folks are wondering about who God is or about his creation or how he works in his world today. One way for families with young children in Sunday School or students in youth group to share your questions is to email their question, or even better record them asking their question, to Pastor Lesli van Milligen (lvanmilligen@crcna.org). We would like questions to be submitted by September 15 for the preachers to have time to prepare their sermons.

Bookkeeper Required – Volunteer:

We are looking for someone to fill the role of Bookkeeper on a volunteer basis. The Bookkeeper plays an important role in ensuring regular invoice entry to support the timely payment of bills and recording in the accounting system and supporting the Treasurer. Duties currently include entry of all regular utility bills, supplier invoices, visiting minister entries and other bookkeeping items. Additional duties which would further assist the volunteer Treasurer might include invoicing ministry shares and second collection payments, cheque issuance, monthly bank reconciliations, etc. Exact duties will be tailored to the individual depending on experience and time availability.

Existing hours of work would be approximately 1.5 – 2 hours per week and are flexible. Depending on the final duties agreed with the individual it might involve more time. The work can be done mainly from home using Quickbooks online software. Full training will be provided and can be done virtually via zoom meetings. If interested please contact Mark VanHelden, Treasurer, at 647-808-8264 or mvh@rogers.com.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study:

On Tuesday, September 15 we will resume our morning Bible study via Zoom at 10:00 a.m. We will study *Isaiah Blessings*. All are welcome. For more information or to receive the Zoom link please contact Suzanne Christie (suzannechristie@rogers.com).

Birthday this week:

September 16 — Matin N.

September 17 — Franklin G.

Preaching Schedule:

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 – Tuesday mornings at 10:00 a.m. Contact Suzanne Christie
- Bible Study – Wednesday mornings 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

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).

From The Lighthouse:

You can help The Lighthouse by participating in Ride for Refuge. There are so many ways to RIDE! This year, RIDE Freestyle – register a team, gather friends and select a fundraising activity you all love. Do what you can, wherever you can #nobikesrequired. Customize your activity that lets you read hike, game and/or knit...for Refuge! Or you can dream up something fun and unique to raise funds for The Lighthouse. Check out options at <https://rideforrefuge.org/freestyle> or <https://rideforrefuge.org/charity/thelighthouse>. If you want to do something unique for The Lighthouse this fall register a team. If you have questions you can also reach Rob Datema at rob@lighthousecentre.ca or 416-802-5943.

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