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Welcome to Willowdale Christian Reformed Church

July 25, 2021, 10:00 a.m.
Seventy-fifth 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

"It is no use walking anywhere to preach unless our walking is our preaching."

— Francis of Assisi

Welcome — Sonay S. (Zoom host)

Introduction and God's greeting — Rev. Brenda Kronemeijer-Heyink

Call to worship — Isaiah 11:1-10 (NLT)
— Rev. Brenda Kronemeijer-Heyink

Out of the stump of David's family will grow a shoot—
yes, a new Branch bearing fruit from the old root.

²And the Spirit of the LORD will rest on him—
the Spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the Spirit of counsel and might,
the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

³He will delight in obeying the LORD.
He will not judge by appearance
nor make a decision based on hearsay.

⁴He will give justice to the poor
and make fair decisions for the exploited.
The earth will shake at the force of his word,
and one breath from his mouth will destroy the wicked.

⁵He will wear righteousness like a belt
and truth like an undergarment.

⁶In that day the wolf and the lamb will live together;
the leopard will lie down with the baby goat.
The calf and the yearling will be safe with the lion,

and a little child will lead them all.

⁷The cow will graze near the bear.

The cub and the calf will lie down together.

The lion will eat hay like a cow.

⁸The baby will play safely near the hole of a cobra.

Yes, a little child will put its hand in a nest of deadly snakes without harm.

⁹Nothing will hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain,

for as the waters fill the sea,

so the earth will be filled with people who know the LORD.

¹⁰In that day the heir to David's throne

will be a banner of salvation to all the world.

The nations will rally to him,

and the land where he lives will be a glorious place.

People of God,

Today is that day. King Jesus is that heir to David's throne, the Saviour of the world!

Therefore, be glad, and let us worship our God together.

Song of praise — LUYH 17 — *Beautiful Saviour* — Leanne Chuba

1. Beautiful Saviour! King of creation!
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love thee, truly I'd serve thee,
Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
2. Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands,
robed in flowers of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer;
he makes our sorrowing spirit sing.
3. Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight,
bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
than all the angels in the sky.
4. Beautiful Saviour! Lord of the nations!
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honour, praise, adoration,
now and forevermore be thine!

Words: Gesangbuch, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1873, P.D

Children’s message — Reinette Du Preez

Call to confession — LUYH 749 — *Spirit of the Living God* — John Meiboom

1. Spirit of the living God,
fall afresh on me;
Spirit of the living God,
fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God,
fall afresh on me.
2. Spirit of the living God,
move among us all;
make us one in heart and mind,
make us one in love;
humble, caring, selfless, sharing.
Spirit of the living God,
fill our lives with love.

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Prayer of confession — Rev. Brenda Kronemeijer-Heyink

Assurance of forgiveness — Rev. Brenda Kronemeijer-Heyink

Song of dedication — LUYH 874 — *We Are an Offering* — Leanne Chuba

We lift our voices, we lift our hands,
we lift our lives up to you;
we are an offering.
Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands,
Lord, use our lives, they are yours;
we are an offering.

All that we have, all that we are,
all that we hope to be we give to you,
we give to you.

We lift our voices, we lift our hands,
we lift our lives up to you;
we are an offering,
we are an offering.

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Spiritual Growth Ministry Update — Sylvie Charliekaram

Prayers of God's people — Sarah Moghadam

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. E-transfers now accepted for the budget. See the Willowdale Weekly in the bulletin for instructions.

2nd Offering, Spiritual Growth Ministry, by cheque to the church.

Prayer for illumination — Rev. Brenda Kronemeijer-Heyink

Scripture reading — Exodus 18:13-26, Acts 6:1-7 (NIV)
— Rev. Brenda Kronemeijer-Heyink

Exodus 18

¹³The next day Moses took his seat to serve as judge for the people, and they stood around him from morning till evening. ¹⁴When his father-in-law saw all that Moses was doing for the people, he said, "What is this you are doing for the people? Why do you alone sit as judge, while all these people stand around you from morning till evening?"

¹⁵Moses answered him, "Because the people come to me to seek God's will. ¹⁶Whenever they have a dispute, it is brought to me, and I decide between the parties and inform them of God's decrees and instructions."

¹⁷Moses' father-in-law replied, "What you are doing is not good. ¹⁸You and these people who come to you will only wear yourselves out. The work is too heavy for you; you cannot handle it alone. ¹⁹Listen now to me and I will give you some advice, and may God be with you. You must be the people's representative before God and bring their disputes to him. ²⁰Teach them his decrees and instructions, and show them the way they are to live and how they are to behave. ²¹But select capable men from all the people—men who fear God, trustworthy men who hate dishonest gain—and appoint them as officials over thousands, hundreds, fifties and tens. ²²Have them serve as judges for the people at all times, but have them bring every difficult case to you; the simple cases they can decide themselves. That will make your load lighter, because they will share it with you. ²³If you do this and God so commands,

you will be able to stand the strain, and all these people will go home satisfied.”

²⁴ Moses listened to his father-in-law and did everything he said. ²⁵ He chose capable men from all Israel and made them leaders of the people, officials over thousands, hundreds, fifties and tens. ²⁶ They served as judges for the people at all times. The difficult cases they brought to Moses, but the simple ones they decided themselves.

Acts 6

In those days when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenistic Jews among them complained against the Hebraic Jews because their widows were being overlooked in the daily distribution of food. ² So the Twelve gathered all the disciples together and said, “It would not be right for us to neglect the ministry of the word of God in order to wait on tables. ³ Brothers and sisters, choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom. We will turn this responsibility over to them ⁴ and will give our attention to prayer and the ministry of the word.”

⁵ This proposal pleased the whole group. They chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit; also Philip, Procorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas from Antioch, a convert to Judaism. ⁶ They presented these men to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

⁷ So the word of God spread. The number of disciples in Jerusalem increased rapidly, and a large number of priests became obedient to the faith.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon — *Organization and Calling in the Church*

— Rev. Brenda Kronemeijer-Heyink

Song of response — LUYH 876 — *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending*
— John Meiboom

1. God, whose giving knows no ending,
from your rich and endless store:
nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom,
costly cross, grave's shattered door;
gifted by you, we turn to you,
offering up ourselves in praise;
thankful songs shall rise forever,
gracious donor of our days.
2. Skills and time are ours for pressing
toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
all at peace in health and freedom,
races joined, the church made one.
Now direct our daily labour,
lest we strive for self alone;
born with talents, make us servants
fit to answer at your throne.
3. Treasure, too, you have entrusted,
gain through powers your grace conferred;
ours to use for home and kindred,
and to spread the gospel word.
Open wide our hands in sharing,
as we heed Christ's ageless call,
healing, teaching, and reclaiming,
serving you by loving all.

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Celebration of the Lord's Supper — Rev. Brenda Kronemeijer-Heyink

Apostles' Creed — in English and Farsi

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.

من ایمان دارم به خدای پدر قادر مطلق، خالق آسمان و زمین، و به پسر یگانه او خداوند ما عیسی مسیح که به واسطه روح القدس در رحم قرار گرفت و از مریم باکره متولد شد و در حکومت پنطیوس پیلاتس الم کشید و مصلوب شده بمرد و مدفون گردید، و به عالم ارواح نزول کرد و در روز سوم از مردگان برخاست، به آسمان صعود نموده و به دست راست خدای پدر قادر مطلق نشسته است و از آنجا خواهد آمد و زندگان و مردگان را داوری نماید و من ایمان دارم به روح القدس و به کلیسای مقدس جامع و به شرکت مقدسین و به آمرزش گناهان و به قیامت ابدان و به حیات جاودان. آمین

Benediction — Rev. Brenda Kronemeijer-Heyink

Prayer Requests:

Pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to work powerfully on Sundays during our online worship time.

Pray for God's people to fervently intercede in prayer for the pandemic to stop. Give thanks for the vaccines and the inoculation of our population.

Please continue to pray for all our essential workers in health care, and other vital services to our community, as they cope with their new normal in their work settings.

Please pray for the Pastor Calling Committee as they continue their work for Willowdale CRC.

Please pray for our 2nd offering cause, Spiritual Growth Ministry. Nasser Zand and Sylvie Charliekaram reach out to Iranians seeking Christianity. During the past year the outreach and evangelism work has reached an audience of over 6,000 Farsi speakers worldwide. His social media contacts daily receive devotionals, church history lessons/articles in relation to Christianity in Iran. These are shared on the SGM Facebook page and/or on its Telegram Application channels and receive a great response from followers. This offering supports their ministry.

COVID-19 Vaccinations:

We are excited to hear that more of us are receiving our COVID-19 vaccinations. Are you having difficulty booking your first or second dose of the COVID-19 vaccination? Council and the Care Team are here to help, please reach out. Email the elders at consistory@willowdalecrc.com or deacons at deacons@willowdalecrc.com or call Alana (647 889 8508) and we will be happy to assist you!

Outdoor Summer Sports and Games:

Are you interested in playing a fun soccer game or another outdoor game? Willowdale CRC young adult members Amir, Atousa, Danelle, and Sylvan are planning an outdoor sports and games time tonight (July 25) from 6:00 p.m. until dark. All those aged 12 to 30 are invited. We encourage all attendees to be vaccinated, if possible. It will take place in the field at Willowdale Christian School at 60 Hilda Avenue, North York (next door to the church). Additional sports might include basketball, frisbee, badminton, volleyball. We look forward to seeing you there, if you have questions contact (Amir) mehramir04@gmail.com or (Atousa) atigraphic.shiraz@gmail.com or (Sylvan) sylvan325@gmail.com or (Danelle) danelleim@hotmail.com. You may also call John Meiboom at 416-587-7998

Birthdays:

July 26 — Betsy d. B.
July 26 — Atrin S. J.
July 29 — Jessica M.
July 29 — Nuzy M.
July 31 — Emmy H.

Preaching Schedule:

August 1 — Pastor Syd Hielema — Acts 7
August 8 — Rev. Lesli van Milligen — Acts 8
August 15 — Rev. Lesli van Milligen — Acts 10
August 22 — Rev. Brenda Kronemeijer-Heyink — Acts 15
August 29 — Pastor Syd Hielema — Acts 17: 1-9, I Thessalonians 3: 6-13

NEW: Zoom Host Schedule:

August 1 — John M.
August 8 — Sonay S.
August 15 — Alana Y.
August 22 — Sonay S.
August 29 — Jennifer D.

Farsi Fellowship:

Farsi Fellowship Zoom meetings are held on Thursday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome. Translations will be provided if need be. Contact Sylvie Charliekaram for more information (sylvieckaram@gmail.com).

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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
- **Farsi Fellowship** – Thursdays at 7:00 p.m., contact Sylvie Charliekaram
- **Gospel Devotions and Singing** – alternate Friday nights, 7:30-8:30 p.m. Contact WilmaJoy Veenstra or Hye-jin Im

Meet Your Neighbour Week:

NeighbourLink North York is thrilled to announce our upcoming summer event: **Meet Your Neighbour Week** which will be August 14th to the 21st! This is an opportunity for neighbours in Willowdale to connect with one another by hosting meet ups for those on their street or floor. This could be as simple as a lemonade stand on their front lawn or a park hang out. Neighbours can be as creative as they want and we'll help them facilitate their mini event. Our goal is to continue building a more connected community together while staying within all existing COVID-19 restrictions and guidelines! To learn more visit: neighbourweek.eventbrite.ca or contact: sebastian@neighbourlink.org (416) 221-8283 Ext. 5

Willowdale CRC Ward Elders and Deacons:

Elders and deacons are available to assist you with your spiritual and practical needs. We would appreciate hearing from you if there is any way they can help.

Note that **confidential counselling services** are available through the **Congregational Assistance Programme (CAP)**. You are entitled to **six free** counselling sessions. Call for help: 1 866-347-0041.

Lastly, if you are struggling financially, and it is a challenge to buy groceries, please contact your deacon for confidential help.

Moore Park Ward

(North of Drewry Ave./Cummer Ave. and west of Leslie St. south of Steeles Ave; Yonge St. north of Steeles Ave.)

Elders: Sarah Moghadam, WilmaJoy Veenstra

Deacons: Suzanne Christie, Sara Davarpanah

Branson Ward

(South of Drewry Ave./Cummer Ave. and west of Leslie St. plus Brampton and Mississauga)

Elders: Reinet du Preez, Sylvie Charliekaram

Deacons: Nell de Boer, Kyle Pippel

Markham Ward

(East of Yonge St. for region north of Steeles Ave.; east of Leslie St. south of Steeles Ave.)

Elders: Dan Carter, Kamran Mozafarzadeh

Deacons: Joyce McBride, Ferdinand Cruz, Mahkam Sadjadi

John Meiboom, as chair of council, is also available for care visits as needed in any ward.

In addition to the elders and deacons helping the Willowdale CRC community, there is a small support team known as the **Care Team**, who are on standby to help in each ward:

Branson - Angie Arguelles, Beatrice Vandervelde

Markham - Bobby Vandenbrink

Moore Park - Hye-jin Im

Floater - Alana Yoneyama, Peter Grauds, Jennifer Dekker, Nasser Zand

For the contact information for your Ward Elders and/or Deacons, please email Alana at office@willowdalecrc.com or alana.yoneyama@willowdalecrc.com

Online Giving e-Transfer Instructions:

All e-Transfers should be remitted to the following email address - treasurer@willowdalecrc.com and please **use the following password – budget.**

Please ensure you mention your envelope number in the memo section so that your donation can be properly recorded towards your envelope number and will get credited towards your annual donation receipt. If you don't have an envelope number please send a separate email with your full name and address so a tax receipt can be issued at year end. For second collections/offerings please be reminded that donations continue to be accepted by cheques mailed to the church.

If you have any further questions or concerns please contact Mark VanHelden at treasurer@willowdalecrc.com or Cathy De Peuter at cathydepeuter@gmail.com Thank you for supporting the church's operations budget!

