

# Willowdale

CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH



# Welcome to Willowdale Christian Reformed Church

October 17, 2021, 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:**

Worship space: in WCRC Sanctuary and on ZOOM

Worship leader and preacher: Pastor Syd Hielema

Elder of service: Kamran M.

Zoom host: Alana Yoneyama

Audio/video/Zoom technicians: Mahdi F, Nancy Fernhout,  
Hetty Verhage, Danelle Im.

Readers: Beatrice Vandervelde, Peter McBride

Worship musicians: Stella Chung – vocal, Hye-jin Im – piano

\* Please rise in body or in spirit.

## **After the service:**

About 5 minutes after the service everyone is invited to a sermon discussion on ZOOM guided by Pastor Syd Hielema.

## **Reflection**

Lord's Day 50

Q & A 125

Q. What does the fourth petition mean?

A. "Give us this day our daily bread" means: Do take care of all our physical needs so that we come to know that you are the only source of everything good, and that neither our work and worry nor your gifts can do us any good without your blessing. And so help us to give up our trust in creatures and trust in you alone.

Heidelberg Catechism

“Two things I ask of you, LORD; do not refuse me before I die:  
Keep falsehood and lies far from me;  
give me neither poverty nor riches, but give me only my daily bread.  
Otherwise, I may have too much and disown you and say, ‘Who is the  
LORD?’  
Or I may become poor and steal, and so dishonour the name of my  
God.”

Sayings of Agur, Proverbs 30: 7-9

## **Prelude**

**Invocation** — The Lord’s Prayer (Music by Albert Hay Malotte)

**Welcome and introduction** — Pastor Syd Hielema

**\*Call to worship** — Lord’s Day 1 Q & A 1, *The Heidelberg Catechism*

Minister: Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,  
What is your only comfort in life and in death?

People: That I am not my own, but belong — body and soul, in life  
and in death — to my faithful Saviour, Jesus Christ.  
He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and  
has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also  
watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from  
my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all  
things must work together for my salvation.  
Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures  
me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and  
ready from now on to live for him.

Minister: Come, Children of God,  
Let us worship our Father God, His Son Jesus, through the  
power of the Holy Spirit.

**\*God’s greeting** — Pastor Syd Hielema

**\*Song of gathering** — LUYH 534 — *All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly*

1. All who hunger, gather gladly;  
holy manna is our bread.  
Come from wilderness and wandering.  
Here in truth we will be fed.  
You that yearn for days of fullness,  
all around us is our food.  
Taste and see the grace eternal.  
Taste and see that God is good.
2. All who hunger, never strangers;  
seeker, be a welcome guest.  
Come from restlessness and roaming.  
Here in joy we keep the feast.  
We that once were lost and scattered  
in communion's love have stood.  
Taste and see the grace eternal.  
Taste and see that God is good.
3. All who hunger, sing together,  
Jesus Christ is living bread.  
Come from loneliness and longing.  
Here in peace we have been led.  
Blest are those who from this table  
live their days in gratitude.  
Taste and see the grace eternal.  
Taste and see that God is good.

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**Call to confession** — In the case with the bread petition

**First reading** — Exodus 16:1-17 (NIV)

The whole Israelite community set out from Elim and came to the Desert of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month after they had come out of Egypt. <sup>2</sup>In the desert the whole community grumbled against Moses and Aaron. <sup>3</sup>The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the LORD's hand in Egypt! There we sat around pots of meat and ate all the food we wanted, but you have brought us out into this desert to starve this entire assembly to death."

<sup>4</sup>Then the LORD said to Moses, "I will rain down bread from heaven for you. The people are to go out each day and gather enough for that day. In this way I will test them and see whether

they will follow my instructions. <sup>5</sup> On the sixth day they are to prepare what they bring in, and that is to be twice as much as they gather on the other days.”

<sup>6</sup> So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, “In the evening you will know that it was the LORD who brought you out of Egypt, <sup>7</sup> and in the morning you will see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your grumbling against him. Who are we, that you should grumble against us?” <sup>8</sup> Moses also said, “You will know that it was the LORD when he gives you meat to eat in the evening and all the bread you want in the morning, because he has heard your grumbling against him. Who are we? You are not grumbling against us, but against the LORD.”

<sup>9</sup> Then Moses told Aaron, “Say to the entire Israelite community, ‘Come before the LORD, for he has heard your grumbling.’”

<sup>10</sup> While Aaron was speaking to the whole Israelite community, they looked toward the desert, and there was the glory of the LORD appearing in the cloud.

<sup>11</sup> The LORD said to Moses, <sup>12</sup> “I have heard the grumbling of the Israelites. Tell them, ‘At twilight you will eat meat, and in the morning you will be filled with bread. Then you will know that I am the LORD your God.’”

<sup>13</sup> That evening quail came and covered the camp, and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. <sup>14</sup> When the dew was gone, thin flakes like frost on the ground appeared on the desert floor. <sup>15</sup> When the Israelites saw it, they said to each other, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was.

Moses said to them, “It is the bread the LORD has given you to eat. <sup>16</sup> This is what the LORD has commanded: ‘Everyone is to gather as much as they need. Take an omer for each person you have in your tent.’”

<sup>17</sup> The Israelites did as they were told; some gathered much, some little. <sup>18</sup> And when they measured it by the omer, the one who gathered much did not have too much, and the one who gathered little did not have too little. Everyone had gathered just as much as they needed.

<sup>19</sup> Then Moses said to them, “No one is to keep any of it until morning.”

**Song of confession** — LUYH 347 — *The Steadfast Love of the Lord*

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;  
God's mercies never come to an end.  
They are new every morning,  
new every morning;  
great is your faithfulness, O Lord,  
great is your faithfulness.

Words: Lamentations 3:22-23, Edith McNeill (b. 1920) © 1974, 1975 Celebration

**Second reading** — Luke 9:1-6, 10-17 (NIV)

When Jesus had called the Twelve together, he gave them power and authority to drive out all demons and to cure diseases, <sup>2</sup>and he sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal the sick. <sup>3</sup>He told them: "Take nothing for the journey—no staff, no bag, no bread, no money, no extra shirt. <sup>4</sup>Whatever house you enter, stay there until you leave that town. <sup>5</sup>If people do not welcome you, leave their town and shake the dust off your feet as a testimony against them." <sup>6</sup>So they set out and went from village to village, proclaiming the good news and healing people everywhere.

<sup>10</sup>When the apostles returned, they reported to Jesus what they had done. Then he took them with him and they withdrew by themselves to a town called Bethsaida, <sup>11</sup>but the crowds learned about it and followed him. He welcomed them and spoke to them about the kingdom of God, and healed those who needed healing. <sup>12</sup>Late in the afternoon the Twelve came to him and said, "Send the crowd away so they can go to the surrounding villages and countryside and find food and lodging, because we are in a remote place here."

<sup>13</sup>He replied, "You give them something to eat."

They answered, "We have only five loaves of bread and two fish—unless we go and buy food for all this crowd." <sup>14</sup>(About five thousand men were there.)

But he said to his disciples, "Have them sit down in groups of about fifty each." <sup>15</sup>The disciples did so, and everyone sat down. <sup>16</sup>Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke them. Then he gave them to the disciples to distribute to the people. <sup>17</sup>They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over.

**Prayer of confession** — Pastor Syd Hielema

**Assurance of forgiveness** — Pastor Syd Hielema

**Song of commitment** — LUYH 437 — *Day by Day*

1. Day by day and with each passing moment,  
strength I find to meet my trials here;  
trusting in my Father's wise bestowment,  
I've no cause for worry or for fear.  
He whose heart is kind beyond all measure  
gives unto each day what he deems best—  
lovingly, its part of pain and pleasure,  
mingling toil with peace and rest.
2. Every day the Lord himself is near me,  
with a special mercy for each hour;  
all my cares he gladly bears and cheers me,  
he whose name is Counsellor and Power.  
The protection of his child and treasure  
is a charge that on himself he laid:  
"As your days, your strength shall be in measure"—  
this the pledge to me he made.
3. Help me then in every tribulation  
so to trust your promises, O Lord,  
that I lose not faith's sweet consolation  
offered me within your holy Word.  
Help me, Lord, when toil and trouble meeting,  
e'er to take, as from a father's hand,  
one by one, the days, the moments fleeting,  
till I reach the promised land.

Words: Carolina Sandell Berg (1865); tr. Andrew L. Skoog, 1931, alt. P.D

**Prayer for illumination** — Pastor Syd Hielema

**Scripture reading** — Matthew 6: 9-13, 25-34 (NIV) — Pastor Syd Hielema

**Matthew 6**

<sup>9</sup> “This, then, is how you should pray:

“Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,

<sup>10</sup> your kingdom come,  
your will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

<sup>11</sup> Give us today our daily bread.

<sup>12</sup> And forgive us our debts,  
as we also have forgiven our debtors.

<sup>13</sup> And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from the evil one.’

<sup>25</sup> “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? <sup>26</sup> 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? <sup>27</sup> Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?

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

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

**Sermon** — *The Bread of Life* — Pastor Syd Hielema

**\*Song of response** — LUYH 815 — *Gift of Finest Wheat*

*Refrain*

You satisfy the hungry heart  
with gift of finest wheat.  
Come, give to us, O saving Lord,  
the bread of life to eat.

1. As when a shepherd calls his sheep,  
they know and heed his voice;  
so when you call your family, Lord,  
we follow and rejoice.

*Refrain*

2. With joyful lips we sing to you  
our praise and gratitude,  
that you should count us worthy, Lord,  
to share this heavenly food.

*Refrain*

3. Is not the cup we bless and share  
the blood of Christ outpoured?  
Do not one cup, one loaf declare  
our oneness in the Lord?

*Refrain*

4. The mystery of your presence, Lord,  
no mortal tongue can tell:  
whom all the world cannot contain  
comes in our hearts to dwell.

*Refrain*

5. You give yourself to us, O Lord;  
then selfless let us be  
to serve each other in your name  
in truth and charity.

Refrain

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## Prayers of God's people — Kamran M.

### Offering Plate

You may drop your offering in the plate as you exit the Sanctuary after the service.

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

2<sup>nd</sup> Offering, Mission Aviation Fellowship, by cheque to the church.

### Celebration of the Lord's Supper — Pastor Syd Hielema

#### 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 پنتیوس پیلطس 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 — Pastor Syd Hielema

## **The Passing of Nuzy Mohammed:**

On October 4th, 2021 our beloved sister Nuzy Mohammed passed away. A private family gathering took place to honour Nuzy's memory. Please pray for the Lord's comfort for Nuzy's family as they mourn the loss of their mother.

## **Prayer Requests:**

Pray that God may send us out to be blessings to those in need.

Pray for God's strength, wisdom, provision, and grace to those who are caring for ailing and elderly relatives.

Pray for our college/university students to depend on God and find purpose in life.

Pray for wisdom and sensitivity as we all take different positions regarding Covid-19 vaccination.

Pray that we lead as an example to all non-believers, showing love, compassion, and inclusivity for all ethnicities.

Please pray for our 2<sup>nd</sup> Mission Aviation Fellowship, Campus Ministries.

## **Birthdays:**

October 17 — Armie C.

October 19 — Henry E.

October 23 — Mahmoud S. J.

## **Preaching Schedule:**

October 24 — Guest

October 31 — Pastor Syd Hielema

November 7 — Rev. Lesli Van Milligen

November 14 — Rev. Lesli Van Milligen

November 21 — Rev. Lesli Van Milligen

## **Zoom Host Schedule:**

October 24 — Sonay S.

October 31 — Alana Yoneyama

## 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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از طریق زوم برقرار می باش

## 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

## **From The Lighthouse:**

Please Mark the Date: Saturday, November 20, 2021, for an evening to “Celebrate the Lighthouse!” Let us together celebrate what God has done through the Lighthouse in spite of all the challenges we have faced in the past year. For many years the Lighthouse hosted an Annual Dinner in support of its work on the first Saturday in November. While we did contemplate trying to revive that dinner event in some form this year, there were still too many obstacles to consider an in-person event at this time. But we do want to inform you about what has happened in the year that has passed, for there are many reasons for thanksgiving, for recognition of God’s goodness, even among the challenges and restrictions we faced. As we did last fall, we plan to hold this as a ZOOM event; please watch these announcements for further details regarding our program for the evening and registration procedure. For more information, do check the Spring Newsletter (<https://secureservercdn.net/166.62.110.72/cjw.5e1.myftpupload.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/Spring-2021.pdf>) and contact the Lighthouse at [info@lighthousecentre.ca](mailto:info@lighthousecentre.ca) or 416-535-6262.

## **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: Reinette 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](mailto:office@willowdalecrc.com) or [alana.yoneyama@willowdalecrc.com](mailto:alana.yoneyama@willowdalecrc.com)

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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](mailto:treasurer@willowdalecrc.com) or Cathy De Peuter at [cathydepeuter@gmail.com](mailto:cathydepeuter@gmail.com) Thank you for supporting the church's operations budget!

