

# Willowdale

CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH



# Welcome to Willowdale Christian Reformed Church

October 3, 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: Rev. Lesli van Milligen

Elder of service: Sarah M.

Zoom host: John Meiboom

Audio/video/Zoom technicians: Mehdi F., Nancy Fernhout,  
Nicholas Van Lingen, Hetty Verhage

Readers: Henry and Mary Eygenraam

Worship musicians: Leanne Chuba — vocal, Sarah M — 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 Rev. Lesli van Milligen.

## **Reflection**

Lord's Day 48

Q & A 123

Q. What does the second petition mean?

A. "Your kingdom come" means:

Rule us by your Word and Spirit in such a way that more and more we  
submit to you. Preserve your church and make it grow. Destroy the  
devil's work; destroy every force which revolts against you and every  
conspiracy against your holy Word. Do this until your kingdom fully  
comes, when you will be all in all.

*Heidelberg Catechism*

## Prelude

### Welcome and introduction — Rev. Lesli van Milligen

#### \*Call to worship — Rev. Lesli van Milligen

Dear brothers and sisters,  
Let us consider the glory of Jesus:  
In a world drawn to so many lesser visions of glory,  
Let us learn the greater glory of Jesus,  
    who did not grasp power,  
    who was obedient to death,  
    who did not despise the lowly,  
    who stooped to wash his disciples' feet,  
    who hears the voice of the hungry, the thirsty,  
    who sees the tears of the suffering ones.  
He is the true man, the Son of Man.  
He is God, the Son of God.  
He is our Elder Brother.  
He is our King.  
Let us worship our God together.

#### \*God's greeting — Rev. Lesli van Milligen

#### \*Song of praise — LUYH 157 — *Meekness and Majesty*

1. Meekness and majesty, manhood and Deity  
in perfect harmony, the Man who is God.  
Lord of eternity dwells in humanity,  
kneels in humility, and washes our feet.  
  
*Refrain*  
Oh, what a mystery—meekness and majesty;  
bow down and worship, for this is your God.
2. Father's pure radiance, perfect in innocence,  
yet learns obedience to death on a cross,  
suffering to give us life, conquering through sacrifice,  
and, as they crucify, prays, "Father, forgive."

*Refrain*

3. Wisdom unsearchable, God the invisible,  
Love indestructible in frailty appears.  
Lord of infinity, stooping so tenderly,  
lifts our humanity to the heights of his throne.

*Refrain*

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**Call to confession** — based on Daniel 7:13-14, Matthew 20:25-28,  
Heidelberg Catechism, The Our Father (G. Lohfink)

- A:** As I, [Daniel,] watched in the night visions,  
I saw one like a human being, [the Son of Man,]  
coming with the clouds of heaven.  
And he came to the Ancient One  
and was presented before him.  
To him was given dominion  
and glory and kingship,  
that all peoples, nations, and languages  
should serve him.  
His dominion is an everlasting dominion  
that shall not pass away,  
and his kingship is one  
that shall never be destroyed.
- B:** Our Father in heaven,  
By the finger of God, the Son of Man casts out demons.  
Therefore, your kingdom has come to us.  
Destroy the Satan's kingdom.  
Keep your church strong, and make it grow.  
Advance the kingdom of grace,  
where peace is the means of making your people one,  
where truth does not stumble and justice is done. Your  
kingdom come!
- A:** Jesus said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it  
over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. <sup>26</sup>It will  
not be so among you; but whoever wishes to be great among  
you must be your servant, <sup>27</sup>and whoever wishes to be first  
among you must be your slave; <sup>28</sup>just as the Son of Man came  
not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for  
many."

- B.** Our Father,  
Let your reign, your rule come into the world. Be our only  
Master.  
We no longer want to serve our self-made gods.  
Give us the strength to live as truly human, as your people,  
without violence or hatred, in your peace. Your kingdom  
come!

**Prayer of confession** — Rev. Lesli van Milligen

**Assurance of forgiveness** — Rev. Lesli van Milligen

**The Lord's prayer** — LUYH 911 — *Abana in Heaven*

Abana in heaven, hallowed be your holy name.  
Your kingdom come, your will be done,  
in all the earth as in heaven.  
Your kingdom come, your will be done,  
in all the earth as in heaven.  
And give to us, give us this day  
our daily bread, O Lord, we pray.  
Forgive our sins as we forgive  
those who have sinned against us.  
And save us in time of trial.  
Deliver us from evil.  
Yours is the kingdom, yours the power,  
Yours is the glory now and ever.  
Abana in heaven. Amen.

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بخش خدا، بگذر ز ما، ما را مگذار در آموزنها.  
نجات بده از بدیها،  
چون پادشاهی و قدرت، شکوه و جلال و عظمت از آن توست تا ابد.  
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**Prayer for illumination** — Rev. Lesli van Milligen

**Scripture reading** — Matthew 6: 5-10a; 25-34  
— Rev. Lesli van Milligen

<sup>5</sup>“And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. <sup>6</sup>But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. <sup>7</sup>And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. <sup>8</sup>Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

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

“Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
<sup>10</sup>your kingdom come,

<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** — *Working in the Family Business* — Rev. Lesli van Milligen

**\*Song of response** — LUYH 908 — *Christ be Our Light*

1. Longing for light, we wait in darkness.  
Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
Make us your own, your holy people,  
light for the world to see.

*Refrain*

Christ, be our light!  
Shine in our hearts.  
Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light!  
Shine in your church gathered today.

2. Longing for peace, our world is troubled.  
Longing for hope, many despair.  
Your Word alone has power to save us.  
Make us your living voice.

*Refrain*

3. Longing for food, many are hungry.  
Longing for water, many still thirst.  
Make us your bread, broken for others,  
shared until all are fed.

*Refrain*

4. Longing for shelter, many are homeless.  
Longing for warmth, many are cold.  
Make us your building, sheltering others,  
walls made of living stone.

*Refrain*

5. Many the gifts, many the people,  
many the hearts that yearn to belong.  
Let us be servants to one another,  
making your kingdom come.

*Refrain*

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**Prayers of God's people** — Sarah 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, All Nations Children's Ministry (Pauline Ho), by cheque to the church.

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

### 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 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 پپلاطس 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 داورى 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. Lesli van Milligen



**\*Closing song** — LUYH 833 — *There Is a Redeemer*

1. There is a Redeemer,  
Jesus, God's own Son;  
precious Lamb of God, Messiah,  
Holy One.

*Refrain*

Thank you O my Father,  
for giving us your Son,  
and leaving your Spirit till  
the work on earth is done.

2. Jesus, my Redeemer,  
name above all names,  
precious Lamb of God, Messiah,  
hope for sinners slain.

*Refrain*

3. When I stand in glory  
I will see his face;  
there I'll serve my King forever,  
in that holy place.

*Refrain*

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## **Prayer Requests:**

Please pray for the family and friends of Janet Antonides as they mourn her passing. Janet's funeral is tomorrow (Monday, October 3) at the church at 1:00 p.m., if you would like to attend in person, please let Alana know.

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 our 2<sup>nd</sup> offering cause, All Nations Children's Ministry (Pauline Ho).

Praise report from the Re-opening Team: We thank the Lord for a positive return to the church building, and for all the volunteer support and constructive feedback! Everyone is invited to attend church in person when they feel ready to do so.

## **Highlights from the September 21, 2021 Council meeting:**

WCRC Council met on Tuesday, September 21, 2021 via Zoom to discuss the following items

- Council discussed PCC updates and the next steps to be followed
- Council also discussed the preaching schedule for the months of October and November
- Budget for 2022 was also discussed by Council
- Council discussed the Baptismal classes outline for future Baptisms at WCRC
- The idea of allowing small group activities in the church, which was not permitted in the re-opening plan was also discussed by Council. The reopening team will engage in further research on this matter to report in next Council meeting
- Youth Group Budget and future planning were discussed
- Training sessions for Elders on The Elder's Handbook over the next few months was discussed and approved by council

- Council tentatively confirmed scheduling October 23<sup>rd</sup> for Church Leader’s Training Day by Shalem
- Council discussed the Congregational Picnic details
- Membership transfer from long time WCRC members Corrie and Bert VanderHoef was discussed and approved by Council
- Council appointed delegates (Elder: John Meiboom and Deacon: Nell deBoer) for the October 26th Classis Meeting
- Council discussed the idea of engaging the congregation in a conversation on the Human Sexuality Report over the next few months. The Report may be accessed through the following link: [https://www.crcna.org/sites/default/files/human\\_sexuality\\_report\\_2021.pdf](https://www.crcna.org/sites/default/files/human_sexuality_report_2021.pdf)
- Council is scheduled to meet again on Tuesday, November 2, 2021.

Council (elders and deacons) is here to serve the congregation, to email all the elders: [consistory@willowdalecrc.com](mailto:consistory@willowdalecrc.com). To email all the deacons: [deacons@willowdalecrc.com](mailto:deacons@willowdalecrc.com). Or you can email the office at [office@willowdalecrc.com](mailto:office@willowdalecrc.com)

### **Birthdays:**

No birthdays to report.

### **Preaching Schedule:**

October 10 — Rev. Lesli Van Milligen

October 17 — Pastor Syd Hielema

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 10 — Sonay S.

October 17 — TBD

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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## 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:

**Lighthouse Fall Food Drive** – The Lighthouse is in need of non-perishable food donations to help meet the increase in need and the decrease in food supply. Consider starting a food drive amongst your friends, family, and church family in support of our clients in need. We appreciate any support we receive. Below is a list of items we could use in our food bank:

Cans of soup

Canned vegetables

Pasta/Ramen/Instant noodles/Pasta Sauce

Rice

Canned meat (tuna, sardines, spam, corned beef)

Cereal/Juice packs

**Lighthouse Food Bank Volunteer Opportunity** – The Lighthouse is looking for the support of two more volunteers to assist with food bank distribution. Volunteers must be able to work in moderate-fast paced environment, have a friendly and kind personality, able to be on their feet for 2-3 hours and able to lift 20-25 lbs. If this is something you're interested in please reach out to Neighbourhood Programs Director Tabitha Eastman – [tabitha@lighthousecentre.ca](mailto:tabitha@lighthousecentre.ca) for more information

### **TDChristian High School Fall Open House:**

What do you want when choosing a high school during a pandemic and beyond? You want a school where each student is known and valued. You want a friendly, supportive atmosphere. You want caring teachers who engage students in dynamic learning. You want a school where serving God and one's neighbours is at the core of our existence. Find out why so many families choose TDChristian High School. RSVP now for our safe, in person Fall Open House on **Thursday, October 7 at 6:30 p.m.** Meet students and teachers, tour our beautiful building, ask questions and see why YOU BELONG HERE. The whole family is welcome! Email Joel Dykxhoorn, VP of Admissions at [dykxhoorn@tdchristian.ca](mailto:dykxhoorn@tdchristian.ca) and we'll be in touch. Can't wait? Check out [tdchristian.ca](http://tdchristian.ca) today!  
Thank you!

## **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!

