

Willowdale

CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH



Welcome to Willowdale Christian Reformed Church

August 14, 2022, 10:00 a.m.

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

About the service:

Worship spaces: In the church Sanctuary and on ZOOM

Worship leader and preacher: Pastor Syd Hielema

Elder of service: John Meiboom

Zoom host: Sonay S.

Song leader: John Meiboom

Guest musician: Michele Frensch

Musician: Hye-jin Im

Reader: Peter Grauds

Sound/Zoom/Slides operators: Nancy Fernhout, Mahdi F., Alana Yoneyama

Slides prepared by: Mary Martens

*Please rise in body or in spirit.

After the service:

Please gather outside on the front lawn for some cold lemonade and fellowship.

Reflection

Pied Beauty

By Gerard Manley Hopkins

Glory be to God for dappled things –

For skies of couple-colour as a brindled cow;

For rose-moles all in stipple upon trout that swim;

Fresh-firecoal chestnut-falls; finches' wings;

Landscape plotted and pieced – fold, fallow, and plough;

And áll trádes, their gear and tackle and trim.

All things counter, original, spare, strange;
Whatever is fickle, freckled (who knows how?)
With swift, slow; sweet, sour; adazzle, dim;
He fathers-forth whose beauty is past change:
Praise him.

Prelude — *Serenade* — A. E. Titl, arr. by Charles J. Roberts

Welcome and introduction — Pastor Syd Hielema

***Call to worship** — Psalm 19:1-6 (GNT), from Iona Abbey Worship book
— Pastor Syd Hielema

Leader: How clearly the sky reveals God's glory!
How plainly it shows what he has done!
Each day announces it to the following day;
each night repeats it to the next.
No speech or words are used,
no sound is heard;
yet their message goes out to all the world
and is heard to the ends of the earth.

All: God made a home in the sky for the sun;
it comes out in the morning like a happy bridegroom,
like an athlete eager to run a race.
It starts at one end of the sky
and goes across to the other.
Nothing can hide from its heat.

Leader: Let the sun's light fall and colour the world,
let the birds sing their morning song
and let God's people say Amen.

All: Amen.

Leader: Let those who are tired come to the Son.
Let them eat and drink and find rest.
And let God's people say Amen.

All: Amen.

Leader: Let the winds blow wild around us,
But let hearts be glad and minds be grateful.
And let God's people say Amen.

All: Amen

***God's greeting** — Pastor Syd Hielema

***Song of praise** — LUYH 2 — *O Worship the King*

1. O worship the King all glorious above,
O gratefully sing his power and his love:
our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendour and girded with praise.
2. O tell of his might and sing of his grace,
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.
3. Your bountiful care, what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.
4. Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
in you do we trust, nor find you to fail.
Your mercies, how tender, how firm to the end,
our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!
5. O measureless Might, unchangeable Love,
whom angels delight to worship above!
Your ransomed creation, with glory ablaze,
in true adoration shall sing to your praise!

Words: Robert Grant, 1833, alt, P.D.

Reading from Apostle Paul's letter

— Jesus: the perfect picture of the unseen God

— Colossians 1:11-23 (GNT)

[Dear people of God,]

May you be made strong with all the strength which comes from God's glorious power, so that you may be able to endure everything with patience. And with joy give thanks to the Father, who has made you fit to have your share of what God has reserved for his people in the kingdom of light. ¹³ He rescued us from the power of darkness and brought us safe into the kingdom of his dear Son, ¹⁴ by whom we are set free, that is, our sins are forgiven. ¹⁵ Christ is the visible likeness of the invisible God. He is the first-born Son, superior to all created things. ¹⁶ For through him God created everything in heaven

and on earth, the seen and the unseen things, including spiritual powers, lords, rulers, and authorities. God created the whole universe through him and for him. ¹⁷ Christ existed before all things, and in union with him all things have their proper place. ¹⁸ He is the head of his body, the church; he is the source of the body's life. He is the first-born Son, who was raised from death, in order that he alone might have the first place in all things. ¹⁹ For it was by God's own decision that the Son has in himself the full nature of God. ²⁰ Through the Son, then, God decided to bring the whole universe back to himself. God made peace through his Son's blood on the cross and so brought back to himself all things, both on earth and in heaven.

²¹ At one time you were far away from God and were his enemies because of the evil things you did and thought. ²² But now, by means of the physical death of his Son, God has made you his friends, in order to bring you, holy, pure, and faultless, into his presence. ²³ You must, of course, continue faithful on a firm and sure foundation, and must not allow yourselves to be shaken from the hope you gained when you heard the gospel. It is of this gospel that I, Paul, became a servant—this gospel which has been preached to everybody in the world.

Call to confession — Pastor Syd Hielema

Song of confession — LUYH 15 — *The First Place*

1. Jesus, the perfect picture of the unseen God.
Maker of things we cannot comprehend.
Wisdom, the earth displays your strength and beauty.
Sovereign, yes, every throne knows you are God.

Refrain

Every inch of this universe belongs to you, O Christ.
For through you and for you it was made.
Your creation endures by the order of your hand.
So you must have in all things the first place.

2. Victor, over sin and death you triumphed.
Firstborn, you've shown us life beyond the grave.
Bridegroom, we long for you in expectation.
Jesus, your church rejoices to proclaim.

Refrain

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Prayer of confession and thanksgiving — Pastor Syd Hielema

Assurance of forgiveness — Pastor Syd Hielema

***Song of celebration** — LUYH 17 — *Beautiful Saviour*

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

Prayer for illumination — Pastor Syd Hielema

Scripture reading — Psalm 104 (NIV) — Pastor Syd Hielema

¹ Praise the LORD, my soul.

LORD my God, you are very great;
you are clothed with splendour and majesty.

² The LORD wraps himself in light as with a garment;
he stretches out the heavens like a tent

³ and lays the beams of his upper chambers on their waters.
He makes the clouds his chariot
and rides on the wings of the wind.

⁴ He makes winds his messengers,
flames of fire his servants.

⁵ He set the earth on its foundations;
it can never be moved.

- ⁶You covered it with the watery depths as with a garment;
the waters stood above the mountains.
- ⁷But at your rebuke the waters fled,
at the sound of your thunder they took to flight;
- ⁸they flowed over the mountains,
they went down into the valleys,
to the place you assigned for them.
- ⁹You set a boundary they cannot cross;
never again will they cover the earth.
- ¹⁰He makes springs pour water into the ravines;
it flows between the mountains.
- ¹¹They give water to all the beasts of the field;
the wild donkeys quench their thirst.
- ¹²The birds of the sky nest by the waters;
they sing among the branches.
- ¹³He waters the mountains from his upper chambers;
the land is satisfied by the fruit of his work.
- ¹⁴He makes grass grow for the cattle,
and plants for people to cultivate—
bringing forth food from the earth:
- ¹⁵wine that gladdens human hearts,
oil to make their faces shine,
and bread that sustains their hearts.
- ¹⁶The trees of the LORD are well watered,
the cedars of Lebanon that he planted.
- ¹⁷There the birds make their nests;
the stork has its home in the junipers.
- ¹⁸The high mountains belong to the wild goats;
the crags are a refuge for the hyrax.
- ¹⁹He made the moon to mark the seasons,
and the sun knows when to go down.
- ²⁰You bring darkness, it becomes night,
and all the beasts of the forest prowl.
- ²¹The lions roar for their prey
and seek their food from God.
- ²²The sun rises, and they steal away;
they return and lie down in their dens.
- ²³Then people go out to their work,
to their labour until evening.

- ²⁴ How many are your works, LORD!
In wisdom you made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.
- ²⁵ There is the sea, vast and spacious,
teeming with creatures beyond number—
living things both large and small.
- ²⁶ There the ships go to and fro,
and Leviathan, which you formed to frolic there.
- ²⁷ All creatures look to you
to give them their food at the proper time.
- ²⁸ When you give it to them,
they gather it up;
when you open your hand,
they are satisfied with good things.
- ²⁹ When you hide your face,
they are terrified;
when you take away their breath,
they die and return to the dust.
- ³⁰ When you send your Spirit,
they are created,
and you renew the face of the ground.
- ³¹ May the glory of the LORD endure forever;
may the LORD rejoice in his works—
- ³² he who looks at the earth, and it trembles,
who touches the mountains, and they smoke.
- ³³ I will sing to the LORD all my life;
I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.
- ³⁴ May my meditation be pleasing to him,
as I rejoice in the LORD.
- ³⁵ But may sinners vanish from the earth
and the wicked be no more.

Praise the LORD, my soul.

Praise the LORD.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon — *Practicing Delight*— Pastor Syd Hielema

Musical offering — *On a Summer Morning* — Gordon Jacob

***Song of response** — LUYH 555 — *Let All Creation's Wonders*

1. Let all creation's wonders
and countless angel hordes
unite in ceaseless worship
to praise the Lord of lords:
he spoke, and formed the cosmos;
he set the stars in place;
his voice defines the contours
of interstellar space—
let sun and moon extol him
and every planet sing;
across the constellations
let alleluias ring.
2. From far beneath the oceans
let joyful songs arise,
while hail and wind and lightning
toss psalms across the skies.
You beasts of farm and jungle,
let nature's hymn be heard;
tell out your maker's greatness,
each insect, every bird;
you peoples and you rulers,
acknowledge him as King—
from every generation
let alleluias ring.
3. So let us lift our voices
for all that we are worth
to God whose timeless splendour
surpasses heaven and earth:
in love he chose and called us,
a people of his own,
and gave to us a Saviour
to make his mercy known.
His name alone we honour;
our lifelong praise we bring;
from deep within our spirits
let alleluias ring!

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Offering Plate

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

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, Diaconate, by cheque to the church. Please see The Weekly for information about this ministry.

Prayers of God's people — John Meiboom

*Celebration of 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 پیلاطس الم کشید و مصلوب شده بمرده 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

***Doxology** — LUYH 938 — *My Friends, May You Grow in Grace*

My friends, may you grow in grace
and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour.

My friends, may you grow in grace
and in the knowledge of Jesus Christ.

To God be the glory, now and forever,
now and forever, amen.

To God be the glory, now and forever,
now and forever, amen.

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Postlude — *Scherzino, Op.55. No. 6* — Joachim Anderson

Musical offering during the time for cold lemonade and fellowship
— *Sonate in B minor* by Johann Joachim Quantz, and more...

Prayer Requests:

Please pray for God's guidance, wisdom, **and provisions for leaders** to serve the WCRC community with joy and unity.

Please pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to work powerfully through our **Sunday worship service**, and for the **volunteers** that have come forward to support the services.

Please pray for the **spiritual wellbeing** of our church family, preachers, Council, volunteers, and staff.

Please pray for protection from the new COVID-19 variants, help those who need their 1st or 2nd **booster shot** receive it in a timely manner.

Please pray for our **1st offering** for our **church ministries and expenses**, faithful giving is a blessing to our whole church family.

Please pray for our **2nd offering** cause; Diaconate. Our deacons use these funds to help those within and outside the congregation who are temporarily encountering difficulties for basic needs. The deacons also host some social functions for those who are elderly and alone. These funds are also used to sponsor the CAP (Congregational Assistance Plan), a program for any member of Willowdale needing professional counselling for any reason from Shalem Mental Health Network, see www.shalemnetwork.org

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!

Joyfully Giving – July 2022 (revised)

	Actual for July	Budget	Actual Year to Date	Budget
Church Ops	\$19,415.24	\$26,338.00	\$126,497.72	\$184,366.00
Other Causes	\$5,650.00		\$22,485.10	
Rental Income	\$3,600.00	\$650.00	\$17,500.00	\$4,550.00

It's Time for a Church Picnic! Save the Date:

Where?: Next door on the grounds of Willowdale Christian School, 60 Hilda Ave. (note we will not have access to the inside of the school, we will use the church washrooms)

When?: Right after church on **Sunday, August 28**

What should I bring?: Please bring your own packed lunch and drinks (this is not a potluck), lawn chairs or picnic blankets, hat or umbrella for shade, and sunscreen.

What else can I do?: Pray for good weather and meaningful fellowship!

If you have and questions about the picnic, please call or email Alana or speak to your elder or deacon.

Congregational Intro Bible Workshop on Saturday, September 10:

Pastors Lesli, Syd, and Tom plan to preach through the Bible sequentially over the next 10 months. To begin that series, they, together with Council, agreed to begin with a one day **Congregational "Introduction to the Bible" Workshop on Saturday, September 10 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.** led by Pastor Syd.

RSVP Alana at alana.yoneyama@willowdalecrc.com by Sept 5 if you're able to come.

Whether you have read the bible all your life, or are just beginning to, join us for this wonderful day.

The Lighthouse:

The Lighthouse is hosting its own "ride anywhere" Bike-a-thon this year (replacing the former "Ride for Refuge" events). You can ride or walk on Saturday, September 17 or September 24, in your own area. The date and location are your choice. Riding your bike in your own community gives you another opportunity to support The Lighthouse. Please register at www.lighthousecentre.ca and ask people to sponsor you. This is a great opportunity for you and your family to do something exciting together for an important cause. For information you can contact Rob at 416-535-6262; 416-802-5943 or dat4youth@hotmail.com.

NeighbourLink Needs a Volunteer:

NeighbourLink needs a volunteer driver to deliver groceries to food insecure seniors and families right here in Willowdale. Grocery delivery is every other week on a Wednesday and takes only 1 1/2 to 2 hours in the afternoon. If you have a car and are free on Wednesday afternoons please consider volunteering for this important work. Contact Colleen Stevens @ 416-221-8283 ext 2

Birthdays:

August 15 — Beth C. K.
August 18 — Calvin S.
August 19 — Anita K.

Preaching Schedule:

August 21 — Rev. Tom Van Milligen
August 28 — Pastor Ruth Hofman
September 4 — Rev. Lesli Van Milligen
September 11 — Rev. Tom Van Milligen
September 18 — Pastor Syd Hielema
September 25 — Rev. Lesli Van Milligen

Zoom Host Schedule:

August 21 — Peter G.
August 28 — Sonay S.
September 4 — John M.
September 11 — Sonay S.
September 18 — Peter G.
September 25 — Sonay S.

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: Kamran Mozafarzadeh; Grace Kuipers

Deacons: Makhm Sadjadi; Nell De Boer; Ferdinand Cruz

Branson Ward

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

Elders: Peter McBride; Sonay Saleh; Wilma Joy Veenstra

Deacons: Joyce McBride; Sara Davarpanah

Markham Ward

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

Elders: Sarah Moghadam; Sylvie Charliekaram; Dan Carter

Deacons: Emad Yousefian; Suzanne Christie; Behrooz Shayan

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

Floaters - 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

