

# Willowdale

CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH



# Welcome to Willowdale Christian Reformed Church

July 21, 2024, 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 spaces: In the church Sanctuary and on ZOOM

Worship leader and preacher: Pastor Greg Sinclair

Elder of service: Dan Carter

Song leader: Matthijs Kronemeijer

Reader: Heli

Worship musician: Hye-jin Im (piano)

Simultaneous Translation: Sylvie Charliekaram

Sound/Slides operators: Mary Martens, Elisa P.

Zoom host: Alana Yoneyama

Slides prepared by: Leanne Grauds

Greeters: Asal

\*Please rise in body or in spirit.

## **After the service:**

We invite you to join us for coffee and refreshments in the Fellowship Hall.

If you would like to meet with Pastor Greg, please send an email to [pastorgreg@willowdalecrc.com](mailto:pastorgreg@willowdalecrc.com) or call: 289-925-4390.

## Reflection

We must be reminded anew that God is at work in his universe. He is not outside the world looking on with a sort of cold indifference. Here on all the roads of life, he is striving with our striving. Like an ever-loving Father, he is working through history for the salvation of his children. As we struggle to defeat the forces of evil, the God of the universe struggles with us.

– Martin Luther King Jr.

## Prelude

**\*Welcome and introduction** — Pastor Greg Sinclair

**\*Call to worship** — Psalm 103:1, 20-23, 11, 17 (cgs) — Pastor Greg Sinclair

- Leader: Let us praise the LORD!  
Let everything deep inside us praise God's holy name!  
All angels, you strong fighters who do what God says,  
Praise the LORD!
- All: All God's fighting servants, you ministering ones doing  
what God wants,  
Praise the LORD!
- Leader: All God's creatures in all the places of God's provident  
rule, Praise the LORD!  
As the heavens arch over the earth,  
so God's engaging love covers those who fear the LORD.
- All: The love of our LORD God remains faithful forever and  
ever and ever to those who seek God.  
Let us praise the LORD!

**\*Song of praise** — LUYH 836 — *Bless the Lord, My Soul: Psalm 103*

- All: Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name.  
Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.
- Cantor: It is God who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of  
your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who  
crowns you with love and compassion.

- All: Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name.  
Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.
- Cantor: The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy.  
God does not treat us according to our sins nor repay us according to our faults.
- All: Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name.  
Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.
- Cantor: As a father has compassion on his children, the Lord has pity on those who fear him,  
for God knows of what we are made, God remembers that we are dust.
- All: Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name.  
Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.

**\*Prayer of praise** — Pastor Greg Sinclair

**\*God's greeting** — Pastor Greg Sinclair

**Children's story** — Miss Betty

**Psalm 100** — Ethan B.

*A psalm. For giving grateful praise.*

<sup>1</sup> Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

<sup>2</sup> Worship the Lord with gladness;  
come before Him with joyful songs.

<sup>3</sup> Know that the Lord is God.

It is He who made us, and we are His;  
we are His people, the sheep of His pasture.

<sup>4</sup> Enter His gates with thanksgiving  
and His courts with praise;  
give thanks to Him and praise His name.

<sup>5</sup> For the Lord is good and His love endures forever;  
His faithfulness continues through all generations.

**\*Song of praise — *He Has Made Me Glad* (sing twice)**

I will enter His gates with thanksgiving in my heart  
I will enter His courts with praise  
I will say this is the day that the Lord has made  
I will rejoice for He has made me glad!

He has made me glad, oh He has made me glad  
I will rejoice for He has made me glad  
He has made me glad, oh He has made me glad  
I will rejoice for He has made me glad!

**Prayer for the children (Concluded by the Lord's Prayer) — Miss. Betty**

**Lord's prayer (in English and Farsi)**

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.  
Your kingdom come; your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.  
For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.  
Amen.

ای پدر ما که در آسمانی، نام تو مقدس باد، ملکوت تو بیاید، اراده تو چنانکه در آسمان  
است بر زمین نیز کرده شود. نان کفاف ما را امروز به ما بده و قرضهای ما را ببخش  
چنانکه ما نیز قرضداران خود را میبخشیم و ما را در آزمایش میاور بلکه از شریر ما را رهایی  
ده زیرا ملکوت و قوت و جلال تا ابدالابد از آن توست. آمین

Children will return to their parents in the pews. Sunday school will  
resume in September.

## Call to confession — Luke 6:27-36 (NIV)

<sup>27</sup> “But to you who are listening I say: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, <sup>28</sup> bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. <sup>29</sup> If someone slaps you on one cheek, turn to them the other also. If someone takes your coat, do not withhold your shirt from them. <sup>30</sup> Give to everyone who asks you, and if anyone takes what belongs to you, do not demand it back. <sup>31</sup> Do to others as you would have them do to you.

<sup>32</sup> “If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them. <sup>33</sup> And if you do good to those who are good to you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do that. <sup>34</sup> And if you lend to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, expecting to be repaid in full. <sup>35</sup> But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked. <sup>36</sup> Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

## Song of confession — LUYH 689 — *There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy*

1. There’s a wideness in God’s mercy,  
like the wideness of the sea;  
there’s a kindness in God’s justice,  
which is more than liberty.  
There is no place where earth’s sorrows  
are more felt than up in heaven;  
there is no place where earth’s failings  
have such kindly judgment given.
2. For the love of God is broader  
than the measures of the mind;  
and the heart of the eternal  
is most wonderfully kind.  
Make our love, O God, more faithful,  
let us take you at your word,  
and our lives will be thanksgiving  
for the goodness of the Lord.

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**Prayer of confession** — Pastor Greg Sinclair

**Assurance of forgiveness** — Pastor Greg Sinclair

**\*Song of assurance** — LUYH 682 — *Before the Throne of God Above*

1. Before the throne of God above  
I have a strong and perfect plea,  
a great High Priest whose name is Love,  
who ever lives and pleads for me.  
My name is graven on his hands,  
my name is written on his heart;  
I know that while in heaven he stands  
no tongue can bid me thence depart,  
no tongue can bid me thence depart.
2. When Satan tempts me to despair  
and tells me of the guilt within,  
upward I look and see him there  
who made an end of all my sin.  
Because the sinless Saviour died,  
my sinful soul is counted free;  
for God the Just is satisfied  
to look on him and pardon me,  
to look on him and pardon me.
3. Behold him there! The risen Lamb,  
my perfect, spotless righteousness;  
the great unchangeable "I AM,"  
the King of glory and of grace!  
One with himself I cannot die,  
my soul is purchased by his blood;  
my life is hid with Christ on high,  
with Christ, my Saviour and my God,  
with Christ, my Saviour and my God.

Words: Charitie Lees DeCheney Bancroft (1841-1923), P.D.

**Prayer of illumination** — Pastor Greg Sinclair

**Scripture reading** — Jonah 3 (NIV) — Pastor Greg Sinclair

**3** Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time: <sup>2</sup>“Go to the great city of Nineveh and proclaim to it the message I give you.”

<sup>3</sup>Jonah obeyed the word of the LORD and went to Nineveh. Now Nineveh was a very large city; it took three days to go through it. <sup>4</sup>Jonah began by going a day’s journey into the city, proclaiming, “Forty more days and Nineveh will be

overthrown.” <sup>5</sup>The Ninevites believed God. A fast was proclaimed, and all of them, from the greatest to the least, put on sackcloth.

<sup>6</sup>When Jonah’s warning reached the king of Nineveh, he rose from his throne, took off his royal robes, covered himself with sackcloth and sat down in the dust. <sup>7</sup>This is the proclamation he issued in Nineveh:

“By the decree of the king and his nobles:

Do not let people or animals, herds or flocks, taste anything; do not let them eat or drink.

<sup>8</sup>But let people and animals be covered with sackcloth. Let everyone call urgently on God. Let them give up their evil ways and their violence. <sup>9</sup>Who knows? God may yet relent and with compassion turn from his fierce anger so that we will not perish.”

<sup>10</sup>When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, he relented and did not bring on them the destruction he had threatened.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

**Sermon** — *Sinners in the Hands of a Loving God* — Pastor Greg Sinclair



**\*Song of response** — LUYH 762 — *Ancient Words*

1. Holy words long preserved  
for our walk in this world,  
they resound with God's own heart,  
O let the ancient words impart.  
Words of life, words of hope,  
give us strength, help us cope.  
In this world where'er we roam  
ancient words will guide us home.

*Refrain*

Ancient words, ever true,  
changing me and changing you.  
We have come with open hearts,  
O let the ancient words impart.

2. Holy words of our faith  
handed down to this age  
came to us through sacrifice.  
O heed the faithful words of Christ.  
Holy words long preserved  
for our walk in this world,  
they resound with God's own heart.  
O let the ancient words impart.

*Refrain*

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## **Offering Plate**

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, and now on [CanadaHelps](#) (click on the link or scan QR code on the back page).

2<sup>nd</sup> Offering, Toronto District Christian High School, by cheque to the church.

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

## Prayers of God's People — Dan Carter

### \*Celebration of Lord's supper — Pastor Greg Sinclair

#### **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.

#### اعتقادنامه مسیحی

من ایمان دارم به خدای پدر قادر مطلق، خالق آسمان و زمین، و به پسر بیگانه او خداوند ما عیسی مسیح که به واسطه روح القدس در رحم قرار گرفت و از مریم باکره متولد شد و در حکومت پنطیوس بیلاطس 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.

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give Him our thanks and praise.

All: Christ has died,  
Christ has risen,  
Christ will come again.

*You are invited to come forward to receive the elements.*

*Bread wrapped in plastic is gluten free.*

**Song during communion** — *For God So Loved the World*

1. For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son,  
that whosoever believes in Him should not perish  
but have life everlasting, have life everlasting, have life everlasting,  
have life everlasting.  
For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son.
2. For God did not send His Son into the world to bring condemnation,  
but rather that through the receiving of Him,  
men might find true salvation, and have life everlasting,  
have life everlasting, have life everlasting, have life everlasting.  
For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son.
3. He came into the world and He dwelt among His own, but His own  
they would not receive.  
But pow'r to become the sons of God He gave to all who believed.  
He gave life everlasting, His life everlasting, His life everlasting,  
His life everlasting.  
For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son.

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**\*Benediction** — Pastor Greg Sinclair

**\*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**

## Pastor Greg Continuing Education:

Pastor Greg will be away from July 22 – 28 to take a course on gratitude at Calvin Seminary. Please reach out to an elder, deacon or staff member if you require assistance during this time.

## Prayer Requests:

Please pray for **Lydia Nix** to be healed of Myelofibrosis (malfunction with the bone marrow). Lydia is on chemotherapy medication now to help with some symptoms. Lydia appreciates your prayers.

Please pray for **Cal Seerveld's daughter Anya**, as she continues the long journey of treatment for cancer.

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

Please pray for our **2<sup>nd</sup> offering**; [Toronto District Chirstian High School](#). From our inception in 1963 until the recent anniversary celebrations for our 60th Year, TDChristian has been a place of 'learning for service in light of God's word.' We are thankful to God for the faithfulness of many people throughout the years who have supported TDChristian. This kind of support helps us to continue to grow and thrive.

## Safe Church Reminder:

Please be reminded that your **Plan to Protect** training needs to be completed by **September to cover the 2024/2025 ministry year** – even if you have completed training in early 2024.

Alana sent out an email reminder last week that included instructions for registering for training. Your training is already paid for by the church and is mandatory for everyone serving at Willowdale CRC in positions of trust.

If you would like a softcopy of our WCRC Safe Church Policy please let Alana know: [alana.yoneyama@willowdalecrc.com](mailto:alana.yoneyama@willowdalecrc.com).

We appreciate everyone's cooperation!

## **Birthdays:**

July 24 – Keyvan H.

July 24 – Mark V. H.

July 26 – Betsy d. B.

July 26 – Atrin S. J.

## **ZOOM Host Schedule:**

July 28 – Asal

August 4 – Peter

August 11 – John

August 18 – Asal

August 25 – Alana

September 1 – John

September 8 – Peter

September 15 – Asal

September 22 – Alana

September 29 – Alana

## **Greeters Schedule:**

July 28 – Rob

August 4 – Gerard

August 11 – Ferdinand & Nathan

August 18 – Cici & Lyn

August 25 – Asal

September 1 – TBD

September 8 – TBD

September 15 – TBD

September 22 – TBD

September 29 – TBD

## **Coffee & Tea Serving Schedule:**

July 21 – Sylvie, Zohreh, Niloofar

July 28 – Suzanne, Lydia (1-2 more volunteers needed)

August 4 – Toktam, Alana, Mahboubeh

August 11 – Sylvie, Nelly,

August 18 – Cici, Lydia (1-2 more volunteers needed)

August 25 – Alana (1-2 more volunteers needed)

# Sermon notes

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