
Willowdale
CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

Welcome to Willowdale Christian Reformed Church

November 8, 2026, 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

Preacher and worship leader: Pastor Greg Sinclair

Elder of service: Pastor Sylvie Charliekaram

Song leader: Leanne Grauds

Reader: Beatrice Vandervelde

Worship musician: Hye-jin Im (piano/organ)

Sound/Slides operators: Nancy Fernhout, Mary Martens

Zoom host: Nafise CZ

Slides prepared by: Leanne Grauds

Greeters: Ferdinand & Nathan C.

Hall Monitor: John Meiboom

Photography and video recordings of the service are not permitted.

Simultaneous sermon translation is available in Farsi and Mandarin; as well as English captioning. Please see the Greeters for instructions.

*Please rise in body or in spirit.

After the service:

We invite you to join us for coffee in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome.

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

Reflection

The feeling is that the Christian life is something like an insurance policy. We pay the premium of repentance and faith in Christ, and expect to have the hard times of life covered by the good Lord. When that does not happen, it is not uncommon to hear the complaint "Why has this happened to me? I've never done anyone any harm." This view of pain is rather uncommon in the Bible.

Michael Green

Prelude

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

***Call to worship** — Psalm 121 (NIV) — Pastor Greg Sinclair/Congregation

Leader: Lift up your eyes to the mountains – where does your help come from?

People: Our help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.

Leader: He will not let your foot slip— he who watches over you will not slumber;

People: indeed, he who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

Leader: The Lord watches over you— the Lord is your shade at your right hand; the sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night.

All: The Lord will keep you from all harm— he will watch over your life; the Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.

***Song of praise** — LUYH 553 — *How Great Thou Art*

1. O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder
   consider all the works thy hand hath made,
   I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
   thy power throughout the universe displayed;

   Refrain
   Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee:
   how great thou art, how great thou art!
   Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee:
   how great thou art, how great thou art!

2. When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
   I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
   when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
   and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze;

   Refrain

3. But when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
   sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
   that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
   he bled and died to take away my sin;

   Refrain

4. When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation,
   and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
   Then I shall bow in humble adoration
   and there proclaim, "My God, how great thou art!"

   Refrain

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

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

Old Testament reading — *Who is this man of suffering?* — Isaiah 53 (NIV)

53 Who has believed what we have heard?
And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?
2 For he grew up before him like a young plant
and like a root out of dry ground;
he had no form or majesty that we should look at him,
nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.
3 He was despised and rejected by others;
a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity,
and as one from whom others hide their faces
he was despised, and we held him of no account.
4 Surely he has borne our infirmities
and carried our diseases,
yet we accounted him stricken,
struck down by God, and afflicted.
5 But he was wounded for our transgressions,
crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the punishment that made us whole,
and by his bruises we are healed.
6 All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have all turned to our own way,
and the Lord has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.
7 He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,
yet he did not open his mouth;
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter
and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,
so he did not open his mouth.
8 By a perversion of justice he was taken away.
Who could have imagined his future?
For he was cut off from the land of the living,
stricken for the transgression of my people.
9 They made his grave with the wicked
and his tomb with the rich,
although he had done no violence,
and there was no deceit in his mouth.
10 Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him with affliction.
When you make his life an offering for sin,
he shall see his offspring and shall prolong his days;

through him the will of the Lord shall prosper.
[11] Out of his anguish he shall see;
he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge.
The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous,
and he shall bear their iniquities.
[12] Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great,
and he shall divide the spoil with the strong,
because he poured out himself to death
and was numbered with the transgressors,
yet he bore the sin of many
and made intercession for the transgressors.

***Song of confession** — LUYH 170 — *Man of Sorrows – What a Name*

1. Man of sorrows— what a name
for the Son of God, who came
ruined sinners to reclaim:
Hallelujah, what a Saviour!

2. Bearing shame and scoffing rude,
in my place condemned he stood,
sealed my pardon with his blood:
Hallelujah, what a Saviour!

3. Guilty, helpless, lost were we;
blameless Lamb of God was he,
sacrificed to set us free:
Hallelujah, what a Saviour!

4. He was lifted up to die;
"It is finished" was his cry;
now in heaven exalted high:
Hallelujah, what a Saviour!

5. When he comes, our glorious King,
all his ransomed home to bring,
then anew this song we'll sing:
Hallelujah, what a Saviour!

Words: Philip P. Bliss, 1875, alt., P.D.

Prayer of confession — Pastor Greg Sinclair

Word of assurance — Pastor Greg Sinclair

***Song of assurance** — LUYH 776 – *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

1. A mighty fortress is our God,
   a bulwark never failing;
   our helper he, amid the flood
   of mortal ills prevailing.
   For still our ancient foe
   does seek to work us woe;
   his craft and power are great,
   and armed with cruel hate,
   on earth is not his equal.

2. Did we in our own strength confide,
   our striving would be losing,
   were not the right Man on our side,
   the Man of God's own choosing.
   You ask who that may be?
   Christ Jesus, it is he;
   Lord Sabaoth his name,
   from age to age the same;
   and he must win the battle.

3. And though this world, with devils filled,
   should threaten to undo us,
   we will not fear, for God has willed
   his truth to triumph through us.
   The prince of darkness grim,
   we tremble not for him;
   his rage we can endure,
   for lo! his doom is sure;
   one little word shall fell him.

1. That Word above all earthly powers—
   no thanks to them—abideth;
   the Spirit and the gifts are ours
   through him who with us sideth.
   Let goods and kindred go,
   this mortal life also;
   the body they may kill:
   God's truth abideth still;
   his kingdom is forever!

   Words: based on Psalm 46, Martin Luther, 1529; tr. Frederick H. Hedge, 1852, P.D.

Children's Message — Pastor Greg Sinclair

Memory Verses for Children, Big and Small — Numbers 6:24-26

> **24** "'"The Lord bless you and keep you;
> **25** the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you;
> **26** the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace."'

***Song of blessing** — *The Blessing*

The Lord bless you and keep you
Make His face shine upon you
And be gracious to you
The Lord turn His Face toward you
And give you peace
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Amen

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Sunday School dismissal

All children ages 3-12 are invited to join us for Bible stories, crafts, and games (completed registration required).

Prayer for illumination — Pastor Greg Sinclair

Scripture reading — 2 Corinthians 12:1- 10 (NIV) — Pastor Greg Sinclair

12 I must go on boasting. Although there is nothing to be gained, I will
go on to visions and revelations from the Lord. **2** I know a man in Christ
who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven. Whether
it was in the body or out of the body I do not know—God knows. **3** And
I know that this man—whether in the body or apart from the body I
do not know, but God knows— **4** was caught up to paradise and heard
inexpressible things, things that no one is permitted to tell. **5** I will
boast about a man like that, but I will not boast about myself, except
about my weaknesses. **6** Even if I should choose to boast, I would not
be a fool, because I would be speaking the truth. But I refrain, so no
one will think more of me than is warranted by what I do or say, **7** or
because of these surpassingly great revelations. Therefore, in order to
keep me from becoming conceited, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a
messenger of Satan, to torment me. **8** Three times I pleaded with the
Lord to take it away from me. **9** But he said to me, "My grace is
sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness."
Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so
that Christ's power may rest on me. **10** That is why, for Christ's sake, I
delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in
difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon — *Suffering with Purpose* — Pastor Greg Sinclair

***Song of response** — LUYH 427 — *How Firm a Foundation*

1. How firm a foundation you saints of the Lord,
   is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!
   What more can he say than to you he has said,
   to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

2. "Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed,
   for I am your God and will still give you aid;
   I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
   upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

3. “When through the deep waters I call you to go,
the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow,
for I will be with you in trouble to bless,
and sanctify to you your deepest distress.

4. “When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,
my grace all-sufficient shall be your supply;
the flame shall not hurt you; I only design
your dross to consume and your gold to refine.

5. “The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavour to shake,
I’ll never, no never, no never forsake!”

Words: Isaiah 43:1-5; J. Rippon’s Selection of Hymns, 1787, alt., P.D.

Prayers of God’s people — Pastor Sylvie Charliekaram

Offering of our gifts

1st Offering, Church Ministries (red bag)
2nd Offering, Indigenous Ministries (blue bag)

Offering of music

Prayer over the offering — Deacon

***Celebration of Lord’s supper** — Pastor Greg Sinclair

The Invitation

Apostles’ Creed

Leader: The Lord be with you.
All: And also with you.
Leader: Lift up your hearts
All: We lift them up to the Lord.
Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All: It is right to give Him our thanks and praise.
Christ has died, Christ has risen,
Christ will come again.

The Lord's prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever. Amen.

The Communion

You are invited to come forward to receive the elements.
Bread wrapped in plastic is gluten free.

Communion song — LUYH 840 — *Behold the Lamb*

1. Behold the Lamb, who bears our sins away,
slain for us—and we remember
the promise made, that all who come in faith
find forgiveness at the cross.
So we share in this bread of life,
and we drink of his sacrifice
as a sign of our bonds of peace
around the table of the King.

2. The body of our Saviour, Jesus Christ,
torn for you—eat and remember
the wounds that heal; the death that brings us life
paid the price to make us one.
So we share in this bread of life,
and we drink of his sacrifice
as a sign of our bonds of love
around the table of the King.

3. The blood that cleanses every stain of sin,
shed for you—drink and remember
he drained death's cup, that all may enter in
to receive the life of God.
So we share in this bread of life
and we drink of his sacrifice
as a sign of our bonds of grace
around the table of the King.

4. And so with thankfulness and faith we rise
to respond—and to remember
our call to follow in the steps of Christ
as his body here on earth.
As we share in his suffering,
we proclaim Christ will come again!
And we'll join in the feast of heaven
around the table of the King.

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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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Announcements

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Postlude

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