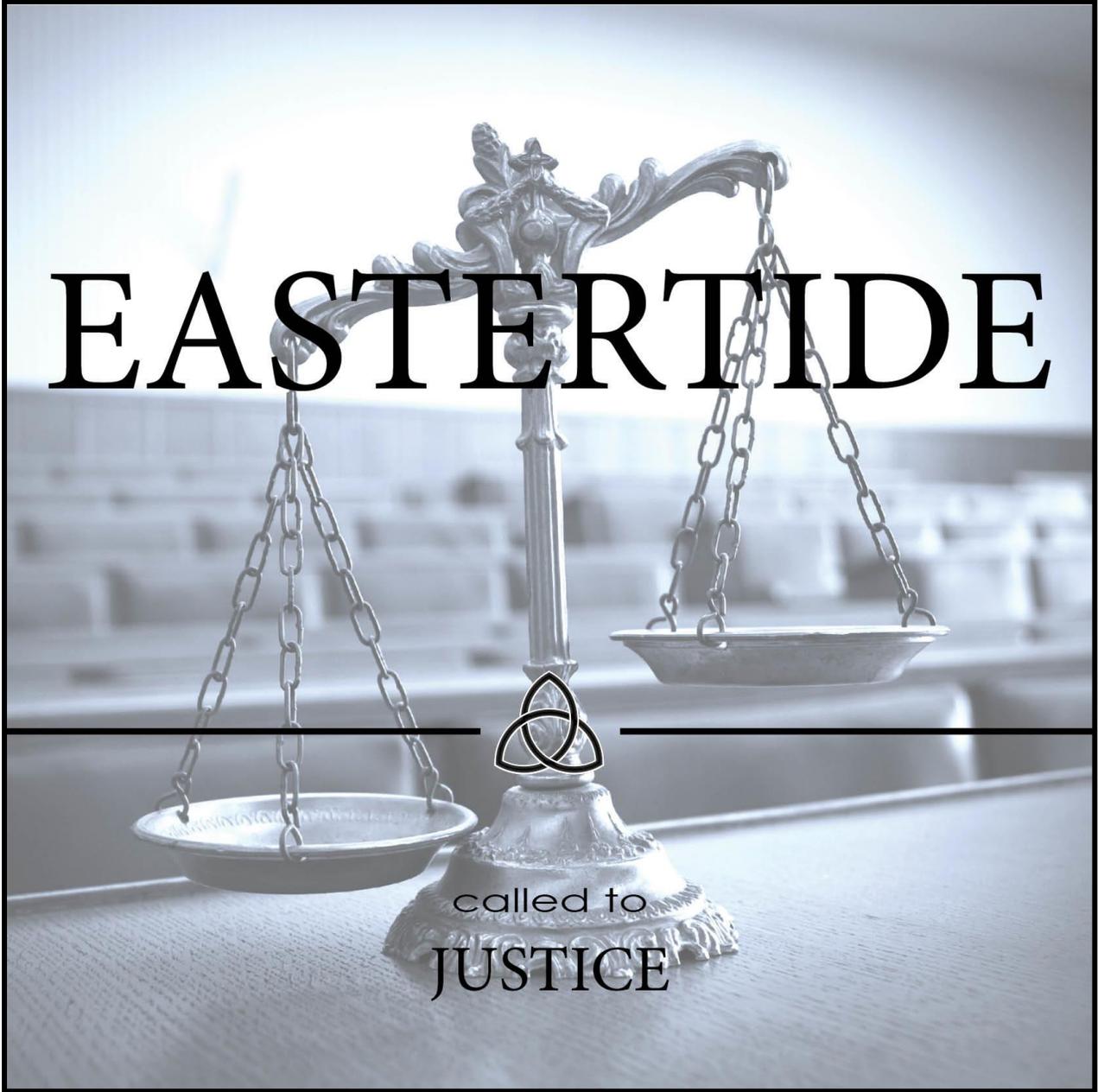


Community Christian Reformed Church
Kitchener, Ontario
May 13, 2018



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JUSTICE

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10:00 a.m.

Pastor Carel Geleynse

Elder-in-Charge: Janette W

This morning we will be celebrating the sacrament of Communion.

The Council of Community CRC invites believers of all ages to the table, following a public profession of faith. If you desire to come to the table but have not made profession of faith, please let a pastor or elder know so we can begin the conversation.

[* *Please rise, in body or spirit*]

Gathering and Greeting

Gathering Song: *"God and God Alone"*

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

*God's Greeting and Mutual Greeting

*Songs of Praise: *"Crown Him (Majesty)"*

PsH #409 *"Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise"*

Prayers of the People

Offering: 1) Ministries of Community Christian Reformed Church

2) Back to God Ministries International

Offertory Song: *"Across the Lands"*

Children's Blessing

Children ages 3 – Grade 3 are now invited to participate in Sunday School. Children (ages 3-5 only) need to be signed in and out by a parent or guardian.

Proclamation of the Word

Song of Preparation: *"Open Our Eyes"*

Belhar Confession, Article 4-5

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Luke 4: 14-30

Sermon: **"The Uncomfortable Gospel of Grace"**

Prayer of Application

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

*Song of Preparation: *"God of Grace and God of Glory"*

The Institution

The Teaching

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Invitation

Prayer

The Distribution of the Elements - the bread is Udi's gluten, dairy and nut free
- the juice is non-alcoholic

"There is a Redeemer"

"At the Cross (Love Ran Red)"

*Response of Praise: PsH #412 vs. 1-4 *"Jesus Shall Reign"*

*God's Parting Blessing

*Doxology: PsH #412 vs. 5 *"Jesus Shall Reign"*

**The congregation is asked to remain in their seats after the service to allow the Pastor and people with special duties or disabilities to exit first.
Please exit when the music begins.**



Following the service, everyone is invited to come together for fellowship and coffee/tea/juice in the gymnasium. Coffee for seniors is served in the Multi-Purpose room.

6:00 pm

Pastor John Medendorp

Pianist: Karen N

[* Please rise, in body or spirit]

Praise and Prayer

Welcome

Call to Worship

*God's Greeting

*Song of Praise: PsH #249 *"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty"*

Confession of Faith

Song of Response: PsH #625 *"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"*

Prayer and Share

Offering: Back to God Ministries International

Hearing the Word

Song of Preparation: PsH #282 *"Break Now the Break of Life"*

Belgic Confession, Article 26 - The Intercession of Christ

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Hebrews 4: 14-16

Sermon: **"In Jesus' Name"**

Prayer of Application

*Song of Response: PsH #230 *"Since Our Great High Priest, Christ Jesus"*

*God's Parting Blessing

*Doxology: PsH #638 *"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"*

Belhar Confession, Article #4 (for morning service)

We believe

- that God has revealed himself as the one who wishes to bring about justice and true peace among people;
- that God, in a world full of injustice and enmity, is in a special way the God of the destitute, the poor and the wronged;
- that God calls the church to follow him in this, for God brings justice to the oppressed and gives bread to the hungry;
- that God frees the prisoner and restores sight to the blind;
- that God supports the downtrodden, protects the stranger, helps orphans and widows and blocks the path of the ungodly;
- that for God pure and undefiled religion is to visit the orphans and the widows in their suffering;

- that God wishes to teach the church to do what is good and to seek the right (Deut. 32:4; Luke 2:14; John 14:27; Eph. 2:14; Isa. 1:16-17; James 1:27; James 5:1-6; Luke 1:46-55; Luke 6:20-26; Luke 7:22; Luke 16:19-31; Ps. 146; Luke 4:16-19; Rom. 6:13-18; Amos 5);
- that the church must therefore stand by people in any form of suffering and need, which implies, among other things, that the church must witness against and strive against any form of injustice, so that justice may roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream;
- that the church as the possession of God must stand where the Lord stands, namely against injustice and with the wronged; that in following Christ the church must witness against all the powerful and privileged who selfishly seek their own interests and thus control and harm others.

Therefore, we reject any ideology

- which would legitimate forms of injustice and any doctrine which is unwilling to resist such an ideology in the name of the gospel.

Article #5

We believe that, in obedience to Jesus Christ, its only head, the church is called to confess and to do all these things, even though the authorities and human laws might forbid them and punishment and suffering be the consequence (Eph. 4:15-16; Acts 5:29-33; 1 Peter 2:18-25; 1 Peter 3:15-18).

Jesus is Lord.

To the one and only God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be the honor and the glory for ever and ever.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

The bracketed numbers indicate the Community to which these individuals belong

Margaret M (13) remains at Grand River Hospital awaiting the results of further testing to determine the cause of her illness. May God be gracious to John and Margaret during this difficult time.

Next weekend, from May 18 – 21, 38 of our youth will be attending the All Ontario Youth Convention (AOYC) at Wilfrid Laurier University in Waterloo. Joining them will be **Matthias M**, **Pastor John**, **Joelle W**, and **Bethany N** as leaders, **Stephanie M** as nurse, and **John L** as sound tech. This faith building

event attracts over 800 people every year. The theme this year is "Here" - taken from God's promise to his people in Isaiah 42. Please keep this group in your prayers and ask God to work in the hearts and lives of all who attend.

Our sponsored refugee family, the **K** family, have received word that they have an interview with Canadian government officials on June 11. Pray that they will have all the documents needed in order and that nothing will hinder their being able to attend

the meeting. This is a vital meeting for them because we have learned that if they fail to attend the interview or do not have the completed documents in hand, their file will be closed and their possibility of coming to Canada ended. We have also recently heard that the K are expecting a third child early in June which, in spite of the joy new life brings, may also add some complications to the interview process. Please continue to uphold this family in your prayers.

Consistory met this past Tuesday, May 8, and welcomed **Wanda D** (9) from Lucknow Community CRC. After a report the elders were delighted to approve **Chris and Michelle D** (7) and their children, Audrey and Grace, for profession of faith and baptism. We look forward to celebrating with them on May 27.

Please continue to pray for:

- those who are shut-in and/or unable to worship with us on a regular basis because of various health issues;
- those dealing with depression and other forms of mental illness;
- those dealing with cancer, its treatment and effects;
- **Olga S** (11) who remains as a patient at St. Mary's until alternative housing can be arranged;
- those dealing with broken relationships;
- those who are unemployed or underemployed;
- **Anthony and Barbara P** with Daystar Ministries on Manitoulin Island; **Hank and Rosario S** volunteering with Resonate Global Mission in Guatemala
- the persecuted Church;
- the Ministries and the Leadership of our congregation

Congratulations to the following members celebrating a birthday in the coming week:



May 14 – **Tom H** (6)

May 18 – **Bernie D** (13)

May they experience God's richest blessings in the coming year and as they celebrate their birthday!

Congratulations to **John and Sybil W** (8) as



they celebrate their 68th wedding anniversary on May 16. Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

Congratulations to **Jerry and Sharon P** (13)

as they celebrate their 35th wedding anniversary on May 14. May God continue to bless and strengthen their marriage for many years to come!

STAFF NEWS

Pastor Amanda and Brian (8) are looking forward to the birth of their son at the end of June. Because of this addition to the family, Pastor Amanda will be on maternity leave starting **June 13** and returning from leave on November 5. Your prayers are much appreciated for a safe birth and a healthy baby boy to join the B-B family!

UPCOMING SERVICES

May 20	10 a.m.	Rev. Greg Sinclair Affirmation vote for new elders/deacons
	6 p.m.	No evening service due to the long weekend
May 27	10 a.m.	Pastor John Baptisms: Oliver B (11) Liam C (6) Audrey D (7) Grace D (7) Michelle D (7) Profession of Faith: Chris D
	6 p.m.	Pastor Carel

OFFERING SCHEDULE

Budget Contributions For Sunday, May 6, 2018

	Actual Contributions Received	Targeted Contributions	Contributions (Shortfall)/ Surplus
May 6	\$10,765	\$12,758	(\$1,993)
YTD	\$265,420	\$300,952	(\$35,532)
Friendship Ministries			\$ 1,494
World Renew			\$ 210
World Renew – Refugee Sunday			\$ 110
Woodland Christian High School			\$ 100

Our offering today is for Back to God Ministries International. For more than 75 years, Back to God Ministries International has claimed media to fulfill Christ's Great Commission to preach the Gospel and disciple believers. As the media ministry of the Christian Reformed Church of North

America, Back to God Ministries International partners with other churches in North America and around the world to announce God's good news.

Next week our offering is for Resonate Global Mission.

Imagine the good news of Jesus resonating across the globe – this is the vision behind the name for our denomination's new mission agency:

***Resonate Global Mission
Engaging People, Embracing Christ
A ministry of the Christian Reformed Church***

What's more, the idea of a resonating sound isn't just a metaphor. For our work, it's a picture of the future we pursue. Our Reformed theology tells us that the gospel changes everything! People all over the world are hungry to hear about the saving grace of Jesus Christ.

Together, with you, we will continue planting churches and supporting ministry in North America as well as sending missionaries around the globe to share the good news – to the ends for the earth.

COMMUNITY CHURCH NEWS

Nominations for Elders and Deacons

The following people have been nominated for the office of Elder.

As Pastoral elders:

Community 8 – Gary B, Sheryl D
Community 13 – yet to be determined
Community 14 – Bob P, Randy Z

As Youth Elder (1 to be selected):

Josh F and Greg S

As **Administrative Elder** (2 to be selected):

Marianne B, Steve F, Sharon M and Kim T

For the office of **Deacon**:

Community 2 – Jane V

Community 9 – Derrick G, Jeff F

Community 13 – Tina O

The Affirmation vote is scheduled for next Sunday, May 20.

Mark Your Calendars! Weekend Pastors' Class - May 25-26: Our weekend version of the Pastors' Class will take place at Community CRC from Friday evening, May 25, to Saturday evening, May 26. We will cover the same material from our 6 week Pastors' Class offered every October. If you're new to CCRC, want to deepen your faith, or are thinking about making profession of faith, this class is for you! **Please fill out a participants' form available at the Info Centre and place in the Church Office mailbox by Wednesday, May 23.**

PS. Hey, high school students! If you were hoping to attend the Pastors' Class because you're thinking of making profession of faith but also have a BIG dance on May 25, let a pastor know by Wednesday, May 23. We're discussing the possibility of a pre-profession of faith workshop held in June for those interested.

Today Booklets: The May/June copy of the **Korean Today** Devotional Booklet are now available at the Information Centre. Please help yourself to a copy.

Church-wide Fire Drill Practice: As required under the Ontario Fire Code, the Fire Safety Committee is running a fire drill during the Sunday morning service on June 3rd. We are

excited for everyone to participate in this event as it will be a beneficial learning experience as well as show areas where we can improve our safety practices in the future. Stay tuned for more details! Any questions or concerns can be directed to the team; Chris d, John O, Coby K, and Danae P.

Volunteers Needed: Members of our church are invited to assist in the performance appraisal process of our pastors. Our pastors and other support staff are provided feedback annually through an evaluation process that is intended to build up and encourage them in their work.

In addition to obtaining feedback from their peers, the office bearers and ministry volunteers, we invite other members to also assist.

If you are willing to complete a short questionnaire on one of the pastors, please send a note to Keith O (The Human Resource coordinator) Each person will be asked to evaluate one pastor (at random). Questions ask Keith.

Knifty Knitters: If you love to knit and/or  crochet, please join us at the church on Tuesday, May 15 at 9:30 a.m. for another morning of caring through crafting. Visitors are always welcome

Dive into Doctrine: Youth and adults (grades 6 and up) are invited to join us this coming **Wednesday, May 16**, at the church for our last of 5 intergenerational catechism classes on the Belhar Confession. This week, we will be looking at the theme of Justice from the Belhar Confession, Article 4 and 5. We will also be hearing from Danielle Rowaan who

serves as the Justice Communications Team Coordinator for the CRC in Canada. Danielle works closely with the Centre for Public Dialogue and a variety of justice-related denominational ministries. Reflecting on the Song of Mary and Amos 5, we will explore various themes of justice and what it means to work for and advocate for justice in our society. Fellowship and refreshments begins at 7, devotions at 7:20, and the exercise at 7:30.

Student Impact (Gr. 9 – 12)

On Friday June 1st we will be going to Grand River Rocks from 7-9pm for a guided rock climbing evening. You don't need any experience rock climbing to attend as we will have experienced guides show us everything we need to know. For those who have done some rock climbing already, Grand River Rocks has a variety of climbs to keep you challenged! Bring \$10 to cover part of the cost and a water bottle. Mark it on your calendar, and let's have some fun together.

Faith and Hops - Thursday, May 17 @ 6-8pm: If you're a 20ish to 30-something looking for a place to connect and deepen your faith, come on out to Faith + Hops at Williamsburg Arms. The third Thursday of every month we get together for engaging discussion, fried food, and a beverage of your choice. Check out CCRC's Facebook page closer to the date for the discussion topic!

DENOMINATIONAL NEWS

For all of the announcements, employment and volunteer opportunities available through the Denomination and others, please see the listing and posters on the Deacons bulletin board across from the washrooms for information.

Following along with the theme of the The Belhar Confession of Justice, Unity and Reconciliation the following event may be of interest:

Discovery, a Comic Lament: A play about the Doctrine of Discovery, the legal framework that is used to justify theft of land and oppression of the Indigenous Peoples. It finds unexpected humor at the crossroads of justice and land use, offering both comic and challenging glimpses into the absurdity of white settlers' oppression of Indigenous Peoples and the land we live on. A show about love, and loss, and land, Discovery nudges us to question our stories with honesty and integrity. For more information about times and locations, check the poster in the hallway by the gym or go online to www.uwaterloo.ca/grebel/events/discovery-comic-lament.

