

Community Christian Reformed Church
Kitchener, Ontario
May 19, 2019



E A S T E R P E O P L E

Makoto Fujimura, *Fire and Rose are One*, 2015 (detail)

May 19, 2019

10:00 a.m.

Pastor John Medendorp

Elder-in-Charge: Nick B

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

Gathering and Greeting

Gathering Song: *"Your Love Defends Me"*

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

*Opening Hymn: PsH #404 *"Sing, Choirs of New Jerusalem"*

*God's Greeting and Mutual Greeting

*Song of Praise: *"Lord Most High"*

Confession and Assurance

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Song: *"This I Believe"*

Children's Blessing

Children ages 3 & 4 are now invited to participate in Sunday School. There is also a drop in room available in the back hallway for children who are unable to sit through the entire service. Children (ages 3-5 only) need to be signed in and out by a parent or guardian.

Proclamation of the Word

Song of Preparation: *"Christ is Risen"*

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Acts 11: 1-18

Sermon: **"Getting Out of the Way"**

Prayer of Application

Response to the Word

*Song of Response: PsH #412 *"Jesus Shall Reign"*

Prayers of the People

Offering: 1) Ministries of Community Christian Reformed Church
2) Benevolence Fund

Offertory Song: *"Build My Life"*

*God's Parting Blessing

*Doxology: *"My Friends, May You Grow in Grace"*

**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.

There is **no evening service** this Sunday due to the long weekend

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

The bracketed numbers indicate the Community to which these individuals belong

This past week **Kor H (14)** spent a few days at St. Mary's hospital suffering from pneumonia. Due to his illness, he is unable to carry out his custodial duties at this time. As a result, Sherrie M is filling in on a full time basis. Please remember Kor and Grace in your prayers.

The annual **AOYC (All Ontario Youth Convention)** is taking place this weekend at Wilfrid Laurier University. The convention began on Friday evening and goes through to tomorrow. Twenty-eight youth are

attending from Community CRC this year and leaders this year are, Mathias Mostert, Rachel Oudman, Erika S and Greg S. The theme is: **R E S O N A T E**: to be filled with a deep and reverberating sound. Psalm 98:7 - *Let the sea resound, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it.*
<http://www.allontario.com/aoyc-2019>

Consistory met this past Tuesday and officially welcomed **Ivan and Dixie L (1)** from the Dutch Reformed Church, Kroonstad East, in South Africa. Welcome Ivan and Dixie! The membership of **Cora S**

(13) was transferred to Heritage CRC at Holland Christian Homes in Brampton. With regret, Consistory acquiesced with the resignation of **Ryan d** (11) from membership at CCRC.

Canadian National Gathering 2019: Members of Christian Reformed Churches from across Canada will be gathering in Edmonton at King's University next weekend (May 24 - 26) to listen to what the Spirit is saying to the CRC. Through intense prayer, discussion, and celebrative worship, your fellow CRC members will try to discern where the Spirit may be leading the church in an increasingly secular age where actions speak louder than words. **Jane V** (2) and **Diana Z** (14) are the delegates from CCRC. Please bathe Gathering 2019 with your prayers.

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;
- 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 staff and leadership at the Journey
- the persecuted Church;
- the Ministries and the Leadership of our congregation

Congratulations to **Pete and Joyce D** (4) as they celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary on May 25, 2019. May the Lord continue to bless and strengthen their marriage for many years to come.

The church office will be closed tomorrow, May 20 for the Victoria Day holiday.

UPCOMING SERVICES

May 26	10 a.m.	Pastor Carel Woodland Christian High School Choir
	6 p.m.	Pastor John
June 2	10 a.m.	Pastor John Baptism: Owen Rhys F (11)
	6 p.m.	Pastor Carel

OFFERING SCHEDULE

**Budget Contributions
For May 12, 2019**

	Actual Contributions Received	Targeted Contributions	Contributions (Shortfall)/ Surplus	
May 12	\$6,391	\$14,153	(\$7,763)	
YTD	\$271,022	\$332,912	(\$61,890)	
World Renew – Disaster Response Service			\$	2,121
CCRC Mission Fund			\$	50
Waterloo Campus Ministry			\$	40


Our offering today is for the Benevolence Fund. This fund is used by the deacons to financially assist those within our church and the community when a need arises or help is requested.

Next week our offering is for Woodland Christian High School (WCHS). Woodland Christian High School is a vibrant Christian community of learning where the love of God is evident and where students will be equipped to serve in our society as followers of Christ.

COMMUNITY CHURCH NEWS

Apartment/Housing for the K family: Our committee is continuing its search for an apartment for the K family. We have been given many good leads and have viewed several apartments recently which would work well for the family. We have a challenge - since we do not as yet have a firm arrival date, we are cautious to commit to a rental contract. With that in mind we are asking for your help in two aspects:

1. Short term housing for the family – we might receive as little as a week’s notice that the Ks are coming and then would need a temporary place for them to stay. This would be only if their arrival and the rental date do not coincide. Would you be willing to host this family in the short term if needed?
2. Our preferred permanent location for the family is in the Fairway Mall area of Kitchener - as it would be close to the Ds who have language and culture in common with the Ks. In addition to leads from our real estate support, if you should hear of any private accommodation possibilities close to Fairway or indeed anywhere in Kitchener please let us know. Contact Darlene B if you can help.

Knifty Knitters: If you love to knit and/or  crochet, please join us at the church on Tuesday, May 21 at 9:30 a.m. for another morning of caring through crafting.

Dive Into Doctrine: This Week... On Wednesday evening, we are welcoming Dr. Rudy Eikelboom to lead us in a discussion on autonomous cars and the need for Christian engagement in artificial intelligence. We'll also be exploring just how God has called us all to our work whether in the church or on a tractor. If you haven't joined us yet, you're more than welcome! Come for snacks at 7 p.m. and stay for engaging discussion at 7:30 p.m. There's a seat waiting for you!

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.

Learning Opportunity - June 8, 2019 - 8:45 am to 12:30 pm - Pastors, elders, church members, you are invited to a morning of learning hosted by Waterloo CRC and sponsored by CRC Worship Ministries and the Calvin Institute of Christian Worship. Topic: Celebrating the Lord's Supper - How Often? Rev. Len Vander Zee and worship pastor Phillip Majorins will teach and lead discussion on this topic. RSVP to office@waterloocrc.org by June 5.

