

WORSHIP *at home*

BETHEL CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

SUNDAY, MAY 17, 2020

Get Ready!

After the sermon, you will be invited to participate in communion in your own home – have something ready to eat and drink for this.

Call to Worship:

God of the open road,
God of the twisting path,
God of the narrow and upward way,
your people are gathered for worship!
In this hour, give us provision for the journey,
courage and faith and compassion,
and endurance to face any hardship.
Open our eyes to see you walking beside us,
protecting us, encouraging us, loving us.
God, we know you are with us,
that you are mighty to save.
You take great delight in us,
and will quiet us with your love.
You rejoice over us with singing—
may we glorify you by lifting our voices.

Listen to, or sing:

[Mighty to Save](#)

Call to Confession:

God's Word assures us:
If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. In humility and faith let us confess our sin to God.

Let us pray:

Righteous Father,
we who own more than we use,
proclaim more than we experience,
and request more than we need,
come asking your forgiveness.
We seek your salvation,
then act like we save ourselves.
We beg your forgiveness,
then repeat our errors.
We experience your grace, then act defeated.
We rely on your power, but only in hard times.
We have become confused and misguided.
Forgive our every defection.
Bring us to an unbroken commitment
and a steady trust,
through Jesus Christ, who is the way of hope,
the truth of God, and the life of love,
now and always. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

While it is true that we have sinned,
it is a greater truth that we are forgiven
through God's love in Jesus Christ.
To all who humbly seek the mercy of God I say,
in Jesus Christ your sin is forgiven.
Thanks be to God.

Listen to, or sing:

[Goodness of God](#)

Kid's Corner

Video: [Blessed are the Peacemakers](#)

[Colouring Pages & Activities](#)

Song: [God of This City](#)

Prayer of God's People

Please remember the concerns of our church family and of the world as you enter into a time of prayer.

- Condolences to the Elisen, Los and Zielstra families
- Rev. Gary K remains in hospital for observation
- The elderly and sick within our congregation, including Tony VH, Henry H, Dini H, Joanne L, Margaret VE, Elly VG, and Catherina VS.
- Those who have been diagnosed with COVID-19 and their loved ones
- Those on the frontlines dealing with the pandemic (nurses, doctors, first responders, etc.)
- Government officials (wisdom and grace to guide our country in this time)

Hearing God's Word

Scripture: **Isaiah 42: 1-4**

Message: **Bruised Reeds & Smoldering Wicks**

Communion

Parting Blessing

Listen to, or sing:

We Believe

Be Still My Soul

Please Remember:

Please continue to send in your offerings to support the **Church Budget** and **Outreach Ministries**.

GIVING OPTIONS INCLUDE:

- **E-transfer to enagel@cyg.net**
- **Sign up for PAR**
(Pre-Authorized Remittance)
- **Mail in/drop off a cheque:**
Attn: Evert Nagel, Treasurer
345 Elizabeth St. East
Listowel, ON, N4W 2P7

Questions for further reflection...

1. What, in either the world at large or in your own life, has made you yearn to see justice and shalom?
2. What examples come to mind of a world ruler trying to bring peace. Did it work? Why does Jesus offer hope for a different outcome?
3. What hurts have you experienced in life, and how have you experienced the tender healing of Jesus?

*May the peace of God, which transcends all understanding,
guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*

PHILIPPIANS 4:7