

Welcome to
DRESDEN CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH
Morning Worship Service, April 23, 2017

REFUGEE SUNDAY

Rev. John Moelker

* Please stand, if you are able



PRE-SERVICE

Gathering

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

GOD GATHERS US WITH JOY

* God Calls us to Worship ("Come to Me!")

Leader: We are a community of faith that has been created by the love of God.

People: We are the people who have been set free by the forgiveness found in Jesus Christ, and are therefore a people called to reach out to the sojourners in our midst and in other lands, people whose lives cry out for the warm embrace of fellowship.

Leader: We have come not to exalt our own goodness, but to praise the holiness of God.

People: We have come not to boast of what we have done, but to proclaim the redeeming work of Jesus Christ by extending the hand of community to refugees, displaced persons and asylum seekers.

All: With all our being, we will praise God and tell of God's goodness in our acts of kindness and love toward the "least" among us in our times. Let us bless the Risen Lord!

* Gathering Song: **LUYH # 302 Hear Our Praises**

* God Greet Us ("I'm glad You're here!")

* Song of Acclamation: **"Lion of Judah"**

GOD RECONCILES HIMSELF TO US

Call to Confession: ("Come to me and tell me Everything")

Prayer of Confession: ("We honestly confess our sins to You LORD")

Song of Confession: **Der Voghormia (Lord have Mercy on Us)**

Assurance of Pardon: ("I forgive you!")

Song of Praise: **LUYH # 360 You are My King (Amazing Love)**

Children's Message: ("Let the little children come to me!"): Joanie Smids

Intercessory Prayers of the People: ("Help Us LORD")

GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH HIS WORD

Prayer for Illumination of the Holy Spirit in Song: ("Help us Understand LORD"):

We Sing: **LUYH # 299 Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love**

God's Word to Us: ("Listen to my Word!"): Matthew 25:34-40

Message: "Welcoming the Image-Bearing Stranger"

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Application ("Help us Apply what we've learned from You LORD")

* Song of Response: **LUYH # 256 They'll Know We are Christians**

Offering: ("We give of our first fruits"): **Shalem** - provides anonymous professional counselling to congregants at no charge, available through the Congregational Assistance Plan (CAP program)

GOD SENDS US OUT WITH HIS BLESSING

*A Litany of Celebration

Reader #1: As members of Christ's body, we are drawn by the Spirit to embrace God's mission. We are sent outside the walls of the church and into our neighbourhood and the world to serve, each according to our gifts. As we do so, we bear witness in practical and meaningful ways and those we encounter enrich our lives.

Reader #2: For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me. (Matthew 25: 35-40)

All: Lord, as we venture forth into our neighbourhoods grant us humility and compassion. Grant us eyes to see your Image in the refugees and newcomers who we serve. Grant us ears to hear their stories. Grant us spirits that will be transformed through relationship with those we meet.

Reader #1: We give praise for God's goodness in sustaining refugees as they adjust to life in Canada. And we are witness to God's faithfulness and goodness in sustaining churches across Canada who have welcomed refugees into their communities. With gratitude, we celebrate the Spirit's work in transforming hearts.

Reader #2: Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. (Hebrews 12:2)

All: We pray that as we continue to encounter the Spirit stirring our hearts and the hearts of others, we would be compelled to join the great cloud of witnesses, casting aside that which holds us back.

Reader #2: We recognize that on our own we do not have the strength to commit our lives to the acts of acceptance and hospitality that bring forth your Kingdom here on earth.

Reader #1: God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging. There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place where the Most High dwells. God is within her, she will not fall; God will help her at break of day. Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall; he lifts his voice, the earth melts. The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. (Psalm 46:1 - 7)

All: To you, Lord, we commit our efforts to welcome the stranger. We pray that you fill our hearts with joy and our minds with a vision of your Kingdom as we seek to take part in the work you are doing in your world.

* Closing Hymn: ***How Deep the Father's Love for Us***

* Commission & Benediction ("I Send you out with My Blessing")

* Doxology: ***"Days of Elijah"***

Postlude

Evening Worship Service

Rev. John Moelker

* Welcome

* Call to Worship:

* We come into God's presence with Praise: ***LUYH #578: "Forever"***

* God's Greeting:

* We Greet One Another

* Song(s): ***LUYH # 559: "Ten Thousand Reasons"***

LUYH #186: "Low in the Grave He Lay"

* Profession of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism: Lord's Day 17: Q & A 45

Q. *How does Christ's resurrection benefit us?*

A. First, by his resurrection he has overcome death, so that he might make us share in the righteousness he obtained for us by his death. Second, by his power we too are already raised to a new life. Third, Christ's resurrection is a sure pledge to us of our blessed resurrection.

Prayer for Illumination in Song:

We sing: ***LUYH #567: "Here I am To Worship"***

Scripture Reading: John 20:24-31

Sermon: "Stop Doubting and Believe!"

Prayer of Application

Song of Response: ***LUYH #468: "I will Rise"***

Prayers of the People

Offering: **Chatham Christian School** – provides education for students from JK to Grade 12 and strives to nurture them academically and spiritually

* Closing Song: ***LUYH # 930: "This Little Light of Mine"***

* Benediction

* Doxology: ***LUYH #959: "Glory Be to the Father"***

Postlude

TO OUR VISITORS

We would love to get to know you! Please join us today in the Fellowship Hall after the service so we can meet you. If you are unable to, we pray that you will have a blessed day. If you would like to know more about our church and its programs, or if you are interested in knowing more about our Lord Jesus, please feel free to speak to our pastor, or to an elder/deacon serving this morning. You are also welcome to call or email us; the info is at the end of the bulletin. Thank you for joining us today.

CHURCH CALENDAR

THIS WEEK

APR. 24	MONDAY	7:15 p.m.	Men's Bible Study
APR. 26	WEDNESDAY	7:00 p.m.	GEMS
APR. 27	THURSDAY	7:00 p.m.	Friendship at First Regular Baptist Church
APR. 28	FRIDAY	7:00 p.m.	Bridal Shower for Cassandra Hooyer

NEXT WEEK

MAY 1	MONDAY	7:15 p.m.	Men's Bible Study
MAY 2	TUESDAY	7:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study
MAY 3	WEDNESDAY	7:00 p.m.	GEMS last night

UPCOMING SERVICES

April 30 GEMS SUNDAY

10:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE - REV. JOHN MOELKER

Offering: Operation Manna -provides funding and consultation in support of local ministries
COLLECTION AT THE DOOR FOR GEMS.

6:30 P.M. WORSHIP SERVICE - REV. JOHN MOELKER

Offering: Wallaceburg Christian School – provides biblically-based Christian education for students of elementary age

May 7

10:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE - REV. JOHN HELLINGA

Offering: World Renew (Maternal and Child Health)- aids in improving the health of mothers and children through community-based health promotion, education and nutrition programs

6:30 P.M. WORSHIP SERVICE - BARRY WRIGHT

Offering: Back to God Ministries - exists to share the Gospel in communities worldwide using radio, the Internet and other technology

FAMILY CIRCLE

Harry Devries remains in hospital in Chatham. He wanted me to pass along the message that he is very thankful for all your prayers, visits, encouragement and ongoing support. Harry mentioned that he doesn't know what the future holds, but he knows who has him in the palm of His hands. We will continue to pray for healing and strength so that Harry will be able to resume treatments, or an outright miracle of God's healing power. As we wait upon the LORD, we'll continue to seek God's sustaining grace for Harry, Joanne and Brian and the entire family during this very difficult trial.

Milena Nelson also remains in hospital with degenerative disc issues that are causing her a great deal of pain. Milena is thankful for your prayers, visits and support and longs to worship with us again. Please pray that Milena will be able to have the necessary MRI to see what can be done about her back pains/disc issues.

Sarah and Rachel's dad Ray is undergoing more treatments to try to push back the cancer within his body. Please pray that God will use this latest round of treatments to drive the cancer far from Ray's body. And again, as we wait upon the LORD, may his sustaining Grace renew our strength and give us a hope that is a strong, strong anchor for our souls.

Let's support one another. Each week three members/families will be written here for all of us to pray for. Please take the time to do this. Even though you may not know all that goes on in their lives, please pray for them.



PRAYER

Nolan & Rebecca Poppe

Peter & Joan Poppe

Preston & Anita Poppe

"Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective." James 5:16

h a p p y b i r t h d a y

Paige Moelker (24th), Albert Luth (24th),
Audrey Poppe (27th), Michael Kramer (27th)

Blessings to you as you celebrate your birthday this week!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COUNCIL BRIEFS FOR MEETING HELD APRIL 19/17

- Chairman led opening devotions on "Holding Hand to the Plow".
- Agenda was approved.
- Minutes of March 22 were read and approved.
- Matters concerning minutes were discussed.
 - Inquiry about church vision was revisited.
- Letters of correspondence were dealt with.
- Albert Luth expressed his desire to discontinue making Sunday coffee and preparing Lord's Supper. We thank him for the work he has done and are looking for someone who would be willing to do these tasks.
- Dan Hooyer and Cynthia Breyer are to marry June 3rd. Their banns will be announced in our church.
- There will be a double baptism May 14 for Marita Kramer, daughter of Scott and Hedy Kramer, and Asher Leask, son of Chad and Stephanie Leask.
- Council is working on setting up a care team; decision to be made at next meeting.
- Deacons reported that they will continue the box program and promoting a NeighbourLink financial coaching seminar.
- Classis Church visitors will tentatively visit August.
- Classis Chatham will meet in Maranatha CRC, Woodstock on May 23. Delegates are Ernie Kramer, Luke VanDerVliet, and Pastor John.
- Nominations for deacon and elder were taken. Brad VanDerEnde and Keith Kramer's terms will end.
- Pastor and Elders reported. Pastor John has set up a profession of faith class. Any who would like to attend are welcome.
- A time of prayer was held.

- Pulpit Supply Rev. Hellinga is to preach in the morning of May 7th and Barry Wright in evening.
- Wa Kativi home service will be June 25.
- There has been an issue with children and the sound system in sanctuary after services; parents please know where your children are.
- Refugee committee report was given.
- Finance reported as well as tec committee.
- Next Meeting scheduled for May 16th Tuesday at 7 p.m.
- Elder Fred Closed meeting in Prayer.

Services at Park Street Place (2:00 p.m.) and Heritage Court (3:00 p.m.) will take place today. Pastor John will be leading the services. Mike & Nicole, Tristan & Jodi, and Chris & Natasha will be attending. Everyone is welcome to attend.

BRIDAL SHOWER: Ladies, please come on out this coming Friday evening at 7:00 p.m. for Cassandra's bridal shower. If you would still like to give to the group gift, please let Janice know asap. Thank you.

CRAFT NIGHT: Attention ladies of Dresden CRC make Thursday June 15th on your calendars. We will be having a ladies craft night to make something beautiful! Come out and enjoy a night of social, food and prizes. Cost is \$25. Watch the bulletin board for pictures of craft and sign up sheet. Think a friend would enjoy this? Invite them along. You **MUST** sign up for this event!

GALA DINNER in Support of Refugee Sponsorship: there is a fine dining experience planned at the church for **Saturday May 13**. The Refugee committee is planning an elegant evening featuring 5 courses of fine local food, live music and a program sharing information about refugee sponsorship in Dresden. Money raised will be in support of the work of the Dresden CRC Refugee Committee, and your help is needed to put the invitation out to the right people. Tickets are \$50 value but given free, and we hope to host a diverse group of people from around Dresden and Chatham-Kent who are interested in supporting refugee sponsorship financially and/or through helping the committee, or people who want to learn more about sponsorship in order to form their own groups. Contact Joseph Grootenboer or any committee member for more information or for tickets. Fill a table of 6 or more with your friends and colleagues for an unforgettable night out! Seating is limited.



IN HIS SERVICE

	April 23	April 30	May 7
Elder	Fred Smids	Ernie Kramer	Keith Kramer
Deacon	Luke VanDerVliet	Brian Devries	Brad VanDerEnde
Greeter(s)	Mike & Nicole Kramer	GEMS	Brenda Goodreau, Jean Dupuis
Musician(s)	a.m. Joe Grootenboer	Heather Wright	Pat Nywening
	p.m. Pat Nywening	Martha Hooyer	Pat Nywening
Children's Message	Joanie Smids	Mike Kramer	Mike Kramer
Mother of Month	Eraina Grootenboer	Eraina Grootenboer	Brittany Hooyer
Nursery Cleaning	Sara & Erin	Sara & Erin	Natasha & Janice
Nursery Caregivers	a.m. Eraina Grootenboer, Chris Kramer, Jamie Killoran	Martha Hooyer, Alison Pietens, Tristan Miller	Alisha Killoran, Brittany Hooyer, Natasha Kramer
	p.m. Megan Kramer, Pat Nywening	Laurie Hooyer, Sara VanderVliet	Brenda Goodreau, Audrey Poppe
Coffee Clean Up	Mike & Nicole Kramer, Brad & Rachel Goodreau	Doug & Wendy Goodreau, Joe & Eraina Grootenboer	Wayne & Martha Hooyer, Greg & Jen Devries
PowerPoint	Marg Bruinsma	Jen Devries	Natasha Kramer
Sound am/pm	Shawn Hooyer	Dan Hooyer	Brian Hooyer
Projection am/pm	Chris Kramer	Sharon Pishl	Tim Kramer
Librarian	Hedy Kramer	Hedy Kramer	Julia VanDerEnde
Sunday School	Preschool Erin Smids, Eraina Grootenboer	Erin Smids, Eraina Grootenboer	Jenn Pietens, Veroninka Killoran
	SK/Gr.1 Megan Kramer, Sydney Goodreau	Megan Kramer, Sydney Goodreau	Julia VanDerEnde, Emma Goodreau
	Gr. 2/3 Rita Vriesema	Rita Vriesema	Joe Grootenboer
Gr. 4/5	Jamie Killoran	Jamie Killoran	Kaylene Kramer

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Bulletin announcements:

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