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JESUS IN THE PRESENT TENSE

Easter Sunday

10:00am Worship Service

Worship Participants this week:

Preacher: Pastor Betsy DeVries Litanist: Pastor Amanda Bakale

GATHERING AND GREETING

Prelude	Instrumental
Welcome	
Call to Worship	Easter Proclamation
Song of Praise	"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"
God's Greeting	
Song	"See, What A Morning"
Offering Announcement	Ministries of Community Christian Reformed Church Resonate Global Mission
Easter Prayer of Adoration	
Song	"Low in the Grave He Lay"
Confession of Faith	The Apostles' Creed
Children's Psalm of Praise	

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

"I Am" Artwork	
Prayer for Illumination	
Scripture Reading	John 20: 11-18
Sermon	"Jesus in the Present Tense"
Prayer of Application	

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Song of Response	"Christ is Risen"
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The Institution

The Teaching

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Invitation

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Response of Praise:

“Lift Up Your Hearts Unto the Lord”

God’s Parting Blessing

Doxology

“To God Be the Glory”

This morning as we celebrate Easter we are reminded of the hope we have in Jesus because of His resurrection from the dead. What wonderful good news amid a world with little good news of late: *“Christ is Risen! He is Risen indeed!”*

Eastertide 2021 | The time between Easter and Pentecost is called “Eastertide” in the Christian calendar. This is a season where we have an extended celebration of Christ’s resurrection and where we explore the importance and effect of Easter for the redemption of all creation, and for joyful Christian living. In our worship during this season we will be exploring themes related to Easter. Everyone is invited to read Scripture passages from the Revised Common Lectionary throughout the week to help focus on these themes. Some of our sermon texts in this season will be drawn from the Lectionary readings. This week you are invited to read: Acts 4: 32-35; Psalm 133; 1 John 1: 2-2:2; John 20: 19-31.

As we gather for worship for the new months, we will continue with the procedures that have been for place for a while. If your Community is scheduled for worship on a particular Sunday, look for an email with the Eventbrite link to sign up on Monday or Tuesday. If there are extra spaces by Friday, a link will be sent to the entire congregation with the bulletin to fill the extra spaces available for the Sunday service to a maximum of 100 people.

Our schedule for sign-up continues as follows:

April 11	Communities	9,11,13,14
April 18	Communities	5,6,7,8
April 25	Communities	1,2,3,4

All attendees are required to wear a mask and maintain a 2-meter physical distancing both in the building and while outside.

Amendment to COVID Policy Regarding Indoor Worship | Per Ontario's reopening guidelines, we recognize that "individuals who live alone, including seniors, may consider having exclusive, close contact with another household." If this is your situation, you may choose to sit with this other household on Sunday morning in worship. Please make every effort to enter the church and be seated at the same time. This amendment to our policy only applies to individuals who live alone; all others will continue to be seated with those in the same household.

COMMUNITY CRC CHURCH FAMILY

(The bracketed numbers indicate the Community to which these individuals belong)

Pray for strength and endurance for **Denise, Mike, Jenny, and Nate** (11) - as Denise has been moved to a Hamilton hospital where she is waiting for an upcoming surgery.

Carita S (14) and **Stephen M** will be united in marriage in our church on April 17, 2021 at 2:00 pm. We pray that the Lord may grant them a beautiful and memorable day as they begin married life together!

THANKS to each of you for the many prayers, thoughts, calls, emails and cards sent wishing me well on my most recent Hip Replacement surgery. The surgery went well! Thanks and Praise to our faithful God and Father who brings about healing and renewal through a medical system that is filled with dedicated staff & professionals who are focussed on our complete healing & restoration.

Herman J (8)

Matters for Prayer |

- Continue to pray for Pastor Tom and Jodie B and the call process.
- Pray for the ongoing nominations process as people are sought to serve in leadership positions at Community CRC
- Pray for our sister-church, The Journey, as they continue to discern a way forward in their own search process.
- Pray for those dealing with cancer, its treatment and effects.
- Continue to pray for those in long-term care homes where there has been so much illness and loss. May the Lord comfort and strengthen **Sandra K (9)** and **Frederika V (11)** and their families during this difficult time.

- Pray for those experiencing financial strain, unemployment or underemployment, and the stress this creates.
- Pray for Dive into Doctrine and all the participants as small groups continue to meet. Pray for wisdom, kindness and for technology to work.
- Pray for **Anthony and Barbara P** with Daystar Ministries on Manitoulin Island, **Hank and Rosario S** volunteering in Guatemala, **Pastor Brian B** serving with Waterloo Campus Ministry and **Shannon C** serving as Chaplain at Forest Heights Long term care home.

STAFF NEWS

The Church Office will be closed on Easter Monday, April 5.

UPCOMING SERVICES

Apr 11	10 am	Rebecca Bokma Calvin Theological Seminary Student
Apr 18	10 am	Pastor Amanda Bakale
Apr 25	10 am	Pastor Betsy DeVries Baptism

Upcoming Baptism Sundays | Are you looking to be baptized or to have your child baptized? The next Baptism Sundays are scheduled for April 25 and May 23. If you are interested in one of these dates, please contact Pastor Amanda or Pastor Betsy.

OFFERING SCHEDULE

There are two offerings taken on a weekly basis at Community CRC. The first offering is for the Ministries of Community CRC and the second offering is for various causes that our church supports. For more details on how to donate

to the church, please see the Resources section on the last page of the bulletin.

Easter Sunday, our offering is for Resonate Global Mission. He is risen! And so are we! Jesus' death and resurrection give us new life—and not only the gift of eternal life, but a new life here, on earth, living for him. Our great God, creator of the universe, has a part for you to play in his plan. What a privilege! Wherever God has called you, Resonate Global Mission is here to walk with you. May you experience the leading of the risen Savior this Easter!"

For more information or a brief look at what Resonate Global Mission is involved with, please watch the following video. It includes brief highlights of Sara DeMoor, Campus Ministry at University of Guelph.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ahvmen1qlX0&t=1s>

Give to God's Mission and Double Your Impact!

Don't miss out on an opportunity to double your gift to God's mission! Your gift will be matched dollar for dollar when you give to our special campaign at www.resonateglobalmission.org/EasterGift.

Holidays like Easter are an important opportunity to reach people who may not otherwise come to church—you can help reach them through Resonate's ministry!

Next Week our offering is for World Renew | Refugee Sunday Refugee Sunday is a time to explore different ways to give—through your gifts or by considering sponsorship—and learn how you and your church can walk alongside a refugee family on their journey toward hope.

Extending Neighbourly Love | As we look forward to Refugee Sunday next week, join World Renew for a Live Devotional Experience on Wednesday, April 7 at 3PM EDT. You'll hear from World Renew's Church Engagement staff as they talk with Dena Nicolai and Lisa

Magliocco, Refugee Sponsorship and Resettlement Program Team staff, about the story of the Good Samaritan and how we can extend the love of Christ by welcoming our global neighbours. Connect with us on Zoom at bit.ly/refugeelivedevo or on Facebook LIVE at facebook.com/worldrenew/live

Upcoming Offerings:

- Apr 18 | FACE Fund (Financial Assistance for Christian Education)
- Apr 25 | GEMS (Girls Everywhere meeting their Saviour)

Offerings Received as at March 28, 2021:

March 28, 2021	\$	4,790
Year to Date	\$	158,464
Budgeted 2021 Total Contributions	\$	923,460
Second Offerings		
Shalem Mental Health Network		317
Laurentian Hills Christian School	\$	600
Benevolence Fund	\$	500
Woodland Christian High School	\$	500
World Renew	\$	500
Resonate Global Missions	\$	25
Ray of Hope	\$	25

COMMUNITY CRC NEWS

The Deacons will meet on Tuesday, April 6 at 7:30 via Zoom.

Knifty Knitters | Members of the Knifty Knitters and some friends have donated the following items to Faith's Orphans: 86 blankets; 58 sweaters; 107 dresses; 54 dolls plus a few miscellaneous items. Thanks to all for your contributions!

Annual spring church grounds cleanup | Calling able-bodied men and women! We need many hands and tools to help spruce up our flower beds, rake last year's leaves, clean up branches etc. Please contact Bernie D to indicate your willingness to help. The dates would be Saturday April 10 and 17 starting at 8:00 am till noon. Coffee and donuts supplied.

Ushers Needed | We need **one more usher** for Sunday morning worship. If you are interested in helping, please contact the church office.

Impact | Join us this Wednesday evening for a fireside chat at the church from **7:00 – 8:15 pm** Prior to attending, please follow the link for the COVID screening form that can be found in the Instagram bio as well as the weekly email sent to the parents.

Friday Night Dinner | Delivery Edition - April 9
Hey YA folks - while you can't meet in Pastor Amanda's house, we can still bring a delicious dinner to you! Brian is whipping up a batch of butter chicken (along with chana masala, naan, and dessert) and we're going to package it up and deliver it to your doorstep on Friday afternoon. There'll be an optional Zoom drop-in dinner time from 7-8pm, if you want to eat and chat with others. Email or message Pastor Amanda by **Wednesday, April 7** to place your order and share your address!

Looking to return church library material?
Books can be returned on Sundays to the blue bin on the information desk, or throughout the week to the church office. The church library will remain closed on Sundays.

DENOMINATIONAL NEWS

Groundwork: It Is Finished | It's easy to assume that when Jesus declares "It is finished," he means his suffering is finished. Join our Groundwork conversation on John 19:28-30 as

we discuss why this is really a cry of accomplishment; his work done, he is victorious, and the triumph we proclaim at Easter is just the beginning. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

The Unbelievable Gift | Happy Easter! Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. We have eternal life through Jesus! This is the unbelievable gift God gave us. Are we excited to tell people about this gift? Listen now at kidscorner.net and subscribe to KC's weekly emails for all the new content.

At-Home Faith Formation Tip | The Practice of Celebrating: Today we celebrate an event that changed everything: the resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! As you celebrate Easter with family and friends, read 1 Peter 1:3-9 together, and invite people of all ages around your table to share how you experience the "living hope" that Jesus' life, death, and resurrection offers. And in this pandemic year, express your gratitude for the way God's love has carried us through these very difficult times. (For more on faith practices from Faith Formation Ministries, visit crcna.org/FaithFormation/Practices.)

Livestreamed Organ Concert | Calvin University Organ Instructor Rhonda Sider Edgington will be playing an organ concert livestreamed from the University Chapel on Friday, April 9 at 7:30pm. This concert will be a celebration of the music of American composer and organist Margaret Sandresky, born 100 years ago, on April 27, 1921. From hymn settings to variations sets to her Five Sacred Dances, Sandresky's works will show off the many colors of the Dobson pipe organ in Calvin's chapel, and introduce listeners to an original American voice (who is still active and composing at 100 years

of age!). Join the livestream at vimeo.com/event/684136

Canada-Wide Online Women's Retreat - April 16 & 17, 2021. | Ladies, you're invited to a weekend retreat from the comfort of your home. Many of us have struggled in this year of living through a pandemic. Our theme is Blessed is the one whose Hope is in the Lord. - Jer. 17:7-8 Join us for a weekend of three keynote sessions, and a great variety of breakouts! Register this week to be sure to get your Retreat Gift Box in the mail in time. Or feel free to register without the gift box option. To register and find all the details, go to www.inspirationalwomen.ca. Sponsored by Global Coffee Break and Resonate Global Mission.

MISCELLANEOUS

Accommodations Needed | Greg L is looking to rent an apartment/room in the area. If you have one or information about one, please send details about cost, availability and amenities (e.g., parking, furnishings, etc.) to the email in the emailed copy of the bulletin. Thanks!

Laurentian Hills Christian School's Online Spring Auction Catalogue is finally ready to preview! Please register at: www.lhcs.net/auction and browse the catalogue and get ready to start bidding on April 10th at 12:00pm. Please share the news with your friends, families and co-workers.

RESOURCES

Instructions for giving to Community CRC | The following donation methods are in place:

1. PAR (Pre-Authorized Remittance) – monthly pre-authorized payment. Fill out form, along with a blank void cheque by email to treasurer@ccrc.on.ca
2. You can mail your donations to the Church. Please do NOT mail cash. The mailbox is checked regularly.
3. You can drop off your donation in our drop-off mailslot located on the outside of the kitchen door at the church. This is a secured locked box that safely receives your envelope within the building. No cash, please
4. you can now donate using the Bridge App (or this link):

<https://crc.etadvance.com/churches/community-crc-kitchener/donate>

You can self-direct your donations using your credit card (note there is a 3% admin fee taken by the processing company) or direct to your bank account (no admin fee). At this time, we offer opportunity to donate to the Church Budget, our Capital Fund, or the work of the Deacons locally (benevolence).

Note: if you use the link, the only payment option is credit card. The Bank account option is only available through the Bridge App.

If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Wassink, Treasurer at treasurer@ccrc.on.ca; 519-696-3917 (home phone).



CAP, or Congregational Assistance Plan, is a way for our CCRC to make counselling services available for everyone in the church. From time to time all of us are faced with difficulties. Usually, we are able to resolve them. But there come times when our usual ways of coping no longer seem to work. This is especially true in this stressful time of lockdown and pandemic that we find ourselves in. If this is happening to you, CAP offers professional Christian counselling support to you as an individual, as couples, and as families.

Through the Shalem Mental Health Network, CCRC is able to offer a solution-focused counselling model of up to 6 free sessions in a year. A professional Christian counsellor will help you to develop a strategy to cope with and resolve a variety of issues, including marriage difficulties, adolescent and children's issues, bereavement, stress, trauma, depression, anxiety, addiction, abuse and others.

What's the First Step?

To use CAP, you do not need to be referred by your doctor, pastor or elder. Simply call Shalem's CAP number **(1-866-347-0041)** and mention that you are a member of CCRC. An intake staff will ask you a few questions to determine the issue about which you are seeking counselling and to note any specific requests, such as wanting a male or female counsellor, evening appointment times, etc. You will then be contacted by the appropriate CAP counsellor, who will set up your first appointment with you.

More Questions? Go to ccrc.on.ca and follow the links to CAP or talk to Pastor Amanda.