

Church at Home

Second Sunday after Pentecost | June 14, 2020

In response to the COVID-19 outbreak, we have suspended our regular Sunday worship services and are encouraging people to worship together in their homes. This resource is intended to be flexible and adaptable for a variety of settings, depending on the gifts and resources available. It is structured after our regular worship service, but you may do what works for your context. Some sections have recommendations for worshipping in families with small children.

At 10AM on Sunday, a short service, including the sermon, the prayers of the people, and the celebration of the Lord's Supper, will be available to livestream on the church website (ccrc.on.ca). The service will remain on the website for viewing after the service is completed.

Gathering & Greeting

<p>Call to Worship <i>(Psalm 121)</i></p> <p>I lift up my eyes to the hills— where does my help come from?</p> <p>My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.</p> <p>Let us worship our God and King!</p>	<p><i>*For families with small children*</i></p> <p>We come to worship God today, because he has invited us to worship him.</p> <p>He promises to love us and be with us always.</p> <p>Let's sing to God!</p> <p><i>Families may light a candle as they begin Sunday worship as a visual reminder that worship is a special time when we rest in God's presence in a special way.</i></p>
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Song Suggestions:

Depending on your context and gifts, you may want to sing along with songs on YouTube, have someone lead with piano and guitar, or sing together acapella. Feel free to break open the songbook or hymnal and sing your family's favourites, or pick a few from these suggestions (check the [Church at Home page](#) for a YouTube playlist).

Across the Lands
Because of Your Love
Mighty to Save

Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me
May the Mind of Christ My Saviour
O Come to the Altar

Confession & Assurance

Read Genesis 18:1-15.

Prayer of Confession:

**Triune God,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
you are a God who keeps your promises,
promises so amazing
they make us laugh.**

**Yet in these strange times
of upheaval and change,
as we wait, we grow faint.
As we wait for the fulfillment of your promises,
we wrestle with sadness, doubt, and fear.**

Lord, have mercy on us.

**Remind us again
of the certainty of your faithfulness.
Fill us with the joy
of your salvation.
Restore us to the hope
of your glory.**

**Come quickly, Lord Jesus,
and bring peace to your troubled world.**

Amen.

The prayer of confession may be followed by a time of silence, if desired.

Assurance of Pardon:

Read Romans 5:1-8.

Hear the good news: Our Lord, Jesus Christ, grants us access to the grace of God by faith. In his name, all of our sins are paid, and even our suffering is transformed to his glory. Our hope in him will never put us to shame! **Thanks be to God!**

For families with small children

Read the story of God's promises to Abraham from a children's Bible or a simplified translation (like the New International Reader's Version) and talk with your children about how God calls us to live in special relationship with him.

Prayer:

**Dear God, thank you for your promise
to be our God.**

Thank you for making us your people.

**We're sorry for when we don't act
like your people.**

**We can be rude and mean and selfish.
Please forgive us.**

**Help us to remember that you love us,
even when we make mistakes.**

**Help us to love other people
as much as you love us.**

Amen.

Families may talk about how baptism reminds us that God is making us a new people. From all the nations of the world, God calls people to be born again in baptism, becoming a new people, the people of God.

Hearing the Word

Scripture Reading: Matthew 9:35-10:8

Song of Preparation: Speak O Lord

The sermon video will be available on the church website under "Sermons" and on the Church at Home webpage.

If households prefer not to watch a sermon video, read the passage together from your preferred translation or a children's Bible. A sermon manuscript can also be found on the Church at Home webpage if people prefer to read the sermon.

This week's service will also include the celebration of the Lord's Supper.

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Shameless plug for a great resource



Check out Kids Corner from ReFrame Media, the English language ministry of Back to God Ministries, International. Kids Corner has audio adventures, Bible stories, and faith-forming activities for young children and families. Check it out at <https://kidscorner.reframedia.com>.



The Story of Pentecost

What was it like the day that the Holy Spirit came? God



The Story of Paul's Conversion



The Story of Dorcas

Have you ever met anyone that reminded you of Jesus? Come

Responding to God's Word

Song of Response: Will You Come and Follow Me

Prayers of the People:

Prayers of the People will also be included in the livestream service

<p>Given the reality that all of us are encouraged to stay at home, reflect together on what you “see” happening in this time. How has your perspective on this changed over the week? This can be a great time for parents to check-in with their kids, and to be honest with their kids about their own struggles and fears. Take a pulse of how each other are doing. What has been joy-filled about this past week? What has been challenging?</p> <p>Invite everyone to share what they would like to lift up to God, their joys and sorrows, hopes and fears.</p> <p>Review the “Church Family News” section of the bulletin on the church website.</p> <p>Close with the Lord’s Prayer.</p>	<p><i>*For families with small children*</i></p> <p><i>Memorizing the Lord’s Prayer is a great way to equip your children with important worship language. If you’ve already memorized the Lord’s Prayer, start memorizing a Psalm together.</i></p> <p><i>Try “stick prayers.” Use tongue depressors or strips of construction paper to write names of people, groups of people, or parts of the world your children want to pray for (ex: grandparents, neighbours, doctors and nurses, teachers, friends, China, Italy, etc.). Then use the sticks throughout the week for prayer time before bed—pick two or three to pray for each night.</i></p>
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Offering

If you desire to give financially in this time, please check the bulletin for the most up-to-date options for giving.

Today’s second offering is for Woodland Christian High School. WCHS equips students for lives of Christian faith and service. Our students are prepared for degree programs at university and college, diploma programs at college, Bible school, and apprenticeships in the trades. Our students and families represent 14+ different Christian denominations and come from 12 area elementary schools plus public or catholic schools or homeschools. Contribute online at <https://www.woodland.on.ca>, and check out a video on our [Church at Home page](#).

Blessing

May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. May the Lord smile upon you, and give you peace.

Amen.

Close by singing the Doxology or an appropriate song.