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Sunday, August 18, 2019



A CONGREGATION CALLED BY GOD

TRANSFORMING AND

BEING TRANSFORMED

"A warm welcome to guests"

Jacob London
Interim Pastor

The Entire Congregation
Ministers

Worship Celebrations:
Sunday 10:30 am

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WE APPROACH GOD

Prelude - Leo Cnossen

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP - *Psalm 96:1-6*

L: Oh sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth!
Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvellous works among all the peoples!
For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; he is to be feared above all gods. For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols, but the Lord made the heavens. Splendour and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

SILENT CONFESSION

*SONGS OF APPROACH

#225 - Come, Christians, Join to Sing

ASSURANCE OF SALVATION (*Psalm 103:8-12*)

L: The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

P: He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.

L: For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

CONFESSION OF FAITH - Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 66

Q66: What are sacraments?

A66: Sacraments are holy signs and seals for us to see. They were instituted by God so that by our use of them he might make us understand more clearly the promise of the gospel, and might put his seal on that promise. And

this is God's gospel promise: to forgive our sins and give us eternal life by grace alone, because of Christ's one sacrifice finished on the cross.

SONG OF PRAISE

#562 - Be Thou My Vision

OPENING PRAYER - PRAYING FOR OTHERS - LORD'S PRAYER - OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERING

#815 - Doxology

***SONG**

#567 - Nearer, Still Nearer (*based on Psalm 73*)

TO HEAR HIS WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

SCRIPTURE - Psalm 73

Pat Pluister

SERMON - "To Be Near Unto God" - Jacob London

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD

AND RESPOND TO HIS WORD

MEMBERSHIP SERVICE

***THE APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy worldwide Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

COMMUNION SERVICE

- Meaning of the Sacrament

L: Our Saviour Jesus Christ has ordained and instituted this Holy Supper to nourish and sustain those who are born again and grafted into his family: his church. Christ has instituted an earthly and visible bread as the sacrament of his body and wine as the sacrament of his blood.

P: Just as truly as we take and hold the sacraments in our hands and eat and drink them in our mouths, by which our life is then sustained, so truly we receive into our souls, for our spiritual life, the true body and true blood of Christ, our only Saviour. We receive these by faith, which is the hand and mouth of our souls.

L: This banquet is a spiritual table at which Christ communicates himself to us with all his benefits.

P: By the use of this holy sacrament we are moved to a fervent love of God and our neighbors.

—from Belgic Confession, Art. 35

- Invitation

- Communion Prayer:

L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

P: We lift them up to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

P: It is right for us to give thanks and praise.

L: Father of mercy and God of all comfort....

....give you all thanks, praise, and glory for ever and ever.

P: Amen.

- Communion

Thanksgiving Prayer:

L: Now to him who by the power at work within us...
We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Lord.

P: **Amen.**

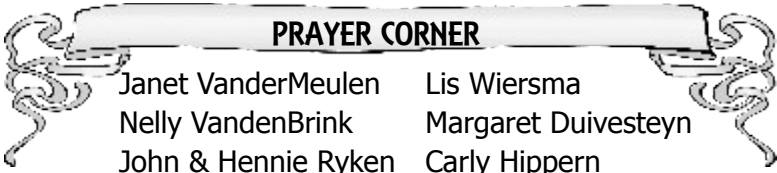
***BENEDICTION**

***CLOSING SONG**

#101 - All People That on Earth Do Dwell (verses 1, 4)

** Indicates where congregation is to stand, if able.*

Please join us downstairs after the service for refreshments and fellowship.



Janet VanderMeulen	Lis Wiersma
Nelly VandenBrink	Margaret Duivesteyn
John & Hennie Ryken	Carly Hippern
Allan Blake	Joanne Reinsma
Zach Bonura	John & Pat Pluister

PRAYING FOR ONE ANOTHER

Ephesians 6:18 (NIV) And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.

**Marinus Rensink
Gordon & Judy Ross
John & Hennie Ryken**

ERC THIS WEEK

Sun 18th Sunday School 9:30 am
Worship Service 10:30 am
Communion
Library Open After Service

Mon 19th
Tues 20th

Wed 21st Prayer Meeting 6:00 pm
Bible Study 7:00 pm

Thu 22nd
Fri 23rd
Sat 24th

Sun 25th Sunday School 9:30 am
Worship Service 10:30 am
Missions Offering

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

CONGRATULATIONS AND GOD'S BLESSINGS to **Samantha Groeneveld** (birthday Tuesday), **Jacob London** (birthday Wednesday), and **Wilma Verhoog** (birthday Friday)!

FUN FAIR: Thank you to the RCW for contributing items for the silent auction! At this point we have (or have plans for) all 5 items we are requested to supply. Be sure to mark your calendar for September 21st, and try to make it to the fair if you can!

Dear Friends at Emmanuel: After 10 difficult months of hurting and waiting for appointments we finally found the best medications. Cards filled with wonderful words of love and encouragement. Many gifts, and yes, oh those flowers, visits and calls.

There seemed to be problems with the food. It never lasted long enough!

To all of you, please accept our warm thanks for all of the above, but most of all for your prayers and friendship. God bless us all. Ken and Joanne.

MISSIONS OFFERING: Next week will be our next special offering for missions.

CYCLE OR WALK FOR GATE 3:16: A team for ERC has been set up for Ride for Refuge, to benefit Gate 3:16. We'll be walking and riding on Saturday, October 5th. Want to join our team? Go to rideforrefuge.org, search for Emmanuel Reformed Church, and on the team page, click "Join the Team." Want to contribute? You can do so online at the page above by clicking on "Donate", or put your donation into the church offering - write "Bike Ride" on the envelope. Thanks for supporting the Gate!

Wilma Verhoog is having a birthday! Come and celebrate with Wilma on Friday, August 23 from 11:00-3:00. Come early, come later-- lunch will be served at 12:30. If you plan to attend, please call/text daughter Rita @ 905-904-2100 or email at rita.verhoog@ddsb.ca. The party will be celebrated at daughter Rita's home @ 80 Victoria Corners Rd., Sunderland. Hope to see you there!

PRAYER REQUEST: Please join us in prayer for the Vision 2020 team in regards to their upcoming decision at the 2020 Synod. Consider the words, "that they may be one, even as we are one" (John 17:11). Join us in praying fervently for oneness in Christ. For more information on Vision 2020, please visit <https://www.rca.org/news/delegates-approval-formation-vision-group-discern-rcas-future>

Vision 2020 team:

Charles Contreras	Brian Keepers	Rudy Rubio
Diane Faubion	Kristen Livingston	Marijika Strong
Barbara Felker	John Messer	Scott Treadway
Tom Goodheart	Christa Mooi	Imos Wu

Consultants: Jim Herrington & Trisha Taylor

Welcome Greeters

August 18 Herman & Susan Duivesteyn

August 25 Kevin & Tricia Groeneveld

September 1 Kryn & Anne Duivesteyn

September 8 Leo Cossen & Marinus Rensink

Scripture Readers

August 18 Pat Pluister

August 25 Zach Bonura

September 1 Susan Duivesteyn

September 8 Jacob London

Coffee Fellowship

(An extended list may be found at ercwhitby.com/announcements)

August 18 Michael & Marion Fulcher with Trudy Van Staveren

August 25 Kryn & Anne Duivesteyn with Elizabeth Raaphorst

Sept 1 Herman & Susan Duivesteyn with Tony Duivesteyn

Sept 8 Sheldon & Sofie Huitema with Nelly VandenBrink

Nursery Helpers

August 18 Trudy & Ann Van Staveren

August 25 Joanne Verhoog & Alie Verhoog

September 1 Cathy & Garry Warren

September 8 John & Siska DeJong

Service Projection

August 18, 25 Tricia Groeneveld

Sept 1 Paul Hippern

We thank everyone who takes the time to share God's love by assisting at the church. If you're unable to meet your commitment, please arrange for somebody to take your place and inform the list manager and the office as soon as possible.