

FELLOWSHIP CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH
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Welcome to Fellowship Church as God's people gather. Today we are beginning a series for Lent, the church season in which we prepare for Good Friday and Easter. Traditionally it is a season for people to contemplate what Jesus did for us in his suffering and dying. At Fellowship this year we are using the theme of Living Water for our series, and each week we will take a scripture passage that in which God teaches us something about ourselves through the image of water. God declares himself to be living water. Are we the kind of containers that can hold this living water that God pours out? In the book of Jeremiah, God comes with an accusation against his people that they have forsaken him, the living water. If that is true of us, we must repent.

LENT SUNDAY WORSHIP - 10:00 A.M.
WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Welcome

Please rise in body or spirit...

Songs of Praise: **"Shout to the Lord" LU 603; "The River Is Here"**

Call to Worship

Song Medley: **"I Could Sing of Your Love Forever" and "Forever"**

Opening Prayer & Greeting

Communal Profession - Apostle's Creed

Please be seated...

Children's Time *(Children up through Gr. 6 are invited forward
and will leave for Sunday school after the offering.*

WE OFFER GIFTS AND PRAYERS

Offerings: 1. Church Fund (white envelope)

2. World Renew- Canadian Foodgrains Bank – Loaves and Fishes (yellow envelope)

Prayers of the People and Prayer for Illumination

Song interspersed with the prayer: **"Open the Eyes of Our Hearts"**

GOD SPEAKS & WE RESPOND

Message: "Living Water: We Need Water"

Scripture: Jeremiah 2: 9, 11, 13 (page 747); Joel 2: 12, 13 (page 901)

WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD

Call to Confession

Song: **"I Need You Every Hour" LU 322**

Please rise...

Song of Response: **"Like a River Glorious" LU 699**

WE LEAVE TO LOVE AND SERVE GOD

Blessing

Closing Song: **"Take My Life and Let It Be" LU 863 v. 1, 3, 5**

Easter Weekend Services
Good Friday Service, Friday, March 30, 7:00 p.m. (Communion)
Easter Sunrise Community Service – Sunday, April 1, 6:59 a.m. Centennial Hill

Sunday Mornings

OFFERINGS Today:	1. Church Fund (white env.)
	2. World Renew- Canadian Foodgrains Bank – Loaves and Fishes
March 11	2. Refugee Fund
March 18	2. Denominational Ministry Shares

March 4 – World Renew: Canadian Foodgrains Bank (CFGB) via Loaves & Fishes Growing Project of S. Simcoe County (L&F)

Today's second collection is for CFGB. CFGB is a partnership of Canadian churches and church-based agencies working in developing countries by increasing the involvement of Canadians in supporting partnerships and activities to reduce hunger on an immediate and sustainable basis. Our offering goes to the L&F project which uses it to grow crops. People donate money, farmers donate land and labour, and businesses help with the inputs. Net proceeds from the crops are sent to CFGB. For every dollar donated to L&F, we produce about \$2 profit from crops. When transferred to CFGB with matching government funding (4:1 ratio), this multiplies to a total of \$10. In 2017, L&F sent \$127,500 to CFGB – and this is before the matching funding is counted! For more information, please contact Dorothy Valk.

Calendar of Our Upcoming Events

COFFEE BREAK: This coming Wednesday we will be studying Lesson 7 of our Ephesians book. Please join us at 9:30 a.m. for coffee and snacks and most importantly studying God's Word. All ladies are invited to join us.

Council & Committee News

FROM THE MINISTRY DIRECTOR: *Lent* is a traditional time of preparation for Easter, privately and as a confessing church. Some of the ways we can prepare together for Easter include:

- **In Worship:** Today we begin our teaching and worship series for Lent, focussing all this month on "Living Waters"
- **In Prayer:** Every Tuesday at 10 a.m. we will gather at the church to intercede for the neighbourhood. Can you come?
- **In Sharing:** Invitations are going out to the neighbours for our Easter service. Is there someone you can invite?
- **In Service:** On the afternoon of Tuesday, March 27th, at 1 p.m. we're planning a workday to get the building ready for Easter. Can you help?

Prayerfully consider how God is prompting you to respond as we journey toward Easter together.

Community Events

COMBINED PALM PASSION EVENING SERVICE: On March 25, several Christian Reformed congregations and ministries will gather for a combined Palm-Passion Sunday evening service. The gathering will take place at 1st CRC in Toronto (67 Taunton Road). It will begin with refreshments and fellowship at 5 PM, and the service will begin at 6 PM. The theme will be: "Joy in God Empowering Justice for All," and it will culminate in a beautiful sharing of the Lord's Supper together. This will be our fourth annual combined service, and everyone is welcome. You will feel glad you participated.

HAMILTON PLACE CONCERT – March 31, 2018, Hosanna Choir & Mattaniah Christian Male Choir.

Tickets are now available for the annual combined concert at FirstOntario Concert Hall (formerly called Hamilton Place) on Saturday, March 31 at 7:30pm. Tickets can be obtained through a choir member, or email at hdenhollander@yahoo.com or online at www.hosanna-choir.org

TRAINING EVENT ON MINISTRY AND AGING- Early Bird Rate Ends Soon - You have just a few more days to get the early bird registration rate for "Aging: Challenges and Opportunities", a training event on Saturday, April 21, at Maranatha CRC, Woodstock ON. Sponsored by Disability Concerns, this event will help pastors, elders, deacons, disability advocates, and people in their third third and their loved ones minister within and embrace the life God gives us as we age. For more information and to register, see www.disabilityconference.org.

"TRUTH & RECONCILIATION" You are invited to join the 50+ group at St. Philip's Lutheran Church on **Thursday, March 8th @ 12:00 pm** A stew lunch will be provided. A freewill offering will be taken to cover the cost of food. Please confirm your attendance by emailing stphilip@bellnet.ca by March 5th. You may wish to only attend the speaker portion of the event which will start @ 1:00 pm. No confirmation required if so. All are welcome. 61 West Deane Park Drive, Etobicoke (near Rathburn and The East Mall)

Guest and Member Information

ALLERGIES: Some of our members are highly allergic to peanuts and tree nuts, e.g. cashews, almonds, hazelnuts, pecans, etc. **Please don't bring peanuts, tree nuts or anything containing these items to the church. Thank you.** (For the benefit and peace of mind of those with allergies or food sensitivities please label any homemade item you bring to church.)

ANY CONCERNS WITH THE CHURCH BUILDING: Contact any member of the Committee of Administration.

CHILDREN: Kids Bulletins are available. Nursery is provided.

CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES: for guests (or members who may have forgotten theirs) are available at the entrance beside the guest book.

HEARING ASSIST DEVICES are available. They are located on the shelf in the church office.

IF YOU ARE AWAY FROM CHURCH due to illness, vacation, etc. and you wish to have the bulletin emailed to you, please advise the Ministry Coordinator.

MINISTRY COORDINATOR is in the office **on Tuesdays & Thursdays** from 9a.m. to noon p.m. **The bulletin deadline is noon on Thursday.** Church email: rehofellowcrc@bellnet.ca. **OR 416-622-9647.**

Miscellanea

"FOCUS ON THE CROSS" WITH TODAY - Lent is a season to focus on the hope we have in Jesus Christ. Receive a free Today devotional series to help you refresh, refocus, and renew your faith during Lent. Subscribe at todaydevotional.com/lent.

JOHN KNOX CHRISTIAN SCHOOL, BRAMPTON If you or someone you know is interested in sending their children to John Knox Christian School please call Christine at the school 905-451-3236 ext 129 or go online to learn more about setting up an Educational Success Consultation and the possibilities available for your child at John Knox. For your convenience, we also offer Walk-In Wednesdays every

week from 9:00am-12:00pm – no appointment needed. Sign up before April 1 to qualify for our Early Bird discount!

Have a preschooler who is ready for school? Check the school's website for the dates of our FREE Ready! Set! School! program for children ages 3-5. www.bramptonjkcs.org

LIGHTHOUSE NEEDS: We are always in need of egg cartons and plastic bags to pack fresh foods for our food bank clients. It is a fun and easy way to help out our neighbours in need. Drop off your egg cartons and plastic bags today!

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