

FELLOWSHIP CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH
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March 11, 2018

Welcome to Fellowship Church. Today we are continuing our series on "Living Water" during the church season of Lent. Traditionally Lent is a time during which Christians examine themselves at the same time as they ponder what Jesus did for the world. We are using the image of water and thirst as a metaphor for seeking God. Today we look at a thirsty Jesus and a thirsty woman who meet together at a well. We will use this story to ponder how thirsty we really are for the things of God.

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

Welcome

Please stand as you are able...

Songs of Praise: **"Come, All You People" LU 496; "The River"**

Call to Worship (inspired by Psalm 42 and Psalm 43)

Songs of Praise: **"Jesus Shall Reign"; "All Who Are Thirsty"**

Opening Prayer/Prayer of Invocation

God's Greeting

Song: **"To The River"**

Please be seated...

WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (1 Kings 19, Psalm 42, Galatians 3)

Words of Assurance (Psalm 42, Galatians 3)

Please rise in body or spirit...

Song of Thanksgiving: **"Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"** (Tune: Come Thou Fount)

Please be seated...

Children's Talk (*They leave for Sunday school.*)

WE OFFER GIFTS AND PRAYERS

Offerings: 1. Church Fund (white envelope) 2. Refugee Fund (yellow envelope)

Offering Accompaniment: "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

Prayers of the People & Prayer for Illumination

GOD SPEAKS & WE RESPOND

Scripture: John 4:4-26 (pages 1052-1053)

Message: Living Water: Come Thirsty!

Prayer of Application

Please rise...

Song of Response: **"What the Lord Has Done In Me" LU 800**

WE LEAVE TO LOVE AND SERVE GOD

Blessing

Closing Song: "Go My Children, with My Blessing" LU 946 vs. 1, 3

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.	Refugee Fund (yellow env.)
	March 18	2.	Denominational Ministry Shares
	March 25	2.	St. James Food Basket

March 11 – Refugee Fund

Today's second collection will go to support our Fellowship's CRC's Refugee Fund.

Imagine being forced to flee your country in order to escape to safety. If you were lucky you had time to pack a bag. If not, you simply dropped everything and ran. Refugees are people fleeing conflict or persecution. Life as a refugee can be difficult to imagine. But, for nearly 20 million people around the world, it is a terrifying reality. In 2018 Fellowship CRC will continue to sponsor refugees in conjunction with other CRC's in the greater Toronto area.

March 18 – Denominational Shares – Calvin Theological Seminary

Next week's second collection will support Denominational Shares. In 2018 Fellowship CRC will have 10 collections in support of Denominational Shares including Calvin Theological Seminary. Since 1876, Calvin Theological Seminary has faithfully prepared leaders who nurture disciples and serve the church. Today, graduates of Calvin Seminary can expect to be ready for effective ministry in a rapidly-changing, multicultural world. Calvin Theological Seminary is a learning community in the Reformed Christian tradition that forms church leaders who cultivate communities of disciples of Jesus Christ. For more information go to www.calvinseminary.edu

Calendar of Our Upcoming Events

COFFEE BREAK: will NOT meet this week due to March Break.

SEARCH COMMITTEE will meet tomorrow, Monday, March 12, at 7 pm at the church.

WORSHIP COMMITTEE will meet on Wednesday, **March 21st**, at 7p.m. at Irene's. Please note the new date.

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:** Our teaching and worship series for Lent is 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.

Here at Fellowship we rightly speak a lot about our care for God's creation. Earth Day gives us an opportunity to get out into our neighbourhood and put this creation care into practice. On Sunday, April 22, from noon to 2pm, we will be cleaning nearby Bloordale Park, starting at Burnhamthorpe Road and heading south along the creek. This is registered with the City of Toronto as an official Earth Day Community Cleanup. We will be inviting our neighbours to join us. Please put this in your calendars; further information will be provided as we approach the date.

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 online at www.hosanna-choir.org

THE LIGHTHOUSE celebrates 50 years in 2018. On Sunday April 22, 2018, at 6:30p.m. the Lighthouse will host a celebration service at First CRC in Toronto (67 Taunton Road). You are invited to come and celebrate with The Lighthouse its first 50 years. There will be a time for reflection and sharing as well as a time of giving thanks and praise. For more information, please contact Rob at 416-535-6262 | 416-802-5943 or rob@lighthousecentre.ca

TRAINING EVENT ON MINISTRY AND AGING- "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.

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

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!

www.crcna.org/Canada - The website for the Christian Reformed Church Ministry in Canada. If you want to understand and be resourced for ministry in Canada, check out www.crcna.org/Canada. Join The Network (www.crcna.org/Network) to find blogs, discussion topics, ministry Q&A, church jobs, and much more!?

Our Vision

***We are a fellowship rooted in Biblical faith.
We share the love of Jesus Christ,
Reaching out to one another
And to the communities in which God has placed us.***