

***“Within these walls let no-one be a stranger”***

August 14<sup>th</sup>



***‘The Cloud of witnesses’*** by Richard Stokoe

**Preparation:**

*Prayer outside Deaconry room, 10.00 – 10.20 am*

*Prelude*

*Summer Idyl, Edwin Crusha*

**Welcome and announcements**

### **Call to Worship and Approach to God**

O God you summon the earth to dawn,  
you teach the morning to waken the earth.

**Great is your name, great is your love.**

For you the valleys shall sing for joy,  
the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

**Great is your name, great is your love.**

For you the monarchs of the earth shall bow,  
the poor and the persecuted shall shout for joy.

**Great is your name, great is your love.**

O God, open our lips,

**And our mouths shall proclaim your praise.**

**Hymn 119**

*O God, thou art the Father*



**English Reformed  
Church Amsterdam**

A congregation of the Church of Scotland and  
the Protestant Church of The Netherlands (PKN)

Prayer, ending with the Lord's Prayer

*(but please say this in whichever language or version you prefer.)*

Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name.

Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,

for thine is the Kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

## The Word of God

### Children's address

**First Lesson:** Judges 11: 29-40 (Old Testament, p.237)

**Hymn 517**

*Fight the good fight*

**Second Lesson:** Hebrews 11:29 – 12:2 (New Testament, p.223)

**Music in worship**

*My Heart Ever Faithful, J.S.Bach*  
*Persephone Abbott, soprano*

**Hymn 743**

*Behold what witnesses unseen*

### Sermon

*Pause for Reflection, followed by (remain seated):*

## Response to God's Word

**Hymn 560**

*Jesus, the very thought of thee*

### Prayers of Intercession

**Offering**

*Ave Maria, arr. Paolo Maria Rodriguez*

**Dedication, including Hymn 808, followed by:**

Generous God,

you give us so much

and you enrich our lives with grace.

**In gratitude we offer you our gifts;**

**in faith we offer you our lives,**

**in love we offer you our service,**

**through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Hymn 179** (*Tune: Darwall's 148<sup>th</sup>*)

*Ye holy angels bright*

### The Blessing (*Sung Amen*)



**Postlude**

*Verses from the Te Deum, Anonymous*

*The congregation is asked to remain in place until the ministers have left the Church.*

*Please turn off your mobile phones during the service.*

# A very warm WELCOME to all worshipping with us.

Refreshments are served in the church after the service. Please join us.

*Our service today is shared between our minister, Revd Dr Lance Stone, and Revd John Bell of the Iona Community, who is preaching. The reader is Peggy Krol; Consistory members on duty are Thijs Glasz & Seppo Stout.*

*Thanks to Richard Stokoe for the illustration on today's service sheet.*

## Notices

- **Visitors** are invited to sign the Visitors' Book after the service.
  - **Children's Ministry** There is a crèche for children under four years old, please ask at the door for more information. Sunday School does not meet this month.
  - **Prayer:** Someone is available after the service in the chancel (behind the Communion table) for **anyone wishing to be prayed with.**
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- **Rwanda Testimony:** Joss Umuganwa is offering to share her remarkable testimony, of how her life was spared during the genocide in Rwanda in 1994, after the service today at 1 pm. This will include a short television documentary filmed at our church, and some songs.
  - Receive news about our **services, concerts and church life** by signing up to our weekly e-newsletter on the homepage of [www.ercadam.nl](http://www.ercadam.nl).
  - **Midweek Fellowship** is taking a break during August.
  - Copies of the latest Mulanje Mission Hospital Newsletter **are available at the entrance to the church and on the notice board.**
  - Starting in September the monthly family service will be a **family Communion service** the first Sunday of the month in which all baptised people will be invited to share, including children (at their parents' discretion). For those who want to consider the sharing of children in Communion Pastor Lance has produced a small pamphlet, copies of which are available in the vestibule of the church.
  - **Cooking at De Kloof!** De Kloof is a shelter for homeless people in the centre of Amsterdam. Our church is committed to cooking lunch at the shelter every second Monday of the month. If you are interested in helping, or would like to know more about this project, please contact Gillian Walker at [dekloof@ercadam.nl](mailto:dekloof@ercadam.nl)
  - We have a weekly collection of **non-perishable food and household goods** for distribution to those who are in need locally. These can be left in a box in the vestibule of the church before the service. It's a good way to help your neighbour!
  - This liturgy sheet is also available in **large print**, available in the vestibule.

## Bible Readings for the Coming Weeks

The following are Bible readings for the coming weeks' services. These follow the Revised Common Lectionary, a programme of readings followed by churches all over the world. We normally use two of these passages in our services, sometimes quoting the Psalm in our Call to Worship at the start of the service.

You might like to follow these readings during the week as a Bible Reading discipline, especially the passage in **bold type** which we will be focusing on in our service.

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Aug 21<sup>st</sup> : Jeremiah 1:4-10; Psalm 71:1-6; **Hebrews 12:18-29**; Luke 13:10-17  
 Aug 28<sup>th</sup>: Jeremiah 2:4-13; Psalm 81:10-16; Luke 14:1,7-14; **Hebrew 13:1-8, 15-16.**

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Founded in 1607 to serve the English speaking population of Amsterdam, we welcome worshippers from all over the world. Within the Reformed Tradition, we are part of the Church of Scotland (Presbyterian) and the Protestant Church of the Netherlands. Our congregation relies on support through the gifts of time, talent and finance. We aim to be financially self-supporting and generous in outreach and mission.

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English Reformed Church NL44 ABNA 0547 6235 50

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I would like information about:     Church Membership     Baptisms     Concerts  
 Sunday School or Crèche     Weddings     Funerals     20s30s Group  
 Church Magazine *The Record*     Mulanje Mission Hospital ([www.mmh.mw](http://www.mmh.mw))

I would like the Minister to contact me:                           Please note my change of address:

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Address: .....

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