

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

August 28th 2016



‘Mutual Love’ by Richard Stokoe

Preparation: *Silent prayer beside the pulpit, 10.00 – 10.20 am*
Prelude *Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring, J.S. Bach*

Call to Worship and Approach to God

Praise the LORD!

**I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.**

Great are the works of the LORD,
studied by all who delight in them.

Full of honour and majesty is his work,
and his righteousness endures forever.

Psalm 111:1-3

❖ **Hymn 139:** *Praise the Lord, you heavens, adore him*

Prayer (ending with the Lord's Prayer)

(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, forever. Amen.

The Word of God

- ❖ **Children's address**
- ❖ **First Lesson** Luke 14:7-14 (New Testament, p.74)
- ❖ **Hymn 522:** *The church is wherever God's people are praising*
- ❖ **Second Lesson** Hebrews 13:1-8.15-16 (New Testament, p.224)
- ❖ **Music in worship** *Let all together praise our God, J.S. Bach*
- ❖ **Hymn 606:** *Lord, you sometimes speak in wonders*
- ❖ **Sermon:** *followed by Pause for Reflection*

Response to God's Word

- ❖ **Hymn 183:** *Fill now our life, O Lord our God*
- ❖ **Prayers of Intercession**
- ❖ **Offering** *Flute piece, William Hine*
- ❖ **Dedication: Hymn 808** followed by:
Gracious God,
your generosity knows no bounds.
You enrich our lives with your blessings.
**Use these our offerings, and us,
for the advance of the kingdom
of Jesus Christ, the same
yesterday, today and forever. Amen**
- ❖ **Hymn 458:** *At the name of Jesus*

Dismissal with blessing *(followed by sung Amen)*

Postlude *Toccata in a-minor, J.P. Sweelinck*

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Please remain in place until the minister has left the Church.

*Our service today is conducted by our minister, Rev Dr Lance Stone.
The reader today is Rosemarie Tiggelovend; Prayers of intercession are led by Peggy Krol.
Consistory members on duty are Giles Francis and Nick Thomas.*



A very warm WELCOME to all!

Please join us for refreshments in the church after the service.

Please turn off your mobile phones during the service.

Notices

- **Visitors** are invited to sign the Visitors' Book after the service.
- There is a **crèche** for children under four years old, please ask at the door for more information. Sunday School recommences next week.
- **Prayer:** Someone is available after the service in the chancel (behind the Communion table) for **anyone wishing to be prayed with**.
- After the service our **Church Picnic** will take place at the Beatrix Park. Even if you have not signed up for this but are free – please come!
- **Ecumenical visit to the Hague**, Thursday Sept. 8th. We are invited to join the other churches of the Spui (Roman Catholics, Lutherans, Mennonites) for a day outing to the Hague to visit the International Court, Panorama van Mesdag, Spinoza house and the Mennonite church. Lunch included .Please sign up on the notice board or give your name to Pastor Lance.
- Receive news about our **services, concerts and church life** by signing up to our weekly e-newsletter on the homepage of www.ercadam.nl.
- **Midweek Fellowship House Group** begins again on Wed Sept 7th. We are going to be watching and discussing the recent TV series, The Story of God, presented by Morgan Freeman, using this to consider the Christian faith in relation to other religions. It will be held at the home of Ingrid and Jens Sørensen : Quellijnstraat 126-A. All welcome!
- Copies of the latest Mulanje Mission Hospital Newsletter **are available at the entrance to the church and on the notice board**.
- Starting **next week** 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). Pastor Lance has produced a small pamphlet on Children and Communion, copies of which are available in the vestibule of the church.
- **Cooking at De Kloof!** Our church is committed to cooking lunch at this homeless shelter every second Monday of the month. Interested? Please contact Gillian Walker at 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!

Bible Readings for the Coming Weeks

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. The passage we will focus upon is in **bold** type. You might like to read these passages in advance of Sunday.

Sept 4th : Jeremiah 18:1-11; Psalm 139:1-6,13-18; Luke 14:25-33; **Philemon 1-21**.

Sept 11th : Jeremiah 4:11-22,22-28; Psalm14; 1 Timothy 1:12-17; **Luke 15:1-10**.

Sept 18th : **Amos 8:1-7**; Psalm 79:1-9; Luke 16:1-13; 1 Timothy 2:1-7.

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Our Congregation

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 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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