

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

June 3<sup>rd</sup> 2018

*Prelude: Sonata no. 3, Andante, J.S. Bach*

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

The God of heaven has made a home on earth;  
**Christ dwells among us and is one with us.**  
The highest in all creation lives among the least;  
**Christ journeys with the rejected  
and welcomes the weary.**  
Come now all who hunger  
**and be fed with the bread of life.**  
Come now all who wander in the wilderness  
**and be led by God your liberator.**  
Come now all who seek  
**and be filled with good things.**

❖ **Hymn 149:** *Let all creation dance*

❖ **Prayer of approach** (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**

❖ **Lesson:** 2 Corinthians 4:5-12 (New Testament, p.177)

❖ **Music in worship:** *Christ, Comfort of All the World, J.S. Bach*

❖ **Lesson:** Mark 2:23-28 (New Testament, p.35)

❖ **Hymn 97:** *O God, you search me and you know me*

❖ **Sermon:** *Faith's defiance followed by pause for reflection*

## Response to God's Word

- ❖ **Hymn 772:** *In the Lord I'll be ever thankful*
- ❖ **Prayers of intercession**
- ❖ **Offering** *Andante Tranquillo*, Percy Whitlock
- ❖ **Dedication**
- ❖ **Hymn 154:** *O Lord my God... How great thou art!*
- ❖ **Confession of faith, Hymn 628:** *I believe in God the Father Almighty*
- ❖ **The Peace, Invitation and the story of the Last Supper**
- ❖ **Prayer of Thanksgiving:**  
*The Lord be with you      and also with you*  
*Lift up your hearts      we lift them up to the Lord*  
*Let us give thanks      It is right to give*  
*to the Lord our God      our thanks and praise*
- ... with earth and sea and sky, and all the heavenly host we join in singing...  
**Hymn 651:** *Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might*
- ❖ **Prayer of Consecration**  
... your body on earth, loving and caring in the world...  
**Behold the lamb of God, behold the lamb of God,  
who takes away the sin, the sin of the world.**
- ❖ **Sharing of bread and wine** *Prière à Notre-Dame*, Léon Boëllmann  
*Note that gluten-free bread will be served on the bread plates and  
alcohol-free wine will be circulated by an elder.*
- ❖ **Prayer**
- ❖ **Hymn 529:** *Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go*

## Sending out with blessing *(followed by sung Amen)*

*Postlude: Minuet Gothique, Léon Boëllmann*

*Please remain in place until the minister and Consistory have left the Church.  
Please turn off your mobile phones.*

*Our service is led this morning by our minister, Rev Dr Lance Stone. This is an all-age Communion service. All the baptised and those who look to Jesus as Saviour are welcome to partake. Scripture reader is Erica van Rooy. Prayers of intercession are led by Veronica Garcia Robles. Consistory members on duty are Thorsten König & Jaap Maas.*

*Please note that Pastor Lance is away on Presbytery business followed by holiday from June 5<sup>th</sup> – June 19<sup>th</sup>.*

# A very warm WELCOME to all!

Please join us for **refreshments** after the service.

If you are new you might like to visit our **Welcome Desk**.

## 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.
- There is no **Sunday School** or Junior Church today as this is an all-age service of Holy Communion.
- **Prayer:** Someone (*Je Corro*) is available after the service in the chancel for **anyone wishing to be prayed with**.
- Note there is no **Midweek Fellowship Bible Study** this week due to Pastor Lance being away.

Coming soon: **Church Picnic** on Sunday July 8<sup>th</sup> after the service. Venue: the Wereldhuis, Nieuwe Herengracht 20, 1018 DP Amsterdam, a 20 minute walk from the church.

- Anyone with a car or access to one interested in helping with the **Food Run**, a means of getting just-past-its-sell-by-food to needy people? This would be part of a rota currently involving you about once per month. Contact Joe on [joehennes@yahoo.com](mailto:joehennes@yahoo.com).
- **Cooking at De Kloof!** Our church is committed to cooking lunch at this homeless shelter every second Monday of the month. Interested? Please contact Tom Flanagan: [dekloof@ercadam.nl](mailto:dekloof@ercadam.nl).
- Interested in work with refugees? Contact Gillian Walker at [gillian.walker.ams@icloud.com](mailto:gillian.walker.ams@icloud.com).
- 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. It's a good way to help your neighbour!
- There is a **Flower List** hanging in the Consistory room if you would like to sign up to sponsor the flowers on a certain Sunday. Donations can be given to Susan Polstra or to one of the members of Consistory.
- 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).
- This liturgy sheet is available in **large print** in the vestibule.
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## 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 or passages we will focus upon is in **bold** type.

You might like to read these passages in advance of Sunday.

June 10<sup>th</sup>: 1 Samuel 8:4-11; Psalm 138; Mark 3:20-35; **2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1**.

June 17<sup>th</sup>: 1 Samuel 15:34-16:13; Psalm 20; **Mark 4:26-34**; 2 Corinthians 5:6-17.

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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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