



WORSHIP AT HOME SONGS

LIVE STREAM WORSHIP SERVICE

*Live stream video of the Worship service is SCHEDULED FOR 10:30 A.M. on Sunday.

*It will also be available in the LINK or on the "Bethel CRC Lacombe" Youtube Channel after the Worship service at APPROXIMATELY 12 NOON on Sunday.

SONGS (Youtube): *Ten Thousand Reasons*
Be Thou My Vision

WE GATHER TOGETHER

Welcome

Opening Prayer

Dear God, silence all voices within our minds but your own. Help us to seek and be able to follow your will. May our prayers be joined with those of our sisters and brothers in the faith, that together we may glorify your name and enjoy your fellowship forever. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Call to Worship - based on Joshua 3:7-17, Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37

PASTOR: *Come! God is leading us home.*

PEOPLE: **Our wandering is over at last.**

PASTOR: *Come! God is leading us home.*

PEOPLE: **Home, to a safe and prosperous place.**

PASTOR: *Come! God is leading us home.*

PEOPLE: **There is no more hunger or thirst.**

PASTOR: *Come! God is leading us home.*

PEOPLE: **Our lives have meaning and joy.**

PASTOR: *Come! God is leading us home.*

PEOPLE: **Our souls find rest at last.**

PASTOR: *Come, let us enter the land that God has prepared for us.*

PEOPLE: **God leads the way and makes our footsteps sure.**

PASTOR: *Our days of wandering in the barren desert are at an end.*

PEOPLE: **God leads the way and makes our footsteps sure.**

PASTOR: *Hungry and thirsty, we cry out in deep despair.*

PEOPLE: **God leads the way and makes our footsteps sure.**

PASTOR: *As in the waters of our baptism, we cross over the Jordan.*

PEOPLE: **God leads the way and makes our footsteps sure.**

PASTOR: *The land is fertile and rich, with good rain in season.*

PEOPLE: **God leads the way and makes our footsteps sure.**

PASTOR: *The harvest is bountiful.*

PEOPLE: **We dwell in the land God has prepared for us.**

By Robert Blezard on the Worship Elements page of the Ministry Matters website.

God's Greeting

WE SEE GOD'S GRACE

Prayer: Build Your Kingdom Here

Build Your kingdom here. Let the darkness fear. Show Your mighty hand. Heal our streets and land.

Set Your church on fire. Win this nation back. Change the atmosphere. Build Your kingdom here, we pray!

Come set Your rule, and reign in our hearts again. Increase in us, we pray. Unveil why we're made. Come set our hearts ablaze with hope, like wildfire in our very souls; Holy Spirit, come, invade us now. We are Your church; We need Your power in us.

We seek Your kingdom first. We hunger and we thirst;

Refuse to waste our lives, for You're our joy and prize.

To see the captives' hearts released; The hurt, the sick, the poor at peace.

*We lay down our lives for heaven's cause.
We are Your church; We pray, revive this earth.*

*Build Your kingdom here. Let the darkness fear.
Show Your mighty hand. Heal our streets and land.*

*Set Your church on fire. Win this nation back.
Change the atmosphere. Build Your kingdom here, we pray!*

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Installation of Elders and Deacons

Congregation of Jesus Christ, today we celebrate God's gift of faithful leadership for his people. We joyfully thank him for elders and deacons who have served well and have completed their terms of office. We thank Peter Prins, Herman Scholing, Rod Venhuis and Pete Heidelberg for their faith service and we praise him for providing their successors.

In the office-bearers of the church we see the love of Christ for his people. As the Lord of the church he appoints leaders to govern in his name and to promote the spiritual well-being of his people. By his Spirit he equips these leaders so that believers may grow in faith, develop disciplined Christian living, serve others in selfless love, and share with all the good news of salvation. The apostle Paul stated this most clearly when he wrote to the church, "So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ" (Eph. 4:11-13). And Jesus Christ taught us the spirit of true leadership when he said, "Whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be your slave—just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many" (Matt. 20:26-28).

Elders serve by exercising oversight of the church in Christ's name. The apostle Paul told the elders at Ephesus: "Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you

overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood" (Acts 20:28). Elders must provide for the true preaching of the Word, instruction for faith formation for both youth and adults, regular celebration of the sacraments, and faithful counsel and discipline while keeping in confidence those matters entrusted to them. And they must promote fellowship and hospitality among believers, ensure good order in the church, and stimulate witness to all people.

Deacons serve by leading and equipping the church to minister to its members and the world in a rich diversity of ministries, awakening compassion, demonstrating mercy, seeking justice, and collaborating with God's Spirit for the transformation of persons and communities. In imitation of Christ's mercy, deacons teach us to love God, our neighbors, and the creation with acts of generous sharing, joyful hospitality, thoughtful care, and wise stewardship of all of God's gifts. Deacons offer holistic responses that respect the dignity of all people, working to change exploitative structures and systems, equipping the church for ministries of reconciliation and peacemaking, and seeking opportunities for advocacy. To help them accomplish these tasks, deacons are to identify and develop gifts in both the church and community. By adding to all this words of encouragement and hope, deacons demonstrate in word and deed the care of the Lord himself.

The deacons and elders, together with the ministers, are responsible for the -general administration of the church. These tasks of elders and deacons call for believers who are Christ like, who are mature in the faith, and who exercise their offices with prayer, patience, and humility.

The Vows

Today we intend to ordain elders and deacons and to install them for terms of service in this congregation. Those appointed to the office of elder are for Youth Elder: Jan Rodenburg and for Elder: Wayne Bouwman, Marvin Ebens and Craig Van Stryland. Those appointed to the office of deacon are Darran Vreugdenhil and Grant Zuidhof.

To express your acceptance of these offices, you are asked to stand, and here in the presence of God and his church, to answer the following

questions:

Do you believe that in the call of this congregation God himself is calling you to these holy offices?

Do you believe that the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God, the only infallible rule of faith and life?

Do you subscribe to the doctrinal standards of this church, rejecting all teaching which contradicts them?

Do you promise to do the work of your offices faithfully, in a way worthy of your calling and in submission to the government and discipline of the church?

[The officiating minister then asks each delegate individually]: Jan Rodenburg, Wayne Bouwman, Marvin Ebens, Craig Van Stryland, Darran Veugdenhil, Grant Zuidhof - what is your answer?

[Each delegate responds]: I do, God helping me.

The Ordination

God, our heavenly Father, who has called you to these sacred offices, guide you by his Word, equip you with his Spirit, and so prosper your ministries that his church may increase and his name be praised. Amen.

The Charge

[To the elders] I charge you, elders, as shepherds of the flock, to "hold firmly to the trustworthy message as it has been taught, so that [you] can encourage others by sound doctrine and refute those who oppose it" (Titus 1:9). Be a friend and Christ like example to children. Give clear and cheerful guidance to young people. By word and example, bear up God's people in their pain and weakness, and celebrate their joys with them. Hold in trust all sensitive matters confided to you. Encourage the aged to persevere in God's promises. Be wise counselors who support and strengthen the pastor. Be compassionate, yet firm and consistent in rebuke and discipline.

Know the Scriptures, which are "useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness" (2 Tim. 3:16). Pray continually for the church. Remember at all times that if you would truly give spiritual leadership in the household of faith, you must be completely mastered by your Lord (1 Tim. 3:2-7).

[To the deacons] I charge you deacons, to inspire

faithful ministries of service to one another, to the larger community, and to the world. Remind us that the Lord requires us "to act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with [our] God" (Mic. 6:8). Teach us to be merciful and to seize new opportunities to worship God with offerings of wealth, time, and ability. Realize that benevolence is a quality of our life in Christ and not merely a matter of financial assistance. Therefore, minister to rich and poor alike, both within and outside the church. Weigh our opportunities for giving and service and use the church's resources discerningly. Be compassionate to those in need and treat them with dignity and respect; hold in trust all sensitive matters confided to you. Encourage with words that create hope in hearts and with deeds that bring joy into lives. Be prophetic critics of the waste, injustice, and selfishness in our society, and be sensitive counselors to the victims of such evils. Let your lives be above reproach; live as examples of Christ Jesus; look to the interests of others. And in all your ministries help us participate in the renewing of all things even as we anticipate its completion when God's kingdom comes.

[To the congregation] I charge you, people of God, to receive these office-bearers as Christ's gift to the church. Recognize in them the Lord's provision for healthy congregational life. Hold them in honor; take their counsel seriously; respond to them with obedience and respect; accept their help with thanks. Wholeheartedly participate in the ministries into which they lead you. Sustain them in prayer and encourage them with your support, especially when they feel the burden of their office. Acknowledge them as the Lord's servants among you.

Do you, congregation, pledge to receive them as you have been charged?

[Answer by the congregation in unison]: We do, God helping us.

Prayer

Our merciful Father in heaven, we thank you that you have provided faithful and gifted people to serve as elders and deacons. As these new office-bearers assume their responsibilities, fill them with your Spirit, endow them with your wisdom, and grant them strength. Make them faithful workers in your vineyard. Under their guidance may your

church grow in every spiritual grace, in faith which is open and unashamed, and in the committed service that promotes your reign in the world. Help them to perform their duties with enthusiasm and humility. In their work, grant them a sense of sustained awe that is rooted in daily adoration of you, their Lord. Through them may your name be honored and your church be served. Help us, your people, to accept them gladly, encourage them always, and respect them for the sake of your precious Son, our Lord, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Responsive Reading: Lead Me, Guide Me

READER 1: Lead me, guide me, along the way,

READER 2: for if you lead me, I cannot stray.

READER 1: Lord, let me walk each day with you,

READER 2: lead me my whole life through.

READER 1: I am weak and I need your strength and power

READER 2: to endure with grace my weakest hour.

READER 1: Help me through the darkness your face to see.

READER 2: Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

READER 1: Help me walk in the paths of righteousness;

READER 2: be my aid when Satan and sin oppress.

READER 1: I am trusting you whate'er may be.

READER 2: Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

READER 1: I am lost if you take your hand from me,

READER 2: I am blind without your light to see.

READER 1: Lord, forever may I your servant be.

READER 2: Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

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Prayer of God's People

WE HEAR THE WORD

Children's Message

Scripture: Joshua 3

Sermon: Crossing the Jordan River

Prayer of Application

WE RESPOND IN HOPE

Offering for CRC Youth Unlimited

Prayer for Offering

GOD'S BLESSING

**SONGS (Youtube): *He Leadeth Me*
*My Lighthouse***