

July 24, 2020

Hello dear friends,

Way Maker

I am acutely aware of how many of you are having a very hard time right now. I treasure you and hold you in my heart.

I realize that some of you are doing quite well right now, but my impression is that many (most?) are not. The emails and texts and phone calls tell me so. To those of you who are experiencing a measure of stability right now, may I ask you to think of one person or family unit within our community who you imagine may be lonely or a little stressed out right now and give them a call, ask open-ended questions (like “How are you?”), listen and say a prayer - even a halting awkward prayer like “Help us, Lord!” - on the phone with them?

To all of you, I share this very long YouTube video of the song [Way Maker](#). I know it will not be everybody’s style. But it fueled a very loud worship time in my kitchen this morning (while my husband was out – now he knows). I named your names and situations to the Lord as the words were repeated: “You are Way maker, miracle worker, promise keeper, Light in the darkness, My God that is who you are.” This is no time to worry about our own dignity. This is a time to get on our knees and cry out to the Lord, to let our challenges and sufferings drive us toward – not away from – him. May you know his presence and pervasive salvation that touches every aspect of your lives.

Sunday Online Worship Gathering at 10 a.m.

This Sunday we have the privilege of hearing from Paul Racine. He will take us into the next part of Matthew’s Gospel (Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52). Paul will be asking questions: In my spiritual journey, what is at the core of what I believe? How much does its worth capture me? Sometimes we fog out and don’t realize the riches God offers us in Christ. May our minds and hearts ‘get it’ afresh as we listen to Paul on Sunday. Thanks to the new helpers in the upcoming services as most of my colleagues are away on much-needed vacation.

Please [contact me](#) to receive the Zoom link for Sunday.

Refer to [this week’s bulletin](#) for Bible readings, prayer requests, other announcements, and some application points Paul has for us from Sunday's sermon.

Sign Up TODAY for the July 29 In-Person “Being Enamoured with Jesus” Gathering

We met in the Sunnyside sanctuary for the first-time last evening. We were 20. There is room for up to 40 depending on how many single person units and how many households attend. Please don’t hold back. [RSVP here](#) for July 29 at 7 p.m. Chris Barrett and I will facilitate a time in which we circle between scripture reading, short reflections, questions to ponder and various forms of prayer. It is a low-key time, focused on Jesus. Please bring your own Bible, journal, and pen as there will be times for you to ponder and write what God is saying to you.

You will have to complete [Building Entrance Screening](#) on the day of the gathering, and wear a mask to the event.

Thanks again to our wonderful team – Bill and Lynn Morrison, Beth Hiemstra and Beth Fleming – for helping us open our space safely. Your hours of work are a blessing to our community.

The Last Battle

Are you looking for some reading material to inspire you (and/or your children aged 8 and up)? While away on retreat a couple of weeks back, I read C.S. Lewis' *The Last Battle*. I saw myself in Puzzle the donkey who struggled with letting the wrong voice inform him of his identity. This is an excellent book to inspire us to carefully discern God's voice and God's will. It is written in fantasy story form. I was deeply moved. Let me know if you read it.

With love and prayers,

Pastor Kerry Kronberg (with the whole team)