

FOUNDED ON GOD'S FAITHFULNESS

SUNDAY, MAY 24, 2026 - DAY 22

Trusting God in Uncertainty

Suggested Bible Reading: Psalm 34

I will extol the Lord at all times;
his praise will always be on my lips.
I will glory in the Lord;
let the afflicted hear and rejoice.
Glorify the Lord with me;
let us exalt his name together.

I sought the Lord, and he answered me;
he delivered me from all my fears.
Those who look to him are radiant;
their faces are never covered with shame.
This poor man called, and the Lord heard him;
he saved him out of all his troubles.
The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him,
and he delivers them. . . .

Prayer

By Justin Halbersma, who shares, "I pastor Kentville Christian Reformed Church in the beautiful Annapolis Valley of Nova Scotia. I'm married to my wonderful wife, Emily, and I also serve as chaplain for the local Jr.A hockey club."

Almighty God, you who know all things, the One who fashioned the heavens and the earth, as our denomination gathers for our annual synod meeting, may your name be glorified in our behavior, our deliberations, and our decisions.

May we lean on the eternal truth of your unchanging Word for decisions. May we ask humbly for your wisdom as we ponder the ways of your church. May we never forget that this is your church, the Bride of Christ. May we who are tasked with her oversight treat her with the eternal value she has as Christ's Bride.

Father, may your Spirit guide the discussions, and may the powers that would see the church oppressed have no power or influence over her. Lord, may our mouths be filled with your praise. May your glory be our goal. May your name be lifted high. Forgive us for the times when we may think we know better than you do. May we humble ourselves to your sovereign rule. Bless our meeting; may the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be pleasing to you, our Lord and our Redeemer.

In Jesus' name,

Amen.

Questions for Reflection and/or Conversation

- How does knowing that the church belongs to the Lord give you assurance and hope?
- Ask God to lead you in your life so that the meditations of your heart will be pleasing to him.

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MONDAY, MAY 25, 2026 - DAY 23

Trusting God in Uncertainty

Suggested Bible Reading:

(Korean)

시편 46

하나님은 우리의
피난처시요 힘이시며
환난 때에 언제나 돕는 분이시다.
그러므로 땅이 꺼지고
산이 무너져 바다를 메우며
바닷물이 성난 파도를 일으키고
산을 흔들지라도
우리는 두려워하지 않으리라.

Psalm 46

God is our refuge and strength,
an ever-present help in trouble.
Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way
and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,
though its waters roar and foam
and the mountains quake with their surging. . . .

기도 (Prayer)

배헌석 목사(Joseph Hun-Suk Bae, 앤아버 소망 교회 Ann Arbor Hope CRC) - 캠퍼스
타운(University of Michigan)인 앤아버에서 사역중이며(1995-현재), 한국인 1세
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속한 한인 목회자 협의회(Korean Ministers Association) 회장으로 섬기고 있음. Lake Erie 노회 소속.

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아멘!

Prayer

By Rev. Joseph Hun-Suk Bae, who has been ministering in Ann Arbor, a campus town for the University of Michigan, since 1995. As a first-generation Korean pastor, he leads bilingual worship services and ministries to foster unity with the second generation. He currently serves as president of the Korean Ministers Association within the denomination and is part of Classis Lake Erie.

God, our Refuge and Strength,

In a world marked by wars, divisions, and unrest among nations, peoples, and generations, we lift our hearts to you. Have mercy on those who are vulnerable, displaced, and burdened; and grant them your comfort, protection, and peace.

O Lord, you who make wars cease and bring an end to violence, lead us into your peace. Teach us to abide in you, for you alone are our refuge and our sure help in times of trouble.

We confess that true peace and salvation are found only in the sacrifice and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. By your grace and the love revealed in him, heal the conflicts and divisions of this world.

Send your Church into every place—into our communities, homes, and the public life of this world—so that, in word and deed, we may bear witness to Christ, our true refuge. Let your comfort, rest, and peace fill the troubled places of the earth, and cause your kingdom to be established, made visible, and shared among all people.

We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Refuge and Savior.

Amen.

Questions for Reflection and/or Conversation

- In what ways have you experienced God being your refuge and strength in your life?
- Into which troubled places might God be calling you to bring his peace?

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TUESDAY, MAY 26, 2026 - DAY 24

Trusting God in Uncertainty

Suggested Bible Reading: Psalm 91

Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High
will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.
I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress,
my God, in whom I trust."

Surely he will save you
from the fowler's snare
and from the deadly pestilence.
He will cover you with his feathers,
and under his wings you will find refuge;
his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart. . . .

Prayer

By Lesli van Milligen, who has served the CRCNA in pastoral ministry and is currently the director of Thrive.

Heavenly Father, strong and gentle, hold us close as we navigate the uncertainties around us.

You protect us with such tenderness and love. We are uncertain about the shifting culture around us and within our congregations and denomination. At times this makes us question the motives of our brothers and sisters as we deliberate at synod. At times we even are disquieted about our own internal agendas while wanting deeply to discern your will for your church. So calm us.

When we need to feel your comfort in the midst of our anxiety, pull us closer to your breast so that we may hear and feel the beating of your heart for us, your people. When our anxiety compels us to forget that you are indeed in control, or propels us into overfunctioning with unhelpful words or action, pull us in even tighter so that we might feel the strength of your shield around us, a reminder that you will take on the challenges that are bigger than ourselves.

Help us discern where we can best serve you in our deliberations when our worries tend to rise. Give us your counsel for when to listen and when to speak, trusting that you will ultimately be the Wisdom in the room, if we simply give you space to speak above our sometimes clamoring voices.

Cast out any fear or any other obstacle that can stand in the way of our experiencing your perfect love as we serve you so that we can be conduits of that love as members of Christ's Body, his Church.

We pray this in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Questions for Reflection and/or Conversation

- God's comfort pulls us closer to him. What anxiety or overfunctioning do you need to release to know God is protecting you?
- What fear or obstacle may be in the way of experiencing God's perfect love for you? Bring this before the Lord in confession and humility.

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WEDNESDAY, MAY 27, 2026 - DAY 25

Trusting God in Uncertainty

Suggested Bible Reading:

(Luganda) Zabbuli 121

Nnyimusa amaaso gange eri ensozi,
okubeerwa kwange kuva wa?
Okubeerwa kwange kuva eri Mukama,
eyakola eggulu n'ensi.

Taliganya kigere kyo kusagaasagana;
oyo akukuuma taabongootenga.
Laba, oyo akuuma Isirayiri
taabongootenga so teyeebakenga.

Mukama ye mukuumi wo;
Mukama y'akusiikiriza ku mukono gwo ogwa ddyo;
emisana enjuba teekwoyenga,
wadde omwezi ekiro.

Mukama anaakuumanga mu buli kabi;
anaalabiriranga obulamu bwo.
Mukama anaakukumanga amagenda go n'amadda,
okuva leero n'okutuusa emirembe gyonna.

Psalm 121

I lift up my eyes to the mountains—
where does my help come from?
My help comes from the Lord,
the Maker of heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot slip—
he who watches over you will not slumber;
indeed, he who watches over Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord watches over you—
the Lord is your shade at your right hand;
the sun will not harm you by day,
nor the moon by night.

The Lord will keep you from all harm—
he will watch over your life;
the Lord will watch over your coming and going
both now and forevermore.

Okusaba (Prayer)

Erinya nze Carol Musoke, owa World Renew mu Uganda. Nkola nga Bridger era nga Partnerships coordinator era nga Safeguarding Focal Person mu ofisi ya Uganda. Mbadde ne World Renew, Uganda okuva mu 2008 era neebaza nnyo okuweereza Mukama mu kifo kino!

Erinnya lyo ligulumizibwe, erinnya lyo lisanyukibwe okusinga amannya gonna
kubanga gy'oli gwe tutunuulira
waggulu.

Amaaso gaffe bwe gatunula wansi, Mukama, bye tulaba byatutiisa.

Tulaba ensi ebuze mu kutya, okubuna, mu bukyayi, mu mululu, mu bwereere, mu
kwefaako, mu malala, mu

bugwenyufu, emyoyo gyaffe nga givudde okuva ku ggwe.

Tukulaba nga abasajja n'abakazi nga bakutte emmundu ne bagenda mu lutalo ne
tubalaba okufa kwaabwe ne kireeta
entiisa mu mitima gyaffe.

Tulaba abaana abalwadde n'enjala nga balina essubi ttono nnyo ery'okujjanjabibwa
yadde emmere gye banalya ne
kireeta obulumi mu mitima gyaffe.

Tulaba bataata ne bamaama nga tebalina kye basobola kukola - nga tebasobola
kuliisa maka gaabwe, okukuuma
akasolya ku mitwe gyabwe, okukuuma amaka gaabwe okuva mu bizibu, era
kitukutula emitima gyaffe.

Tulaba ensi ekazze, emenyefu-menyefu, ngewedewo era ebitonde byo nga bifa
olw'obutafaayo bwaffe, emitima ne

gijjula ensonyi.

Tulaba obutali bwenkanya obw'amaanyi, abasajja, abaana, abakazi, nga balemeddwa okufuna obuyaambi nno
bwenkanya okuva mu bitongole byennyini ebirinarina okubakuuma, netugwaamu essuubi.

Tutunula mu ndabirwamu, ne tulaba ensi ebuze – ewala nnyo okuva gyoli Mukama! Mukama, tukukaabirira era tusitula amaaso gaffe ku nsozi, okuddamu okunoonya amaaso go tulyoke tufune
obulamu nga ggwe wekka bw'osobola okutuwa. Tusaasire Mukama. Tusonyiwe amakubo gaffe amabi, tuzzeeyo

gy'oli, Kitaffe:

Tufune emyoyo gyaffe omulundi omulala

Tufune emirembe gyo egisukkulumye ku kutegeera kwonna

Tufune enteekateeka omukono gwo ogw'amaanyi gwokka gwe gusobola okuyimirizaawo

Tufune obwenkanya obujjuvuu okuva mu kwagala Kwo okusukkiridde

Tufune okumatira okusangibwa mu bulokozi bwo bwokka

Mukama Tuyambe okukuuma amaaso gaffe ku Ggwe:

Ebiwugulaza bwe bijja obizibire mu kulaba kwaffe era otujjukize tubeere banywevu mu bukulu bwo, kubanga Tojja

kuleka kigere kya muntu yenna kuseeyeeya, Yakuwa Raah.

Ebikemo bwe bijja mu kkubo lyaffe, Omwoyo Wo Omutukuvu atujukizze okwegendereza mu mitima gyaffe ne mu

birowoozo byaffe, tuleme kugugwa mu mutego gw'omukemi, kubanga Ggwe atasumagira otutunuulira, Yakuwa El

Shadai.

Okutya bwe kujja mu mitima gyaffe tujjukire amaanyi go, kubanga Ggwe ekisiikirize kyaffe, n'enjuba tegenda

kutukolako bulabe emisana, wadde omwezi ekiro, Yakuwa Nissi.

Tufune emirembe mu Ggwe Kitaffe, Yakuwa Yawe, kubanga ojja kukuuma okujja kwaffe n'okugenda kwaffe, kati

n'emirembe gyonna.

Amina

Prayer

By Carol Musoke, who shares, "I work as a bridger, partnerships coordinator, and safeguarding focal person in the Uganda office of World Renew. I have been with World Renew in Uganda since 2008 and am grateful to serve the Lord in this capacity."

Lord, may your name be glorified; may your name be exalted above all names, for to you do we look up.

When our eyes look down across the earth below, Lord, what we see petrifies us.

We see a world lost in fear, in pervasiveness, in hate, in greed, in vanity, in selfishness, in pride, in immorality—our souls dead from turning our eyes away from you.

We see young men and women holding guns and going to war, and we see them die, and it brings terror into our hearts.

We see children lying sick and hungry with very little hope of medical attention or a meal to eat, and it brings pain into our hearts.

We see fathers and mothers helpless—unable to feed their families, keep a roof over their heads, protect them from adversity—and it tears our hearts to pieces.

We see our lands parched, broken, and degenerated, and your creation dying from our own carelessness—and our hearts are filled with shame.

We see severe injustices—men, children, and women failed by the very systems that should protect them—and it renders us hopeless.

We look in the mirror and all around us, and we see a world lost—so far away from you, Lord!

Lord, we cry out to you, and we lift our eyes to the mountains, to once again seek your face, that we may find the life that only you can give.

Have mercy on us, Lord. Forgive our wicked ways; draw us back to you, our Father:

That we may find our souls once more.

That we may find your peace that surpasses all understanding.

That we may find provision that only your mighty hand can sustain.

That we may find justice that overflows from your extravagant love.

That we may find fulfillment that can be found only in your salvation.

Lord, help us to keep our eyes on you:

That when distractions come, you may block them from our view and remind us to be steadfast, trusting in your greatness, for you will never let anyone's foot slip, our Jehovah Raah.

That when temptations come our way, your Holy Spirit may whisper caution in our hearts and in our minds, that we may not fall into the tempter's trap, for you who never slumber are watching over us, our Jehovah El Shaddai.

That when fears arise in our hearts, we may be reminded of your might, for you are our shade, and the sun will never harm us by day, nor the moon by night, our Jehovah Nissi.

May we find peace in you, our Father, Jehovah Yahweh, for you will “watch over [our] coming and going, both now and forevermore.”

Amen.

Questions for Reflection and/or Conversation

- What injustices in this world cause you to look down instead of up?
- When you look up, how are you reminded that God is watching over you?

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THURSDAY, MAY 28, 2026 - DAY 26

God's Sovereignty

Suggested Bible Reading: Psalm 66

Shout for joy to God, all the earth!

Sing the glory of his name;
make his praise glorious.

Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!

So great is your power
that your enemies cringe before you.

All the earth bows down to you;

they sing praise to you,
they sing the praises of your name."

Come and see what God has done,
his awesome deeds for mankind!

He turned the sea into dry land,
they passed through the waters on foot—
come, let us rejoice in him.

He rules forever by his power,
his eyes watch the nations—
let not the rebellious rise up against him.

Praise our God, all peoples,
let the sound of his praise be heard;
he has preserved our lives
and kept our feet from slipping.

For you, God, tested us;
you refined us like silver. . . .

Prayer (Cree)

nohtāwīnān kihci-kīsikohk kâ-ayāyan
pitanē ē-miywēyihcikātēk kiwīhowin,

pitanē ē-ohcihcupayik kitipēyicikēwin,
kâ-isi-nanitohtākawīyan kīsikohk pitanē ēkosi isi waskitaskamik.

anohc kâ-kīsikāk miyīnān nipahkwēsikaniminān,
mīna tahtwāw kīsikāki,
kâ-isi-kāsinamawāyākwāw aniki kâ-kī-māyi-totākoyahkwāw,

ēkosi wī-isi-kāsinamawīnān kâ-kī-māyi-totamahk,
pīsiskēyiminān ēkāya ka-maci-māmitonēyihitamahk,
iyīkatēnamawīnān kâ-māyatahk.

kiya kit-ayān tipēyicikēwin mīna sohkātisiwin mīna kistēyihākosiwin.
kakikē mīna kakikē.

pitanē ēkosi ihkik.

Prayer

By Harold Roscher, a Cree knowledge keeper and CRC chaplain walking in the Jesus way. He notes, "Our whole life is to be a shout for joy to our Creator; in all we do we must acknowledge Creator as the animator of our daily living."

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 trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Nohtawinan Our Father,
Kisemanito The Creator,
Wihchihinan Mina Help us and
Kanaweyiminan Protect us
Anoch Today,
Kakisikiak All day.
Niyanan Kitawasimisak We are your children.

We come and give thanks for this day,
for the gift of your light that rises in the east each day.
Give us courage and humility to walk in that light.
Help us to joyfully share your light with all humankind and the rest of Creation
so that all your children may sing and dance your praise.
May the trees clap their hands and the stones speak of your glory,
bringing honour and justice to the circles we gather in.

Nohtawinan Our Father,
Kisemanto The Creator,
Kinaskomitinan We thank you! Amen.

Questions for Reflection and/or Conversation

- Where do you see God's awesome deeds in your life for which you give him praise?
- When looking at creation, where do you see it speaking of God's glory?

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FRIDAY, MAY 29, 2026 - DAY 27

God's Sovereignty

Suggested Bible Reading: Psalm 93

The Lord reigns, he is robed in majesty;
the Lord is robed in majesty and armed with strength;
indeed, the world is established, firm and secure.
Your throne was established long ago;
you are from all eternity.

The seas have lifted up, Lord,
the seas have lifted up their voice;
the seas have lifted up their pounding waves.
Mightier than the thunder of the great waters,
mightier than the breakers of the sea—
the Lord on high is mighty.

Your statutes, Lord, stand firm;
holiness adorns your house
for endless days.

Prayer

By Evan Tinklenberg, the campus pastor at Geneva Campus Church in Madison, Wisconsin. He serves on the campus of the University of Wisconsin-Madison, teaching students and faculty how to integrate faith and learning, and inviting doubters and skeptics to see the beauty of Jesus for themselves.

Glorious Lord, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit: you display your majesty in creating a world whose integrity you uphold unflinchingly. The world's wonders ring out your praise and reflect your radiance; even at their greatest, they must be lifted up to

reach your high holiness. Yet holiness now and ever shall be our home, decreed as such by a Word we can trust (John 14:23).

O Lord, we long to be enamored of your beauty, awed by your goodness, astounded by your truth. Like the seas, so our hearts are lifted up to you: to your majesty, to your wisdom. We lift up our hearts to you, as the one who reigns, robed in strength, and as the one who speaks the truth. If true wisdom is what we seek, we find it in you. If true strength, the same.

Father of mercy, we need your Spirit's presence to renew us through the cleansing of Christ's blood. We need a clearer vision of your holiness. We need greater understanding of your majesty. Renewal and refreshment come from no other fountain. Give us the grace to seek you where you may be found.

Fill us with a soul-deep awareness of your great power, love, and mercy. Form our churches into holy communities that reflect this wise and powerful love. Fulfill these desires even as you expand our desire for you; fulfill them according to your mercy displayed most clearly in our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Questions for Reflection and/or Conversation

- In what ways has creation reminded you that the Lord on high is mighty?
- If we more fully grasped the wise and powerful love of Jesus, how might we live differently?

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SATURDAY, MAY 30, 2026 - DAY 28

God's Sovereignty

Suggested Bible Reading: Psalm 115

Not to us, Lord, not to us
but to your name be the glory,
because of your love and faithfulness.

Why do the nations say,
"Where is their God?"
Our God is in heaven;
he does whatever pleases him. . . .

May the Lord cause you to flourish,
both you and your children.
May you be blessed by the Lord,
the Maker of heaven and earth. . . .

Prayer

By Rev. Stephen Terpstra, senior pastor at First CRC of Orange City, Iowa, having also served Borculo CRC in Zeeland, Michigan, and Mount Hamilton CRC in Mount Hope, Ontario. He is originally from First CRC of Guelph, Ontario. He has served as a classical interim committee chair, church visitor, synodical deputy, and vice president and president of synod.

Lord, we praise and glorify you for all you are and all you do. Father, hallowed be your name. In a world that suppresses the truth and refuses to give thanks to you or honor you, we pray that in our lives, in our families, in our churches, in our classes, in our denominational ministries, and in synod you alone would be glorified.

Our world mocks you and your people, saying, "Where is your God?" Our God is in the heavens, and you do whatever you please. Nothing and no one will prevent you from accomplishing all of your good purposes through Jesus.

May you keep us from placing our trust in the work of human hands. Give us eyes to see the senseless, unspeaking, unknowing gods of our age. The technology and wealth and power of our world seem so appealing at first glance. May you blow up our human-centered, human-focused, human-derived, human-powered, and human-directed pretensions and rebellions.

May you make the light of the gospel of your glory as seen in the face of Jesus so beautiful and real and present to us that we will always trust in you alone. May you bless the works of our hands. May you grant increase to your people in more disciples and in more and more fully mature disciples, transformed into the image of your Son from one degree of glory to another.

May you bless that we may bless you. Indeed, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, we will live to bless you from this time forth and forevermore. "Not to us, O Lord, not to us, but to your name give glory, for the sake of your steadfast love and your faithfulness" (NRSV).

Amen.

Questions for Reflection and/or Conversation

- Where might we be trusting in the senseless gods of our age? Pray that the Holy Spirit would reveal this to you.
- What might godly flourishing look like for you?