

*On Good Friday We Will Celebrate
Communion*



Creation groans

waiting for the children of God to be revealed

Creation groans

*waiting to be born again;
waiting to be released from the bondage
of sin and decay.*

Creation groans

*in wars and rumors of war, in signs and wonders.
These are the birth pangs that
come before all things are made new.*

Creation groans

*in expectation of being fully restored,
renewed, and reborn.*

We groan too

*for the Spirit of God is in us
And moving toward all that is yet to be.*

Come Celebrate!

***Christ has died, Christ is Risen,
Christ will come again!***

Welcome to First Christian Reformed Church!

Pastor John Knoester

April 9, 2017

Palm Sunday

10:30 A.M. Worship Service

*** Please stand if you are able.**

“Hosanna, loud hosanna the little children sang;”

Prelude: Sylvia Van Zanten

Ministry of Music: LUYH #143:1-2 ***“Filled With Excitement”***

1. Filled with excitement, all the happy throng
spread cloaks and branches on the city streets.
There in the distance they begin to see,
riding on a donkey, comes the Son of God.

Refrain

*From every corner a thousand voices sing
praises to him who comes in the name of God.
With one great shout of acclamation loud
triumphant song breaks forth:
“Hosanna! Hosanna to the King!
Hosanna! Hosanna to the King!”*

2. As in that entrance to Jerusalem,
we sing hosannas to the Christ, our King,
to the living Savior who still calls today,
asking us to follow him with love and faith.

Refrain

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*** Sung Call to Worship: LUYH #145:1-3 *“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”***

1. Hosanna, loud hosanna
the little children sang;
through pillared court and temple
the lovely anthem rang.
To Jesus, who had blessed them,
close folded to his breast,
the children sang their praises,
the simplest and the best.

2. From Olivet they followed
mid an exultant crowd,
the victory palm branch waving,
and chanting clear and loud.
The Lord of earth and heaven
rode on in lowly state,
nor scorned that little children
should on his bidding wait.
3. "Hosanna in the highest!"
That ancient song we sing,
for Christ is our Redeemer,
the Lord of heaven, our King.
O may we ever praise him
with heart and life and voice,
and in his blissful presence eternally rejoice.

Words: Jennette Threlfall, 1873, P.D.;

Music: Gesangbuch der Herzogl, Hofkapelle, Württemberg, 1784, P.D.; CCLI #678905

*During the singing of this hymn the children will be
proceeding from the back of church with their branches.*

* Call to Worship:

Leader: God calls us to worship during this season of Lent.

**People: We worship Jesus Christ, the one who comes in
the name of the Lord.**

Leader: Who rides in humility to do the saving work of the Lord.

People: God gives us a victorious king through Christ.

Leader: Let us praise God for his great gifts to us in Christ.

Ministry of Music: Sunday School Students

"Hosanna! Hosanna!"

"Hosanna! Hosanna!" the little children sing;

"Hosanna! Hosanna! For Christ, our Lord, is King"

"Prepare the way," the children sing,

"Hosanna to our Lord and King!"

"Hosanna! Hosanna!" the little children sing;

"Hosanna! Hosanna! For Christ, our Lord, is King"

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"Clap Your Hands"

Clap your hands, all you people;

shout unto God with a voice of triumph!

Clap your hands, all you people;

shout unto God with a voice of praise!

Hosanna! Hosanna!

Shout unto God with a voice of triumph!

Praise him! Praise him!

Shout unto God with a voice of praise!

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* Hymn of Praise: LUYH #146:1,2,4 ***“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”***

During the singing of this hymn the children will be returning to their seats.

Refrain

*All glory, laud, and honor
to you, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring.*

1. You are the King of Israel
and David’s royal Son,
now in the Lord’s name coming,
the King and Blessed One.

Refrain

2. The company of angels
is praising you on high,
and we with all creation
in chorus make reply.

Refrain

4. To you before your passion
they sang their hymns of praise;
to you, now high exalted,
our melody we raise.

Refrain

Words: Theodulph of Orleans, ca. 820; tr. John M. Neale, 1851, alt., P.D.;
Music: Melchoir Teschner, 1615; harm. William H. Monk, 1861, P.D.

* God’s Greeting

* We Greet Each Other

“Through pillared court and temple the lovely anthem rang.”

Welcome / Announcements

Call to Confession: Psalm 38:9-15 NIV

Hymn of Response: LUYH #149:1,3,4 ***“Ride On, Ride On in Majesty”***

1. Ride on, ride on in majesty!
Hear all the tribes hosanna cry;
O Savior meek, your road pursue,
with palms and scattered garments strewn.
3. Ride on, ride on in majesty!
The host of angels in the sky
look down with sad and wondering eyes
to see the approaching sacrifice.
4. Ride on, ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die;
bow your meek head to mortal pain;
then take, O Christ, your power and reign.

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Prayer of Confession

Assurance and Law:

Hosanna to the Son of David!
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!
For Christ came into the world not to condemn the world,
but that the world through him should be saved.
Therefore, be imitators of God, as beloved children.
And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us,
a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.
Hosanna! Amen!

—based on Matthew 21:8-9; John 3:17; Ephesians 5:1-2

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* Hymn of Assurance and Preparation: LUYH #151:1-4 ***“Rejoice, O Zion’s Daughter”***

1. Rejoice, O Zion’s daughter,
and greet your promised king.
Spread branches in his pathway,
and loud hosannas sing!
He comes astride a donkey
in deep humility
to claim God’s coming kingdom
of truth and equity.
2. O Christ, though king they hailed you,
they sent you out to die,
for soon the songs of praises
were drowned by “Crucify!”
They stripped away your garments.
They made a cross your throne,
and there you died in darkness,
abandoned and alone.
3. But still you come among us
in cities built with pride.
You walk the streets of sorrow
where hate and greed divide.
Redeem us from our madness,
the clash of class and race.
Establish soon your kingdom
of justice, truth, and grace.
4. We shout again, “Hosanna!”
We hail you as our King!
Christ, stir our wills to action
to match the praise we sing.
Send us where truth is threatened,
where justice is denied,
and move our hearts to offer
the love for which you died.

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*During the singing of the last verse, children ages 3-first grade
are dismissed to the Koinonia room for Children & Worship.*

***“To Jesus, who had blessed them,
close folded to his breast,”***

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7 (pg. 679); John 15:1-8 (pg. 1068) Read by Henry & Jayne Hammingh

Prayer of Illumination

Message: ***“I Am – The True Vine”***

Time of Prayer

“The children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.”

* Hymn of Application: LUYH #205:1-3 ***“Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen”***

1. Alleluia! Jesus is risen!
Trumpets resounding in glorious light!
Splendor, the Lamb, heaven forever!
Oh, what a miracle God has in sight!

Refrain

*Jesus is risen and we shall arise:
give God the glory! Alleluia!*

2. Walking the way, Christ in the center,
telling the story to open our eyes;
breaking our bread, giving us glory:
Jesus, our blessing, our constant surprise.

Refrain

3. Jesus the vine, we are the branches;
life in the Spirit the fruit of the tree;
heaven to earth, Christ to the people,
gift of the future now flowing to me.

Refrain

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Offertory: Terry & Joni Beezhold

Closing Prayer

Closing Song of Praise: LYUH #144:1-3 ***“Lift Up the Gates Eternal ”***

Refrain

*Lift up the gates eternal,
lift up your voices;
the King of glory comes,
the nation rejoices.*

1. See, all the earth is God's,
its people and nations;
God built it on the deeps
and laid its foundations.

2. Who can go up this mountain,
who stand in praising?
Those who are pure, who come
with clean hands upraising.
3. They shall receive forgiveness,
and have God's blessing
if they will search for God,
their Savior confessing.

* Benediction

* Doxology: LYUH #144:4-7 ***"Lift Up the Gates Eternal"***

Refrain

*Lift up the gates eternal, lift up your voices;
the King of glory comes, the nation rejoices.*

4. Come, lift your voices high,
be lifted to glory;
the Lord our God approaches,
come, shout the story.
5. Who is this glorious one,
for whom we are waiting?
We wait the mighty Lord,
our God celebrating.
6. Come, lift your heads with joy;
come, lift up your tower;
the King of glory comes
in full might and power.
7. Who is this King of glory
of whom we're singing?
Our God, the Lord of Hosts,
the victory is bringing.

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* Postlude

Welcome to this Palm Sunday service. Let us unite our minds and hearts in praising Christ the King. Let us exhibit the same joyful spirit as those who first shouted: "Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!" After the worship service, we invite you to join us in the fellowship hall next to the sanctuary for a cup of coffee or juice and continued fellowship.

Sunday School & Catechism classes will not meet next Sunday April 16. They will resume again on April 23 at 9:30 a.m..

OUR CHURCH EVENTS

Friendship House: Today, following the morning service, you will have an opportunity to sign up for a casserole, or dessert to bring for the Friendship House this week. Servers are also needed. Any monetary donations to help with expenses will be accepted also. Please bring the food to the church kitchen on Wednesday, April 12 by 4:00 p.m. Have your casseroles cooked and hot.

Choir will meet for practice this morning following the service.

The **Youth Group** will **not** meet at 7:45 p.m. today in the Youth Group Room.

The **Council** will meet on Monday, April 10 at 7:00 p.m.

The **75th Anniversary Committee** will meet on Tuesday, April 11 at 7:00 p.m.

Cadets will meet on Wednesday, April 12 at 7:00 p.m.

Our **Good Friday Service** will be a combined service with Faith Community Fellowship. It will be held this coming Friday, April 14 at 7:00 p.m. at First CRC. Childcare will be available.

Easter Lilies and Bibles: Once again members are invited to place an Easter lily or a Gideon Bible in memory of a loved one. If you would like to order a lily please call or leave a message for Sylvia at the church office (336-2405) by Monday morning, **April 9**. Cost for the lily is \$9.00. Bibles can be ordered through Tuesday, **April 11**, and can be purchased for \$5.00. Make checks payable to the First Christian Reformed Church and turn the money into the church office. Lilies may be taken home after the Easter services.

Church Library Survey: Please complete the survey about our church library. Put the completed survey in the box on the shelf by the mailboxes designated 'Church Library Survey' by TODAY. Your answers and comments will be greatly appreciated.

Copies are available on the walkway shelf of the March 2, 2017 **Classis Pacific Northwest Meeting**.

Copies of a newsletter from **Eric & Penny Schering** are available on the walkway shelf. Eric & Penny work with Pacific Island Ministries.

FAMILY VISITING: The following is the family visiting schedule for **March & April 2017**. If your family is included in the list, please expect a call from the listed Elder to arrange the day and time for the visit. If you have questions about the schedule please call the listed Elder or call Henry Hammingh at 360-424-3019.

	MARCH - APRIL 2017 FAMILY VISITS
Elder	Family
Dave V	Jim & Michele Feddema
Dave V	Marge Eskes
Greg A	Keith & Jean Rasmussen
Greg A	Case Lanting
Greg B	Kevin & Glenda Kok
Greg B	Marjean De Groot
Henry H	Kermit & Julie Houck
Henry H	Hans & Aileen Meischke
Darrel L	Dave Visser
Darrel L	Hank & Anjean Vander Veen
Pastor John	Shirley Boonstra
Pastor John	Michelle De Kok
Dennis D	Jill Klunder
Dennis D	Sally Reehoorn

ADVANCED NOTICES

The **Youth Group** will meet next Sunday, April 16.

The **Worship Committee** will meet on Monday, April 17 at 7:00 p.m.

The **Men's Bible Study** will meet on Wednesday, April 19 at 6:30 a.m. at Shari's Restaurant in Burlington. We are studying the book of Revelation. You are welcome to join us.

GEMS will meet on Wednesday, April 19 at 6:30 p.m.

Golden Hour will meet at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 20. Study the book of Philemon.

Ladies Craft Night will be held on Friday, April 21 at 6:30 p.m. Bring something to work on and come and go as you please.

Work Party Volunteers Needed! Looking for 15-20 able bodied individuals of all ages to help beautify our Church grounds by putting down Caseron weed killer and placing new beauty bark in our flowerbeds. Many hands make lighter and quicker work so more people the better. Lefeber Turf will be dumping two truckloads, or about 50 yards of bark, on two piles.

Needs: 8 wheelbarrows, large scooping shovels, many rakes and a few heavy duty brooms.

When: Saturday April 22 rain or shine.

Time: 9:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.

A loader tractor will also be provided, that will speed up the process!

Much appreciation in advance for any who are willing and able to help. This will look fabulous in preparation for our 75th Anniversary party! Please let Sylvia Van Zanten or Jim Feddema know who can come and what you will bring.

The Board of **Northwest Hispanic Ministry** invites you to a free dinner and a time to rejoice as Joe Strong shares how God is changing lives and building His kingdom here in Western Washington. Our banquet locations and times are Friday, April 28th at 6:00 p.m. First Christian Reformed Church, 701 W. Blackburn Rd., Mt. Vernon and Saturday, April 29th at 5:30 p.m. at Third Christian Reformed Church in Lynden. Reserve the date and plan to attend. Bring a friend. You will not be disappointed.

HYMN SING: COMING SOON. Sunday, April 30, at 4:00, our church will be hosting a "Hymnspiration". This will be an evening of singing Hymns for all ages. Plan to come for an evening of Praise and Worship with family and friends! Everyone is welcome!

May 7 Worship Services: On Sunday morning, May 7 we have the privilege of welcoming Steve Gumear, the cofounder of Partners Relief and Development, who will be sharing with us their current work with vulnerable people groups (internally displaced, refugees, etc.) in countries such as Iraq, Syria, and Myanmar. Steve is currently in Mosul, Iraq, but will be in the Mount Vernon area visiting friends the weekend of the 7th. ... The May 7 evening service will be a special prayer service. During this service we will pray specifically for some of our loved ones who are currently battling cancer as well as for many other important cares and concerns in our community, country, and world. Please mark your calendars accordingly!

Mark your calendars! The dates and times are set for our 75th anniversary weekend, May 12-14, 2017. We plan to begin the festivities Friday the 12th at 7:00 p.m. with a program. Our former pastors will be sharing memories, along with singing and special music. There will be a time of fellowship afterwards.

Saturday afternoon starting around 3:00 p.m. we will have a soup and buns picnic in the Commons at MVC. We will start with games, a time of fellowship, and then start eating about 5:00 p.m. There will be an open mic where anyone who wants to share a story can do so. There will be a signup sheet available soon so that we can get a headcount for food preparation. If anyone has family or knows former members that would like to come, please have them RSVP with Sylvia.

On Sunday, the 14th, at 10:30 a.m. we will have a celebration worship service with our former pastors involved. There will be cake served following the service. If anyone has questions, you may contact Greg Boon or Melba DeKok.

ORGANIZATIONS WE SUPPORT

Father, Into Your Hands: In the finality of Jesus Christ's dying words we discover hope. Join our Groundwork conversation on Luke 23:26-31, 44-49 to understand Jesus' experience and see how he teaches us about our relationship with God and life after death in one simple dying sentence. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Dine N Dash: In this brand new episode Morrie invites Liz and Spike to a fancy restaurant, but do these three have the fine dining skills to fit in? And how can Morrie afford all this? Before they are done, lessons in conscience and confession are needed to help make this night unforgettable. Tell the story of Easter with the KC Family Easter Craft at www.kidscorner.net.

Available Free in the Digital Library: "Preventing Child Abuse: Creating a Safe Place" is available free to all in the CRC through the Digital Library (crcna.org/Library). This book will guide churches and nonprofit organizations through the process of designing and implementing the policies and procedures they need to keep their children safe.

Love INC: On Friday, May 19, 2017 Love INC will have their Annual Banquet. If you are interested in attending, or would like to host a table, please contact the LOVE INC office at 360-419-7061 or call Sylvia at the church office (336-2405).

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

SUN	11:45 pm	Choir Practice
	4:00 pm	Vida Nueva
MON	7:00 pm	Council Meeting
TUES	7:00 pm	75th Anniversary Committee Meeting
	7:00 pm	Vida Nueva
WED	4:00 pm	Friendship House
	7:00 pm	Cadets
FRI	7:00 pm	Combined Good Friday Service

NURSERY:

Today: Infants & Toddlers

Brooke Knoester, Kennedy Donaldson, Nathan Van Beek

Good Friday: Michele Feddema & Jordan Feddema

Next Week: Infants & Toddlers

Sue Blom, Kyler Houck, Jack Hammingh

GREETERS:

Today:

Rovers: Larry & Margaret Vander Pol

AM: Darin & Michelle Kuipers, Aileen Meischke, Betty Postma

Good Friday: Elders Dave Visser & Greg Ackermann

Next Week:

Rovers: Greg & Tish Ackermann

AM: Randy & Juli Oostra, Bob & Andy Pippel

USHERS

Today: Henry Hammingh, Tim Hibma, Wiebe Van der Hoek

Good Friday: Henry Hammingh, Tim Hibma, Wiebe Van der Hoek

Next Week: Darin Kuipers, Tim Van Hofwegen, Larry Greidanus

SOUND SYSTEM

Today: Henry Van Zanten, Jr.

Good Friday: Tim Hibma

Next Week: Tim Hibma

PROJECTION

Today: Tim Hibma

Good Friday: Josh Hammingh

Next Week: Devin Van Zanten

VIDEO TAPING

Today: Mike Hibma

Next Week: DJ Droog

CHILDREN & WORSHIP

Today:

Teacher: Julie Houck

Assistants: Shanna Visser, Emma Droog

Next Week:

Teacher: Wendy Heino

Assistants: Elly Cuperus, Hannah Van Hofwegen

LIBRARY:

Today: Melba De Kok

Next Week: Joy Faber

COFFEE HOSTS

Today: Jeannette Folkertsma, Larry & Maxine Greidanus, Steve & Teci Greydanus

Next Week: Katie Jungquist, Clarence & Eleanor Klunder, Jill Klunder

VIDA NUEVA CHILDCARE

Today: Danielle Van Zanten, Sylvia Van Zanten

Next Week: Jill Haagsma & Betty Postma

MINISTRY OF PRAISE

Next Week: None

OFFERING: April 16, 2017

AM: General Fund

PM: Pregnancy Choices

6:30 P.M. Worship Service

Pianist: Melba De Kok

Welcome/Announcements

Prayer for Worship

Opening Songs of Praise: Led by Dennis De Kok

"Fill Thou My Life, O Lord, My God" LUYH #356:1-3

"Blessed Assurance: Jesus Is Mine" LUYH #363:1-3

"I Serve a Risen Savior" LUYH #365:1 & 3

Catechism Reading: Lord's Day 21 Q&A 54-56

Scripture Readings: Various Texts

Message: ***"The Holy Catholic Church"***

Time of Prayer

Offering: Pregnancy Choices

Song of Application: LUYH #251:1-4 ***"The Church's One Foundation"***

* God's Blessing

* Parting Praise: LUYH #965 ***"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"***



People to be remembered with prayers, cards, letters & words of encouragement. Call the church office at (336-2405) or e-mail: secretary@firstcrcmv.com by Thursday of each week with your prayer items.

CONTINUING CONCERNS:

Continue to pray for **Annette LeClair** and **Betty Postma** as they both are dealing with cancer. Pray for healing for Annette & Betty and strength for each day.

Continue to pray for those who have recently lost a loved one.

SHUT INS:

Nell Annema at Creekside in Burlington, **Grace Faber** at home in Mount Vernon; **Helena Kuiper** at Creekside in Burlington; **Mary Koopmans** at home in Mount Vernon; **Adrianna Swanson** at Creekside in Burlington; **Bev Van Slageren** at home in Clear Lake, **Duane Van Dyke** at Where the Heart Is in Burlington, **Chris Van Sweden** at Country Meadows in Sedro-Woolley, and **Rena Wester** at the Lynden Manor.

Sustaining Pastoral Excellence: Clergy couples - This month we are sponsoring our first-ever retreat for clergy couples (in which both spouses are ordained). For clergy couples, ministry highs and lows are often multiplied because of the ministry efforts taken on by both spouses. Pray that these couples may be renewed and encouraged through time with God and others who share this unique calling.

Christian Reformed World Missions: Mexico - James and Barbarita Lee, missionaries in Mexico, are teaching workshops on prayer and intercultural relationships as part of a college campus ministry regional retreat. Pray that this will be a time of learning and reflection for attendees. Pray that college campus ministries will be strengthened through this retreat.

Back to God Ministries International: China - Pray for a new outreach ministry launched by our Chinese team to respond to its audience seeking guidance with spiritual questions. Pray that God will equip staff member Jing with wisdom and godly advice to help responders find their ultimate hope and direction through God and his Word.

World Renew: Disaster Response Services (DRS) - Plans are under way for reconstruction in Fort McMurray, Alta. Your continued prayers are welcome for the planning process as well as for the individuals and families not yet recovered after last year's fires. Pray that the hope of Christ will continue to be strongly felt as recovery plans progress.

Calvin Theological Seminary: Distance learning - Pray for our distance learning students. Our first group to have completed its training entirely through distance courses online is planning to graduate in May. Please also give thanks for faithful mentors who have helped to form these and other students for ministry.

Christian Reformed Home Missions: Learning communities - Please pray for five churches in Michigan and four churches in Ontario that have formed groups for shared learning to explore new postures and practices for joining God's mission in their neighborhoods.

Christian Reformed World Missions: Nigeria - A man named Flensted is following God's call to serve in Christian education. He has participated in teacher training events with CRWM for several years, and recently he decided to go into this career full-time. Praise God for Flensted's service to and passion for Christian education in Nigeria. May he continue to see signs of God's provision as he settles into this career.