

Welcome to First Christian Reformed Church!

Guest Pastor Rod Vander Ley

August 13, 2017

10:30 A.M. Worship Service

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

“In Christ alone my hope is found; he is my lift, my strength, my song-“

Prelude: Sylvia Van Zanten

Welcome and Announcements

* Call to Worship: Psalm 145:1-2

Opening Hymn: LUYH #560:1-3 ***“We Praise You, O God”***

1. We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;
in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before you, we kneel and adore you;
we bless your holy name, glad praises we sing.
2. We worship you, God of our fathers and mothers;
through life's storm and tempest our guide you have been.
When perils o'ertake us, you never forsake us.
And with your help, O Lord, our battles we win.
3. With voices united our praises we offer;
our songs of thanksgiving to you we now raise.
Your strong arm will guide us, our God is beside us.
To you, our great Redeemer, fore'er be praise!

Words: Julia C. Cory, 1902, alt., P.D.; Music: a. Valerius, Nederlandtsch Gedenckclandk, 1626, P.D.; CCLI# 678905

* God's Greeting / We Greet Each Other

* Opening Songs of Praise:

Read Psalm 149:1-4

“Sing Praise to the Lord, You People of Grace” LUYH #7:1-4

1. Sing praise to the Lord, you people of grace;
fill heaven with the songs that sound from this place;
since you are God's servants and meet in his name,
his wonders declare and his glory proclaim.

Refrain

*Halle! Hallelujah! Halle! Halle! Hallelujah!
Halle! Hallelujah! Halle! Halle! Hallelujah!*

2. His greatness exceeds what words can explain,
and his is the power no force can restrain;
with fanfares of horns and crescendos of strings
raise anthems to honor the King of all kings.

Refrain

3. Where music is made, let rhythms abound:
let cymbals and drums add weight to the sound;
with dance that is graceful and words that are clear,
bring joy to the God you adore and revere.

Refrain

4. Yield all that you are to worship the Lord—
see life as a psalm, each moment a chord;
let harmonies flourish and melodies soar—
let all that has breath praise the Lord evermore.

Refrain

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“This Is My Father’s World” LUYH #21:1-3

1. This is my Father’s world,
and to my listening ears
all nature sings, and round me rings
the music of the spheres.
This is my Father’s world;
I rest me in the thought
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;
his hand the wonders wrought.
2. This is my Father’s world;
the birds their carols raise;
the morning light, the lily white,
declare their Maker’s praise.
This is my Father’s world;
he shines in all that’s fair.
In the rustling grass I hear him pass;
he speaks to me everywhere.

Sing acapella

3. This is my Father’s world;
oh, let me not forget
that, though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the Ruler yet.
This is my Father’s world;
why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is King, let the heavens ring!
God reigns; let the earth be glad.

Words: Maltbie D. Babcock (1858-1901), P.D.; Music: English; adapt. Franklin L. Sheppard (1852-1930), P.D.; CCLI #678905

*At the conclusion of this song children ages 3-1st grade are
dismissed to the Koinonia Room for Children and Worship*

“This cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.”

Call to Confession

Sung Prayer of Confession and Lament: LUYH #622:1-3 **"God, Be Merciful to Me"**

1. God, be merciful to me,
on your grace I rest my plea;
Wash me, make me pure within;
cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.

Refrain

*God, be merciful to me,
on your grace I rest my plea.*

2. My transgressions I confess;
grief and guilt my soul oppress.
I have sinned against your grace
and provoked you to your face.

Refrain

3. I am evil, born in sin;
you desire truth within.
Make me pure, your mercy show;
wash me whiter than the snow.

Refrain

PSALM 51:1-9; Words: *Psalter*, 1912, alt., Christopher Miner © 1998 Christopher Miner Music; CCLI #678905

Words of Assurance

Song of Thanksgiving: LUYH #622:4 **"God, Be Merciful to Me"**

4. Let my contrite heart rejoice
and in gladness hear your voice;
from my sins, O hide your face,
blot them out in boundless grace.

Refrain

*God, be merciful to me,
on your grace I rest my plea.*

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Offering: General Fund

* Hymn of Preparation: LUYH #754:1,3,4,5 **"Lord, Speak to Me that I May Speak"**

1. Lord, speak to me that I may speak
in living echoes of your tone.
As you have sought, so let me seek
your erring children, lost and lone.
3. O teach me, Lord, that I may teach
the precious truths which you impart.
And wing my words that they may reach
the hidden depths of many a heart.
4. O fill me with Thy fullness, Lord,
until my very heart o'erflows
in kindling thought and glowing word,
your love to tell, Thy praise to show.

5. O use me, Lord, use even me,
just as you will, and when, and where
until your blessed face I see,
your rest, your joy, your glory share.

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“What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease.”

Scripture Reading: I Corinthians 15:1-6 (pg. 1139) Read by Lexi Blom

Prayer of Illumination

Message: ***“The Good News: Of 1st Importance”***

I. Of 1st Importance

A. Christ _____ for our sins

B. Christ was _____

C. Christ was _____ from the dead

II. The Powerful Consequences

A. Stands as the _____ Christian Faith

B. Demands Incredible _____

C. The _____ impacts the Now

Time of Prayer

“My comforter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.”

* Song of Application: ***“The Risen Christ”*** vs.1-4

1. O Breath of God, come fill this place,
revive our hearts to know Your grace;
and from our slumber make us rise;
that we may know the risen Christ.
2. O Word of God, so clear and true,
renew our minds to trust in You;
and give to us the Bread of Life;
that we may know the risen Christ.
3. O love of God, so unrestrained,
refresh our souls, in Jesus' name;
let us reflect Your sacrifice;
that we may know the risen Christ.

4. May God the Father, God the Son,
and God the Spirit, make us one;
in holiness let us unite;
that we may know the risen Christ.

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* Benediction

* Parting Praise: LUYH #770:1-4 *"In Christ Alone"*

1. In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song;
this cornerstone, this solid ground,
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
My comforter, my all in all,
here in the love of Christ I stand.
2. In Christ alone, who took on flesh,
fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
scorned by the ones He came to save.
'Til on the cross as Jesus died,
the wrath of God was satisfied.
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid;
here in the death of Christ I live.
3. There in the ground His body lay,
light of the world by darkness slain;
then, bursting forth in glorious day,
up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory,
sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
for I am His and He is mine,
bought with the precious blood of Christ.
4. No guilt in life, no fear in death,
this is the power of Christ in me;
from life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no human plan,
can ever pluck me from His hand;
'til He returns or calls me home,
here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!

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* Postlude

Welcome to a time of praise and worship of the Lord our God. Let us fill His house with songs of praise and feast upon His word. We especially welcome every visitor today. We are very glad you came. May the peace and joy of the Lord be yours. After the morning service all are invited to the fellowship hall next to the sanctuary for a cup of coffee or juice and continued fellowship.

We welcome **Pastor Rod Vander Ley** from Puyallup to our morning service as leads us in worship. **Elder Dennis De Kok** will lead our evening service.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Dear First CRC,

Thank you so much for your recent gift to our ministry with Wycliffe. We appreciate your support and prayers as we serve in Papua New Guinea.

In Christ,

Jon and Trista Vander Wal

OUR CHURCH EVENTS

Faith Storytelling: Beginning sometime this summer, the elders would like to add a small element to our morning service entitled "**Three Minutes of Grace.**" Essentially this will be a time in which a congregational member reads aloud a favorite Bible passage and then also briefly shares why these verses are so meaningful to them. The first few "**Three Minutes of Grace**" will be led by an elder, but the hope is that in the future many other congregational members might be willing to share as well. The main purpose of this element is to help all of us who are gathered for worship - from the 5-year-old to the 98-year-old - to realize in a deeper way that we are all redeemed sinners, loved by Jesus, shaped by grace, and standing together at the cross with open arms.

Sermon Topics: Throughout the summer months we will be studying the early life of David – Israel's great poet, prophet and king. Three thousand years after he lived, his passion and faith still continue to inspire. Not only is David "*a man after God's own heart,*" but more importantly he points us to Jesus "*who was descended from David according to the flesh*" (Rom. 1:3). The following is a tentative schedule of our study and as always I encourage you to read the text ahead of time in preparation for the message on that day. May God continue to cultivate our own heart as we study this particular giant of our faith!

In Christ,

Pastor John Knoester

June 11: "*Samuel Anoints David*" (I Samuel 16:1-13)
June 18: "*David in Saul's Service*" (I Samuel 16:14-23)
June 25: "*David and Goliath*" Part 1 (I Samuel 17:1-30)
July 9: "*David and Goliath*" Part 2 (I Samuel 17:31-50)
July 16: "*Jonathan's Covenant with David*" (I Samuel 18:1-4)
July 23: "*The Jealousy of Saul*" (I Samuel 18:5-30)
July 30: "*Saul Tries to Kill David*" (I Samuel 19)
Aug. 20: "*David and Jonathan*" (I Samuel 20)
Aug. 27: "*Fearful Flight to Nob and Gath*" (I Samuel 21)
Sept. 3 – "*Murder of the Priests*" (I Samuel 22)
Sept. 10: "*Living By the Word*" (I Samuel 23)
Sept. 17: "*David Spares Saul's Life*" (I Samuel 24)

The **Council** will meet on Monday, August 14 at 7:00 p.m.

Childcare for Vida Nueva: The Vida Nueva Church that meets at 4:00 p.m. Sunday afternoon needs help with childcare. Due to others moving on, one position is in desperate need of filling. When there is no childcare, our services turn chaotic. When it happens more than one Sunday in a row, I feel like quitting. The position that is open helps once every 6 weeks. I am deeply grateful for those who do volunteer. Call Joe at 360-540-7474.

FAMILY VISITING: The following is the family visiting schedule for **August—September 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.

	AUG-SEPT 2017 FAMILY VISITS
Elder	Family
Dave V	Joe & Nellie Strong
Dave V	Bryan & Deanna Van Beek
Greg A	Agnes Bollema
Greg A	Brad DeKok
Greg B	Larry & Margaret Vander Pol
Greg B	Mary Koopmans
Henry H	John & Dena Klunder
Henry H	Betty Postma
Darrel L	Wayne & Rhea Doss
Darrel L	Spencer & Janelle Donaldson
Pastor John	Joe & Annette LeClair
Pastor John	Les & Joy Faber
Dennis D	Darrel & Sunee Lagerwey
Dennis D	Brian Doss

The September copy of *Today's Christian Living* is available on the walkway shelf for you to pick up.

ADVANCED NOTICES

The *Men's Bible Study* will meet on Wednesday, August 23 at 6:30 a.m. at Shari's Restaurant in Burlington. We are studying the book of Revelation. You are welcome to join us.

The *Young at Heart* will meet for their monthly lunch at I-Hop at 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, August 24.

Transportation Care Team: There will be a meeting after the morning service in the council room on August 27 for those have signed up to provide transportation. Thank you!

Plan Ahead: The next *Ladies Night Out* will be held on Thursday, September 7 at 7:00 p.m. at the Haggen's Café in Mount Vernon. Hope to see you there!

ORGANIZATIONS WE SUPPORT

The Laborers in the Vineyard: We spend most of our lives caring about what's fair. But Jesus uses our human penchant for fairness to convict our hearts and reveal the wonderful, sometimes disconcerting truth about God's grace and salvation through the parable of the laborers in the vineyard from Matthew 20. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Sunday Selfie Superstar: All of Terrene is clicking away and making duck faces, looking for the best selfie! Liz is confident that he'll win the contest, until a long-forgotten figure from his past returns! Say cheese! Subscribe for free at getkidscorner.com. The September copy of *Today's Christian Living* is available on the walkway shelf for you to pick up. At www.kidscorner.net, download two of our best free resources: the KC Sketch book and the KC Summer Fun Book.

The 4th *Annual Homeless for a Night Fundraiser* for Family Promise of Skagit Valley will be held on Saturday, September 23 at 6:00 p.m. through Sunday, September 24 at 7:00 a.m. It will be held at Salem Lutheran Church. If you are interested, please contact the church office. Informational flyers about Family Promise can be found on the walkway shelf.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

SUN 4:00 pm Vida Nueva
6:30 pm Evening Service
MON 7:00 pm Council Meeting

NURSERY:

Today: Infants & Toddlers

Michele Feddema, Rayahna Oostra, Jordan Feddema

Next Week: Infants & Toddlers

Brooke Knoester, Josie Droog, Emma Droog

GREETERS:

Today:

Rovers: Keith & Jean Rasmussen

AM: Bryan & Deanna Van Beek, Duane & Trudy Van Dyke

Next Week:

Rovers: Larry & Margaret Vander Pol

AM: Tim & Heather Van Hofwegen, Jack & Trudy Van Klaveren

USHERS

Today: Henry Hamming, Tim Hibma, Kermit Houck

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

SOUND SYSTEM

Today: Tim Hibma

Next Week: Mardick Stevens

PROJECTION

Today AM: Nathan Van Beek

Next Week: Tim Hibma

VIDEO TAPING

Today: DJ Droog

Next Week: Mike Hibma

CHILDREN & WORSHIP

Today:

Teacher: Heather Van Hofwegen

Assistants: Johnna Van der Hoek, Josie Droog

Next Week:

Teacher: Heather Van Hofwegen

Assistants: Julie Speck, Juliana LeClair

LIBRARY:

Today: Michelle De Kok

Next Week: Elly Cuperus

COFFEE HOSTS

Today: Jack & Trudy Van Klaveren, Greg & Tish Ackermann, Agnes Bollema

Next Week: Bryan & Deanna Van Beek, Hank & Sylvia Van Zanten, Randy & Peggy Burr

VIDA NUEVA CHILDCARE

Today: None

Next Week: Jill Haagsma, Betty Postma

MINISTRY OF PRAISE

Next Week: Henry Kuipers

Accompanist: Marjo Rouw

OFFERING: August 20, 2017

AM: General Fund

PM: Youth Dynamics

6:30 P.M. Worship Service

Pianist: Sylvia Van Zanten

Welcome/Announcements

Prayer for Worship

Opening Songs of Praise: Led by Melba De Kok

"Father, I Adore You" P.P. #70: 3

3. Spirit, I adore you, lay my life before you.
How I love you.

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"Spirit of the Living God" LUYH #749:1-2

"Spirit Song" P.P. # 218: 1

1. O let the Son of God enfold you
with His Spirit and His love,
Let Him fill your life and satisfy your soul.
O let Him have the things that hold you
and His Spirit, like a dove
will descend upon your life and make you whole.

Chorus:

Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.

Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.

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"Holy, Holy" P.P. #3:1,4,5

1. Holy, holy; Holy, holy; Holy, holy Lord God Almighty;
And we lift our hearts before You
as a token of our love, Holy, holy; Holy, holy.
4. Holy Spirit, Holy Spirit,
Come and fill our hearts anew, Holy Spirit;
And we lift our voice before You as a token of our love,
Holy Spirit, Holy Spirit.
5. Hallelujah, Hallelujah; Hallelujah, Hallelujah;
And we lift our hearts before You as a token of our love, Hallelujah, Hallelujah.

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Message: Ministry Video – *"Irresistible Grace"*

Video Discussion – Led by Elder Dennis De Kok

Time of Prayer

Offering: Youth Dynamics

Song of Application: LUYH #691:1-5 **“Amazing Grace”**

* 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** as she continues with her chemo treatments. May God give Annette strength for each day.

Pray for those who have recently lost loved ones.

SHUT INS:

Nell Annema at Birchview Memory Care in Sedro-Woolley, **Grace Faber** at home in Mount Vernon; **Mary Koopmans** at home in Mount Vernon; **Wilma Paul** at Mountain Glen Retirement Center 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.

OTHER CONCERNS:

Pray for those *traveling* during the summer months.

PRAISES:

Congratulations to **Hank & Anjean Vander Veen**, who will celebrate their 67th wedding anniversary on August 14. We give thanks to God for all the years He has blessed them with.

We give God thanks that **Betty Postma** has completed her chemotherapy. We pray for continued health for Betty.

Resonate Global Mission: Canada - Salaam 2.0 continues to help Christian Reformed churches connect with their Muslim neighbors. In partnership with Salaam, the Canadian Network of Muslims is starting new networks in British Columbia and Atlantic Canada. Give thanks for this expansion and pray that Christians in Canada will love Muslims in Jesus’ name.

Cadets: God Seeking Us - This is the theme for the upcoming Cadet season, based on Ezekiel 34:11. Boys and their counselors will explore together what it means that God is looking for them and watching over them. Pray that men and boys in clubs across North America will build relationships that allow counselors to demonstrate what it means to live a Christlike life.

Resonate Global Mission: Zuni, N.Mex. - Pray that God will be at work in the summer programs offered by the Zuni Christian Reformed Mission as several Christian young men and women graduates— Shanell, Sheldon, Barlow, Natasha, and Ty—serve as interns leading the basketball, volleyball, outdoor camp, and Bible school programs.

Urban Aboriginal Ministries: Serving and learning - Each summer, our Urban Aboriginal Ministries welcome students from area churches and neighborhoods to help with summer programming. This is often one of the first times our CRC youth have the opportunity to be involved in ministry and to learn from Aboriginal friends and elders. Pray that the Spirit will move and that God's love and truth will help our students grow.

Back to God Ministries International: Russia - Pray for Mikhail, a follow-up coordinator who works from St. Petersburg. God uses this contact to share the gospel in person with our listeners. Thank God for all who have found faith in Christ as a result of this discipleship ministry.

Resonate Global Mission: Holy Land Tour - Pray for participants in the Holy Land Learning Tour who are visiting sights and people in the land where Jesus lived. May this be a meaningful experience for all who are involved.

Centre for Public Dialogue: Arrests - Recent arrests in Ontario helped to free eighteen women and girls from sex trafficking and revealed again that this crime happens in our communities, sometimes through websites that are easy to access. Abba, we praise you for these recent arrests, and we mourn for the many people who have been ensnared by human trafficking. We pray for release for the captives.