

Welcome to First Christian Reformed Church!

Pastor John Knoester

August 27, 2017

10:30 A.M. Worship Service

* Please stand if you are able.

***“My hope is built on nothing less,
than Jesus’ blood and righteousness”***

Prelude: Jill Klunder

Welcome / Announcements

October 1 Crop Walk Update: Darrel Lagerwey

* Call to Worship: Psalm 8

* Opening Hymn of Praise: LUYH #553:1-3 ***“How Great Thou Art”***

1. O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the works thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
thy power throughout the universe displayed;

Refrain

*Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:
how great thou art, how great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:
how great thou art, how great thou art!*

2. When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze;

Refrain

3. But when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
he bled and died to take away my sin;

Refrain

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* God’s Greeting / We Greet Each Other

* Song of Praise:

Read Job 19:25-27

“There Is a Redeemer” LUYH #833:1-3

1. There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God’s own Son;
precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.

Chorus:

*Thank You, O my Father, for giving us Your Son;
and leaving Your Spirit ‘til the work on earth is done.*

2. Jesus, my Redeemer, name above all names;
precious Lamb of God, Messiah, hope for sinners slain.

Chorus

3. When I stand in glory, I will see His face;
there I'll serve my King forever, in that holy place.

Chorus

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*During the singing of the last verse children ages 3-1st grade are
dismissed to the Koinonia Room for Children and Worship.*

***“I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
but wholly trust in Jesus’ name.”***

Offering: General Fund

Second AM Offering: The Benevolent Fund

Prayer of Invocation: Led by Henry & Jayne Hammingh

* Song of Preparation: LUYH #844:1,3,4,5 ***“Lift Up Your Hearts unto the Lord”***

1. Lift up your hearts unto the Lord,
lift up your hearts unto the Lord.
Sing alleluia, sing alleluia;
lift up your hearts unto the Lord!
3. His resurrection sets us free,
his resurrection sets us free.
Sing alleluia, sing alleluia;
his resurrection sets us free.
4. Therefore we celebrate the feast,
therefore we celebrate the feast.
Sing alleluia, sing alleluia;
therefore we celebrate the feast.

Sing acapella

5. Sing alleluia to the Lord,
Sing alleluia to the Lord.
Sing alleluia, sing alleluia;
Sing alleluia to the Lord.

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“Christ alone, Cornerstone”

Scripture Reading: I Samuel 21 (pg. 284) Read by Brad De Kok

Prayer of Illumination

Message: ***“The Early Life of David – Fearful Flight to Nob and Gath”***

Time of Prayer

* Song of Application: **“Cornerstone”** vs. 1-3

1. My hope is built on nothing less,
than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly trust in Jesus' Name.

Repeat Verse 1

Chorus

*Christ alone cornerstone.
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love.
Through the storm, He is Lord. Lord of all.*

2. When darkness seems to hide His face,
I rest on His unchanging grace.
In every high and stormy gale,
my anchor holds within the veil.
My anchor holds within the veil.

Chorus

3. When He shall come with trumpet sound,
oh may I then in Him be found.
Dressed in His righteousness alone.
Faultless stand before the throne.

Chorus (2x)

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*During the singing of this song the children will
be returning from Children and Worship.*

“Weak made strong in the Savior’s love”

We Celebrate Communion Together - Child: Kayla Van Hofwegen

Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Institution

Invitation

Distribution of the Elements

Communion Songs (*As the elements are being served*)

“Wonderful, Merciful Savior” vs. 1-3

1. Wonderful merciful, Savior,
precious Redeemer and Friend;
Who would have thought that a Lamb
could rescue the souls of men?
Oh, You rescue the souls of men.

Chorus

*You are the One that we praise,
You are the One we adore,
You give the healing and grace
our hearts always hunger for,
Oh, our hearts always hunger for.*

2. Counselor, Comforter, Keeper,
Spirit we long to embrace;
You offer hope when our hearts
have hopelessly lost the way,
Oh, we hopelessly lost the way.

Chorus

3. Almighty, infinite Father,
faithfully loving Your own;
Here in our weakness You find us
falling before Your throne,
Oh, we're falling before Your throne.

Chorus

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“How Deep the Father’s Love for Us” vs. 1-3

1. How deep the Father’s love for us,
how vast beyond all measure
that He should give His only Son
to make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss.
The Father turns His face away as wounds
which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.
2. Behold the Man upon a cross,
my sin upon His shoulders.
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there
until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life.
I know that it is finished.
3. I will not boast in anything:
no gifts, no pow’r, no wisdom.
But I will boast in Jesus Christ:
His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer.
But this I know with all my heart:
His wounds have paid my ransom.

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“Behold the Lamb” LUYH #840:1

1. Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away,
slain for us- and we remember
the promise made that all who come in faith
find forgiveness at the cross.
So we share in this Bread of Life,
and we drink of His sacrifice
as a sign of our bonds of peace
around the table of the King.

Sharing of the Bread

“Behold the Lamb” LUYH #840:2

2. The body of our Savior, Jesus Christ,
torn for you- eat and remember
the wounds that heal; the death that brings us life
paid the price to make us one.
So we share in this Bread of Life,
and we drink of His sacrifice
as a sign of our bonds of love
around the table of the King.

Sharing of the Cup

“Behold the Lamb” LUYH #840:3

3. The blood that cleanses every stain of sin,
shed for you- drink and remember
He drained death's cup, that all may enter in
to receive the life of God.
So we share in this Bread of Life,
and we drink of His sacrifice
as a sign of our bonds of grace
around the table of the King.

Response of Praise and Prayer

* ***“Behold the Lamb”*** LUYH #840:4

4. And so with thankfulness and faith we rise
to respond - and to remember
our call to follow in the steps of Christ
as His body here on earth.
And as we share in His suffering,
we proclaim Christ will come again!
And we'll join in the feast of heaven
around the table of the King.

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“Through the storm He is Lord, Lord of all”

* Closing Prayer

* Benediction

* Doxology: LUYH #553:4 **"How Great Thou Art"**

4. When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation,
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
and there proclaim, "My God, how great thou art!"

Sing Refrain acapella

*Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:
how great thou art, how great thou art!*

*Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:
how great thou art, how great thou art!*

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* Postlude

Welcome! Jesus said, "I am the Bread of Life." Our Savior invites us to His table, a table of love that has been prepared for us. Jesus, Our Savior, lived, died and lives again for each one of us. *The Lord's Supper is a table of grace. All those who have received the grace of Christ and confess Him as Lord and Savior of their life are warmly invited to participate. Yet, know too that there is also 'grace' from this community of faith for those who do not yet confess Christ as Lord. And if that's the case then we encourage you not to partake until you have the genuine desire to receive God's grace and are ready to proclaim Christ as your Lord.* Let us worship our God today and praise Him for His love. 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.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Directory Correction

Henry & Sylvia Van Zanten
Home Phone: 360-386-7442

OUR CHURCH EVENTS

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" (1 Samuel 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!

The **Elders & Deacons** will meet on Monday, August 28 at 7:00 p.m.

The **Worship Committee** will meet on Wednesday, August 30 at 7:00 p.m.

Leaders are needed for **Children & Worship and Sunday School**. Please let Tim or Heather Van Hofwegen know if you will be able to use your gifts that God has given in these areas.

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 / October **Today** devotional is available on the walkway shelf and the shelves by the mailboxes.

ADVANCED NOTICES

The **Men's Bible Study** will meet on Wednesday, September 6 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 **Evangelism Committee** will meet on Wednesday, September 6 at 7:00 p.m.

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

Donations for Neighbors in Need: Next week, September 3, you will have opportunity again to bring your donations of canned and non-perishable items for the food drive for "**Neighbors in Need**". Please bring your donations in the morning or evening to the church and place them in the basket located in the foyer and the Fellowship Hall.

The Wedding Banquet: Jesus' parable of the Wedding Banquet is filled with caution and warning, even for the believer. Join Groundwork as we discuss Matthew 22 to discover what Jesus wants us to know about God's judgment and what it means for who is welcomed into his kingdom. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Bruno's Back in Town: Bruno LeVaire, the international art thief may be back in town to get his revenge on Liz and Grandpa Anole, but he's not the only one to shock the Terrene Community! An old friend returns to help out, but is that a good thing? Subscribe for free at getkidscorner.com. This month, Kids Corner's offering a free ebook on divorce called "God's Got You Covered." Using biblical teaching, this eBook provides help for kids and parents talk about divorce. Go to www.kidscorner.net and click on the free stuff page to download this free resource.

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENT

We all care about hungry people, but what can one person do? You can join in the Skagit **Crop Hunger Walk** on October 1 at 2:00 p.m. Help raise awareness and funds to end hunger one step at a time around the world and here in Skagit County. To join the walk, visit www.crophungerwalk.org.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

SUN	4:00 pm	Vida Nueva
	6:30 pm	Evening Service
MON	7:00 pm	Elders and Deacons Meet
WED	7:00 pm	Worship Committee Meeting

NURSERY

Today: Infants & Toddlers

Heather Van Hofwegen, Jase Hilsinger, Hannah Van Hofwegen

Next Week: Infants & Toddlers

Johnna Van der Hoek, Kendall Van Zanten, Kennedy Donaldson

GREETERS

Today - Rovers

Elders Dennis De Kok, Greg Boon

AM: Hank & Sylvia Van Zanten, Greg & Beth Boon

Next Week - Rovers

Greg & Tish Ackermann

AM: Shirley Boonstra, Marjean De Groot, Randy & Peggy Burr

USHERS

Today: Henry Van Zanten, Jr, Tim Hibma, Kermit Houck

Next Week: Henry Hammingh, Henry Van Zanten Jr, Tim Van Hofwegen

SOUND SYSTEM

Today: Mardick Stevens

Next Week: Tim Hibma

PROJECTION

Today AM: Josh Hammingh

Next Week: Nathan Van Beek

VIDEO TAPING

Today: DJ Droog

Next Week: Mike Hibma

CHILDREN & WORSHIP

Today:

Teacher: Juli Oostra

Assistants: Briana Vander Kooy, Kera Boon

Next Week:

Teacher: Marjo Rouw

Assistants: Brooke Knoester, Cody Hilsinger

LIBRARY:

Today: Melba De Kok

Next Week: Joy Faber

COFFEE HOSTS

Today: Rich & Elly Cuperus, Dennis & Melba De Kok, Michelle De Kok

Next Week: Alice De Vries, Wayne & Rhea Doss, Les & Joy Faber

VIDA NUEVA CHILDCARE

Today: Marjean De Groot, Alice De Vries

Next Week: Jayne Hammingh, Josh Hammingh

MINISTRY OF PRAISE

Next Week: Tim Van Hofwegen

Accompanist: Sylvia Van Zanten

OFFERING: September 3, 2017

AM: General Fund

PM: New Earth Recovery (Faith House for Women & The Trust for Men)

6:30 P.M. Worship Service

Pianist: Shirley Boonstra

Welcome/Announcements

Prayer for Worship

Opening Songs of Praise: Led by Jayne Hammingh

"I Am Thine, O Lord" W&R # 408:1-4

1. I am thine, O Lord— I have heard Thy voice,
and it told thy love to me;
but I long to rise in the arms of faith
and be closer drawn to thee.

Chorus

*Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,
to the cross where Thou hast died;
draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,
to Thy precious bleeding side.*

2. Consecrate me now to thy service, Lord,
by the power of grace divine;
let my soul look up with a steadfast hope
and my will be lost in thine.
3. O the pure delight of a single hour
that before thy throne I spend,
when I kneel in prayer and with thee, my God,
I commune as friend with friend.
4. There are depths of love that I cannot know
till I cross the narrow sea;
there are heights of joy that I may not reach
till I rest in peace with thee.

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"Marvelous Grace" LUYH 696:1-3

"Be Still, My Soul" W&R #451:1-3

1. Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side!
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
leave to your God to order and provide-
in every change He faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul: your best, your heavenly Friend
through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.
2. Be still, my soul: your God will undertake
to guide the future as He has the past;
your hope, your confidence let nothing shake-
all now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
his voice who ruled them while He dwelt below.

3. Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on
when we shall be forever with the Lord,
when disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul! when change and tears are past,
all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

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Catechism Reading: Lord's Day 31 Q&A 83-85

Q. 83 What are the keys of the kingdom?

- A. The preaching of the holy gospel and Christian discipline toward repentance. Both preaching and repentance open the kingdom of heaven to believers and close it to unbelievers.¹**

¹ [Matt. 16:19](#); [John 20:22-23](#)

Q. 84 How does preaching the holy gospel open and close the kingdom of heaven?

- A. According to the command of Christ:
The kingdom of heaven is opened
by proclaiming and publicly declaring
to all believers, each and every one, that,
as often as they accept the gospel promise
in true faith, God, because of what Christ has done,
truly forgives all their sins.
The kingdom of heaven is closed, however,
by proclaiming and publicly declaring
to unbelievers and hypocrites that,
as long as they do not repent,
the anger of God and eternal condemnation
rest on them.**

**God's judgment, both in this life and in the life to come,
is based on this gospel testimony.¹**

¹ [Matt. 16:19](#); [John 3:31-36](#); [20:21-23](#)

Q. 85 How is the kingdom of heaven closed and opened by Christian discipline?

- A. According to the command of Christ:
Those who, though called Christians,
profess unchristian teachings or live unchristian
lives, and who after repeated personal and loving counsel
refuse to abandon their errors and wickedness,
and who after being reported to the church, that is,
to its officers, fail to respond also to their admonition—
such persons the officers exclude from the Christian fellowship
by withholding the sacraments from them, and God himself
excludes them from the kingdom of Christ.¹**

**Such persons, when promising and demonstrating
genuine reform, are received again as members of Christ and of his church.²**

¹ [Matt. 18:15-20](#); [1 Cor. 5:3-5, 11-13](#); [2 Thess. 3:14-15](#)

² [Luke 15:20-24](#); [2 Cor. 2:6-11](#)

Scripture Readings: Various Texts

Message: ***“Using our Keys Faithfully”***

Time of Prayer

Offering: Youth Dynamics

Song of Application: LUYH #840:1-4 ***“Behold the Lamb”***

* 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.

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 students and teachers as colleges and schools begin for another year. Pray that each person will do their best.

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.

Back to God Ministries International: West Africa - Thank God for the expansion of media ministry into new cities and new countries. Pray for the listeners in these places and for the volunteers who follow up with listeners who respond. Pray for Christ’s church to grow stronger throughout West Africa.

Worship Ministries: New season - As summer slips into fall and a new ministry season begins, pray that worship leaders, worship planners, and pastors will find personal rest and refreshment. Ask God to give these servants renewed energy and enthusiasm for ministry and vision to keep building God’s kingdom in the church.

Reformed Leadership Initiative: Leadership - Pray for RLI network coleaders and equipping teams to plan well over the next four months, focusing on sustainability and transferring learnings and practices into actionable plans for congregations to develop leaders. Pray for all involved to remain prayerful, to grow, and to bear much fruit!

Back to God Ministries International: China - Pray for the distribution of a new booklet of testimonies from young people. Pray that as other young people in China read these stories, God will touch their hearts and bring them to faith. Pray boldly for open doors to publish this resource in China.

Resonate Global Mission: International - Several overseas missionaries are helping their children prepare for college in North America. For some, this will be the first time they are far away from each other. Pray for a smooth time of transition for these families.

Safe Church Ministry: Care and grace - As churches prepare to launch fall programming, pray that care will be taken to provide a safe environment by fully screening staff and volunteers and by following abuse prevention policies. Pray also for the fruitful implementation of Circle of Grace, a safe environment program for children and youth, used in a growing number of CRC congregations.

World Renew: Sierra Leone - The Sustainable Agriculture and Food Security program funded in part by World Renew has helped provide income to farmers in 15 communities throughout Sierra Leone. Farmers have been able to increase rice production and take out low-interest loans, allowing them to continue development in their work. Praise God for the economic sustainability he is providing.