

Welcome to First Christian Reformed Church!

Pastor John Knoester

July 16, 2017

10:30 A.M. Worship Service

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

“Come, lift your hearts on high; alleluia, amen!”

Prelude: Sylvia Van Zanten

Welcome and Announcements

Back to School Blessing Announcement: Mardick Stevens

* Call to Worship: Psalm 104:31-33, 35b

³¹ May the glory of the LORD endure forever;
may the LORD rejoice in his works-

³² he who looks at the earth, and it trembles,
who touches the mountains, and they smoke.

³³ I will sing to the LORD all my life;
I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.

^{35b} Praise the LORD, O my soul. Praise the LORD.

* Opening Hymn: LUYH #2:1-4 ***“O Worship the King”***

1. O worship the King all glorious above,
O gratefully sing his power and his love:
our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

2. O tell of his might and sing of his grace,
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

3. Your bountiful care, what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

4. Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
in you do we trust, nor find you to fail.
Your mercies, how tender, how firm to the end,
our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

PSALM 104; Words: Robert Grant, 1833, alt, P.D.; Music: W. Gardiner's *Sacred Melodies*, 1815; attr. Johann Michael Haydn, P.D.

*God's Greeting / We Greet Each Other

* Opening Songs of Praise:

Read Psalm 96:1-3

“Come, Christians, Join to Sing” LUYH #599:1-3

1. Come, Christians, join to sing, alleluia, amen!
Loud praise to Christ our King; alleluia, amen!
Let all with heart and voice before his throne rejoice;
praise is his gracious choice: alleluia, amen!
2. Come, lift your hearts on high; alleluia, amen!
Let praises fill the sky; alleluia, amen!
Christ is our guide and friend; to us he'll condescend;
his love shall never end; alleluia, amen!
3. Praise yet our Christ again; alleluia, amen!
Life shall not end the strain; alleluia, amen!
On heaven's blissful shore his goodness we'll adore,
singing forevermore, alleluia, amen!

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“You Are My All in All” vs. 1-2

1. You are my strength when I am weak,
You are the treasure that I seek; You are my all in all.
Seeking You as a precious jewel,
Lord, to give up, I'd be a fool; You are my all in all.

Chorus:

*Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name!
Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name!*

2. Taking my sin, my cross, my shame,
Rising again, I bless Your name; You are my all in all.
When I fall down, You pick me up;
When I am dry, You fill my cup. You are my all in all.

Chorus

Sing acapella

Chorus

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*At the conclusion of this song, children ages 3-first grade
are dismissed to the Koinonia room for Children & Worship.*

“Let praises fill the sky; alleluia, amen!”

Testimony of Faith / 'Three Minutes of Grace': Greg Boon

Offering: General Fund

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Song of Preparation: **"Cornerstone"**

Worship Team Sings

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.

All Sing

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than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly trust in Jesus' Name.

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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"Christ is our guide and friend; to us he'll condescend;"

Scripture Reading: I Samuel 17:55-18:4 (pg. 280) Read by Randy Burr

Prayer of Illumination

Message: ***"Jonathan's Covenant with David"***

Time of Prayer

"His love shall never end. Alleluia! Alleluia!"

Songs of Application: ***"You Are Mine"*** LUYH #430:1-4

Refrain (Solo - Henry)

*Do not be afraid; I am with you.
I have called you each by name.
Come and follow me,
I will bring you home;
I love you, and you are mine."*

Refrain (All)

*Do not be afraid; I am with you.
I have called you each by name.
Come and follow me,
I will bring you home;
I love you, and you are mine."*

Solo - Danielle

1. "I will come to you in the silence.
I will lift you from all your fear.
You will hear my voice.
I claim you as my choice.
Be still and know I am here.

Solo - Henry

2. "I am hope for all who are hopeless,
I am eyes for all who long to see.
In the shadows of the night
I will be your light.
Come and rest in me.

Refrain (All)

Solo - Danielle

3. "I am strength for all the despairing,
healing for the ones who dwell in shame.
All the blind will see,
the lame will all run free,
and all will know my name.

Refrain (All)

Henry & Danielle

4. "I am the Word that leads all to freedom.
I am the peace the world cannot give.
I will call your name,
embracing all your pain.
Stand up, now walk, and live!

* *Refrain (All)*

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* **"The Stand"**

*So what can I say? And what can I do,
but offer this heart, O God, completely to You?*

*And what can I do, but offer this heart, O God,
completely to You.*

Chorus (3x)

*So I'll stand, with arms high and heart abandoned,
in awe of the One who gave it all.
I'll stand, my soul, Lord, to You surrendered. All I am is Yours.*

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All I am is Yours.

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* Benediction

* Parting Praise: **"To God Be the Glory"**

Chorus

*To God be the glory; now and forever;
now and forever Amen.*

*To God be the glory; now and forever;
now and forever Amen.*

Verse:

My friends may we grow in grace
and in the knowledge of our Lord.

My friends may we grow in grace
and in the knowledge of Jesus Christ.

Chorus (2x)

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*Postlude

Welcome to the Lord's house. May your soul be restored; may your cup overflow; may you experience God's goodness and mercy (Psalm 23). After joining us in worship, join us in the fellowship hall next to the sanctuary for a cup of coffee or juice and continued fellowship.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Change of address:

Wilma Paul has been moved to room #234 at Mountain Glen Retirement Community in Mount Vernon.

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: *"Living By the Word"* (I Samuel 23)
 Sept. 10: *"David Spares Saul's Life"* (I Samuel 24)

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

Pictures will be taken after the morning service in room 9 in the Education Wing. You are encouraged to update your picture.

A new **address directory** will be printed in a few weeks. If you have any information that needs to be changed (address, phone number, would like an e-mail address included, etc.) call Sylvia at 336-2405 or put the information on the sign-up sheets in the foyer and on the coffee table in the Fellowship Hall. Also, if you would like to be added to the **e-mail prayer chain** please provide us with your e-mail address.

Transportation Care Team: We currently have several elderly members who aren't able to drive to church themselves, but would warmly welcome a ride to church if someone were willing to bring them. Thus, our hope is to create a 'team' of 4-8 individuals/couples who might be willing to provide transportation to these members on a regular basis. If we can get a team of at least 8 people - one's commitment to provide such transportation would only be once every two months. If you are interested in being a part of this 'transportation care team' - please sign up accordingly on the sign up sheet in the fellowship hall. If you have more questions about it please don't hesitate to talk to an elder. In addition, if you know of an individual or two who would like to receive help in getting to church please make an elder or the office aware of this. Thank you!

Young at Heart: Sign up on the sheet in the Fellowship Hall if you are interested in meeting monthly at 12:30 p.m. for lunch at I-Hop on the last Thursday of the month.

FAMILY VISITING: The following is the family visiting schedule for **May & July 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.

MAY-JULY 2017 FAMILY VISITS	
Elder	Family
Dave V	Henry & Pam Van Zanten
Dave V	Greg & Tish Ackermann
Greg A	Pastor John & Brooke Knoester
Greg A	Sue & Eliot Blom
Greg B	Terry & Joni Beezhold
Greg B	Steve & Teci Greydanus
Henry H	Wilma Paul
Henry H	Karen Staat
Darrel L	Clarence & Lona Vander Griend
Darrel L	Rich & Elly Cuperus
Pastor John	Mardy & Kristine Stevens
Pastor John	Randy & Peggy Burr
Dennis D	Adrianna Swanson
Dennis D	Marjo Rouw

ADVANCED NOTICES

A **Blood Drive** will be held at First CRC on Monday, July 24 from 12:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m. They will be closed from 2:00 p.m.—2:45 p.m.

The **Men's Bible Study** will meet on Wednesday, 26 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 at I-Hop Restaurant in Mount Vernon for lunch on Thursday, July 27 at 12:30 p.m.

Save the Date: Back to School Blessings will take place on Saturday, August 12 at Skagit Valley College. More details to follow. Contact Mardick Stevens for more information.

ORGANIZATIONS WE SUPPORT

Believing God's Call: Sometimes what God calls us to do or to be part of is so shocking we might find it hard to believe. How can we believe God's call when we encounter it? Join us as we discuss passages like Exodus 3-4 and Romans 12 to learn why it's possible to believe God's call, even if it seems surprising or impossible. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Lights Out: Chamy chooses to study Liz to discover how to live the Christian life. Can Liz show Chamy how to live out the Bible in all he does? Subscribe for free at getkidscorner.com. At www.kidscorner.net, download two of our best free resources: the KC Sketch book and the KC Summer Fun Book.

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENT

Please join us... for a fundraising dinner to benefit Bethany Christian Services of Bellingham. We invite you to join us for an inspiring evening and learn how God works through Bethany's ministry to serve children and families in our community. **Thursday, September 28, 2017**—5:30 p.m. Hors d'Oeuvres and Silent Auction -7:00 p.m. Dinner and Program: **Ferndale Events Center**, 5715 Barrett Road, Ferndale, WA 98248. Dinner is complimentary, and reservations are required. Guests will have an opportunity to financially support Bethany's ministry. Register at: <https://www.bethany.org/bellingham/events/building-families-together>

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

SUN	4:00 pm	Vida Nueva
	6:30 pm	Evening Service
MON	7:00 pm	Evangelism Committee Meeting
TUES	7:00 pm	Vida Nueva

NURSERY:

Today: Infants & Toddlers

Jeannette Folkertsma, Kylie Boon, Kendall Van Zanten

Next Week: Infants & Toddlers

Julie Houck, Rylee Kuipers, Cody Hilsinger

GREETERS:

Today:

Rovers: Larry & Margaret Vander Pol

AM: Henry & Sharon Kuipers, Joe & Annette LeClair

Next Week:

Rovers: Greg & Tish Ackermann

AM: Aileen Meischke, Betty Postma Sally Reehoorn, Marinus & Jill Rouw

USHERS

Today: Wiebe Van der Hoek, Tim Van Hofwegen

Next Week: Tim Hibma, Henry Van Zanten, Jr, Darin Kuipers

SOUND SYSTEM

Today: Mardick Stevens

Next Week: Tim Hibma

PROJECTION

Today AM: Josh Hammingh

Next Week: Kendall Van Zanten

VIDEO TAPING

Today: Tim Hibma

Next Week: DJ Droog

CHILDREN & WORSHIP

Today:

Teacher: Julie Houck

Assistant: Beth Boon

Next Week:

Teacher: Sue Blom

Assistant: Monica Droog

LIBRARY:

Today: Elly Cuperus

Next Week: Melba De Kok

COFFEE HOSTS

Today: Darin & Michele Kuipers, Bob & Andy Pippel, Betty Postma

Next Week: Sally Reehoorn, Mardick & Jill Stevens, Minne & Trudy Van der Hoek

VIDA NUEVA CHILDCARE

Today: Betty Postma, Jill Haagsma

Next Week: Marjean De Groot, Alice De Vries

MINISTRY OF PRAISE

Next Week: Henry Hammingh

Accompanist: Melba De Kok

OFFERING: July 16, 2017

AM: General Fund

PM: Back to School Blessings

6:30 P.M. Worship Service

Pianist: Shirley Boonstra

Welcome/Announcements
- Lorraine Gorton /Skype

Prayer for Worship

Opening Songs of Praise: Led by Dennis De Kok

"The Steadfast Love of the Lord" LUYH #347: 1

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness" LUYH #348: 1-3

Sing the refrain only after verse 3

"O God, Our Help in Ages Past" LUYH #405: 1,4,6

"If You But Trust in God to Guide You" LUYH # 407: 1,3

Catechism Reading: Lord's Day 28 Q&A 75-77

Q . 75 How does the Lord's Supper remind you and assure you that you share in Christ's one sacrifice on the cross and in all his gifts?

A. In this way:

Christ has commanded me and all believers to eat this broken bread and to drink this cup. With this command he gave this promise:¹

First, as surely as I see with my eyes the bread of the Lord broken for me and the cup given to me, so surely his body was offered and broken for me and his blood poured out for me on the cross.

Second, as surely as I receive from the hand of the one who serves, and taste with my mouth the bread and cup of the Lord, given me as sure signs of Christ's body and blood, so surely he nourishes and refreshes my soul for eternal life with his crucified body and poured-out blood.

¹ [Matt. 26:26-28](#); [Mark 14:22-24](#); [Luke 22:19-20](#); [1 Cor. 11:23-25](#)

Q. 76 What does it mean to eat the crucified body of Christ and to drink his poured-out blood?

A. It means to accept with a believing heart the entire suffering and death of Christ and by believing to receive forgiveness of sins and eternal life.¹

But it means more. Through the Holy Spirit, who lives both in Christ and in us, we are united more and more to Christ's blessed body.²

And so, although he is in heaven³ and we are on earth, we are flesh of his flesh and bone of his bone.⁴

And we forever live on and are governed by one Spirit, as members of our body are by one soul.⁵

¹ [John 6:35, 40, 50-54](#); ² [John 6:55-56](#); [1 Cor. 12:13](#)

³ [Acts 1:9-11](#); [1 Cor. 11:26](#); [Col. 3:1](#); ⁴ [1 Cor. 6:15-17](#); [Eph. 5:29-30](#); [1 John 4:13](#); ⁵ [John 6:56-58](#); [15:1-6](#); [Eph. 4:15-16](#); [1 John 3:24](#)

Q. 77 Where does Christ promise to nourish and refresh believers with his body and blood as surely as they eat this broken bread and drink this cup?

A. In the institution of the Lord's Supper:

"The Lord Jesus on the night he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, 'This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me.' In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.' For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes."¹

This promise is repeated by Paul in these words:

"Is not the cup of thanksgiving for which we give thanks a participation in the blood of Christ? And is not the bread that we break a participation in the body of Christ? Because there is one loaf, we who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf."²

¹ [1 Cor. 11:23-26](#); ² [1 Cor. 10:16-17](#)

Scripture Readings: Various Texts

Message: ***"The Lord's Supper – Sign and Seal of God's Gospel Promise"***

Time of Prayer

Offering: Back to School Blessings

Song of Application: LUYH #809:1-5 ***"Remembering with Love and Hope"***

* 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@firstcrmv.com by Thursday of each week with your prayer items.

CONTINUING CONCERNS:

Continue to pray for **Annette LeClair** and **Betty Postma** as they both continue with their chemo treatments. May God give them strength for each day.

Helena Kuipers is recuperating at Mira Vista after recently falling and breaking bones in her hand. Pray for healing for Helena.

SHUT INS:

Nell Annema at Creekside in Burlington, **Grace Faber** at home in Mount Vernon; **Helena Kuiper** at Mira Vista 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 **Henry & Sharon Kuipers** who celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary on July 7, to **Clarence & Eleanor Klunder** who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on July 14 and to **Clarence & Lona Vander Griend** who will celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary on July 22. May God bless them with many more years.

Congratulations to **Chris Van Sweden** who will be 95 on July 22, to **Henry Vander Veen** who will be 90 on July 23 and to Katie Bassman who will be 90 on July 26. We thank God for His faithfulness. Happy Birthday!

Back to God Ministries International: India - Pray for several listeners who through mail, email, or phone calls are in regular touch with our Hindi program producers. Some listeners are facing difficulties for committing to follow Jesus. Pray that they receive strength and grace to continue in Christ. Thank God that our radio ministry has made a difference in their lives.

Disability Concerns: September event - About 80 volunteer disability advocates from the CRC and the Reformed Church in America will gather in September for training, encouragement, and networking. Pray that God will bless the preparations for this annual event, that these dedicated volunteers may be even better equipped to serve churches.

Resonate Global Mission: Mexico - Ranulfo, a Baptist pastor in Veracruz, was trained by a Resonate missionary in partnership with Multiplication Network Ministries. His church of less than 100 members is now planting 18 new churches. Praise God for Ranulfo's leadership and desire to grow God's church in Veracruz and the surrounding area! Pray that he will continue to share his leadership skills with other church leaders.

World Renew: Uganda - In the Teso region of Uganda, poor harvests have left thousands of families without enough food. World Renew is working to provide food assistance to 1,200 families with a monthly ration of maize flour, beans, and cooking oil for four months, as well as seeds to plant and grow cowpeas and sorghum to help sustain them in future periods of drought.

Resonate Global Mission: mosaicHouse Community Church, Edmonton, Alta. - As refugees from Honduras, Walter Bonilla and his family moved to Edmonton in 2013. Since then, they have found community and a relationship with Christ through mosaicHouse Community Church. Praise God for this testimony of his faithfulness! Pray that Walter and his family will continue to grow closer to God through the mosaicHouse church community.

Back to God Ministries International: El Salvador - Thank God that a new, authentically Spanish, children's radio program is teaching children in Latin America about God and faith. One parent writes, "Every Saturday my children listen to the new episode. Thank you for producing a kids' program with Christian content." Pray that God will draw children into a lifelong relationship with him through this ministry.

Resonate Global Mission: Summer English camp in Asia - Volunteers from North America are serving at an English camp in Asia this month. Pray that they may return with a better understanding of how God is at work in the church. Praise God for this cross-cultural learning opportunity.