Welcome to First Christian Reformed Church! Pastor John Knoester July 23, 2017

10:30 A.M. Worship Service

* Please stand if you are able.

"All to Jesus I surrender, all to him I freely give;"

Prelude: Jill Klunder

Welcome and Announcements

- * Call to Worship: Psalm 92:1-5
- * Opening Hymn: LUYH #6:1-3 "Praise the Lord, Sing Hallelujah"
 - 1. Praise the LORD, sing hallelujah,

from the heavens praise his name; praise the LORD, our great Creator; all his angels, praise proclaim. All his hosts, together praise him, sun and moon and stars on high; praise the LORD, O heavens of heavens, and the floods above the sky.

Refrain

Praise the LORD, sing hallelujah, for his name alone is high, and his glory is exalted, and his glory is exalted, and his glory is exalted, far above the earth and sky.

 Let them praise the LORD their Maker: they were made at his command. God established them forever; his decree shall ever stand. Let the earth sing hallelujah: raging seas, you monsters all, fire and hail and snow and vapors, stormy winds that hear his call.

Refrain

 All you fruitful trees and cedars, every hill and mountain high, creeping things and beasts and cattle, birds that in the heavens fly, kings of earth and all you people, princes great, earth's judges all; praise his name, young men and maidens, aged men, and children small.

Refrain

PSALM 148; Words: Bible Songs Hymnal, 1927, alt., P.D.; Music: William J. Kirkpatrick (1838-1921), P.D.; CCLI #678905

* God's Greeting / We Greet Each Other

*Opening Songs of Praise: Read James 1:17-18

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" LUYH #521:1-3

- Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace; streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise. Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above. Praise the mount— I'm fixed upon it mount of God's unchanging love.
- Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I've come; and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home. Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God; he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.
- 3. Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be! Let that grace now like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee: prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love; here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above. Words: Robert Robinson, 1758, alt., P.D.; Music: J. Wyeth's *Repository* of Sacred Music, Part II, 1813, P.D.; CCLI # 678905

"Beautiful Savior" LUYH #17:1-4

- Beautiful Savior! King of creation! Son of God and Son of Man! Truly I'd love thee, truly I'd serve thee, Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
- Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands, robed in flowers of blooming spring; Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer; he makes our sorrowing spirit sing.
- Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight, bright the sparkling stars on high; Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer than all the angels in the sky.

Sing acapella

Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations! Son of God and Son of Man! Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be thine! Words: Gesangbuch, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1873, P.D; Music: Schleissche Volslieder, 1842, P.D.; CCLI# 678905 At the conclusion of this song, children ages 3-first grade are dismissed to the Koinonia room for Children & Worship.

"I will ever love and trust him, in his presence daily live."

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

Offering: General Fund Offertory: Danielle Van Zanten & Thomas LeClair

* Song: LUYH #755:1-3 "Speak, O Lord"

- Speak, O Lord, as we come to You to receive the food of Your holy word. Take Your truth, plant it deep in us; Shape and fashion us in Your likeness, that the light of Christ might be seen today in our acts of love and our deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all Your purposes, for Your glory.
- Teach us Lord full obedience, holy reverence, true humility. Test our thoughts and our attitudes in the radiance of Your purity. Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see Your majestic love and authority. Words of power that can never fail; Let their truth prevail over unbelief.
- Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds; Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us. Truths unchanged from the dawn of time, that will echo down through eternity, And by grace we'll stand on Your promises; And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us. Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built and the earth is filled with Your glory. Keith Getty / Stuart Townend; © 2005 Thankyou Music (Admin. by EMI Christian Music Publishing); All rights Reserved. CCLI License #678905

"I surrender all, I surrender all;"

Scripture Reading: I Samuel 18:5-30 (pg. 281) Read by Dennis De Kok

Prayer of Illumination

Message: "The Jealousy of Saul"

Time of Prayer

* We Profess our Faith: Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 92; Q&A 94-95; GH pg. 903, 905

Q. 92 What does the Lord say in his law?

- God spoke all these words:
 "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me." Exodus 1:2
- Q. 94 What does the Lord require in the first commandment?
- A. That I, not wanting to endanger my own salvation, avoid and shun all idolatry,¹ magic, superstitious rites,² and prayer to saints or to other creatures.³

That I sincerely acknowledge the only true God,⁴ trust him alone,⁵ look to him for every good thing⁶ humbly⁷ and patiently,⁸ love him,⁹ fear him,¹⁰ and honor¹¹ him with all my heart.

In short, that I give up anything

rather than go against his will in any way.¹² ¹ 1 Cor. 6:9-10; 10:5-14; 1 John 5:21; ² Lev. 19:31; Deut. 18:9-12; ³ Matt. 4:10; Rev. 19:10; 22:8-9; ⁴ John 17:3 ⁵ Jer. 17:5,7; ⁶ Ps. 104:27-28; James 1:17; ⁷ 1 Pet. 5:5-6 ⁸ Col. 1:11; Heb. 10:36; ⁹ Matt. 22:37 (Deut. 6:5); ¹⁰ Prov. 9:10; 1 Pet. 1:17; ¹¹ Matt. 4:10 (Deut. 6:13) ¹² Matt. 5:29-30; 10:37-39

- Q. 95 What is idolatry?
- A. Idolatry is having or inventing something in which one trusts in place of or alongside of the only true God, who has revealed himself in the Word.¹ ¹1Chron. 16:26; Gal. 4:8-9; Eph. 5.5; Phil. 3:19

* Hymn of Application: LUYH #739:1-3 "I Surrender All"

All to Jesus I surrender, all to him I freely give;
 I will ever love and trust him, in his presence daily live.

Refrain

I surrender all, I surrender all; all to thee, my blessed Savior, I surrender all.

2. All to Jesus I surrender, make me, Savior, wholly thine; let me feel thy Holy Spirit, truly know that thou art mine.

Refrain

3. All to Jesus I surrender, Lord, I give myself to thee; fill me with thy love and power, let thy blessing fall on me.

Refrain

Words: Judson W. VanDeVenter, P.D.; Music: Winfield S. Weeden, P.D. CCLI #678905

* Benediction

* Parting Praise: LUYH #15:1-2 "The First Place"

 Jesus, the perfect picture of the unseen God. Maker of things we cannot comprehend. Wisdom, the earth displays your strength and beauty. Sovereign, yes, every throne knows you are God.

Refrain

Every inch of this universe belongs to you, O Christ. For through you and for you it was made. Your creation endures by the order of your hand. So you must have in all things the first place.

Victor, over sin and death you triumphed.
 Firstborn, you've shown us life beyond the grave.
 Bridegroom, we long for you in expectation.
 Jesus, your church rejoices to proclaim.

Refrain

Refrain: Sing acapella Words and Music: Matthew Westerholm © 1999 Matthew Westerholm; arr. Greg Scheer © 1999 Matthew Westerholm; CCLI# 678905

* Postlude

Welcome! Let us be glad and rejoice in God's salvation, poured out for us in Jesus Christ. Welcome, one and all! 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.

This evening we welcome *Pastor Blake Campbell* from Cascade CRC as he leads us in our evening worship service.

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)

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 *Building Committee* will meet Tuesday, July 25, 7:00 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.

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. We encourage you to join the prayer e-mail.

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.

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!

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

The *Elders & Deacons* will meet on Monday, July 31 at 7:00 p.m.

Our *Church Potluck* will be held on Sunday, August 6, after the morning service. Please bring a 9x13 inch hot dish (enough to feed 12-15), and salad or dessert. Table service is provided as well as juice and coffee.

The Committee for **Back to School Blessings** is getting together to put the backpacks together and could use your help. They will meet at Faith Community CRC on Wednesday, August 9 and Thursday, August 10 from 6:30 p.m.—8:00 p.m. to fill the backpacks.

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

Obeying God's Call: How do we faithfully obey God's call in the face of divine silence, obstacles, or other frustrations? Join Groundwork as we discuss passages like Acts 26 and Hebrews 5 to find strength and confidence to obey and remain faithful to God's call in our lives. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Pick & Roll: Michael James, basketball's living legend, is coming to town. At a skills contest, will Liz and Spike's friendship be destroyed when the competition gets fierce? Who's better at shooting, at dribbling, and at setting up a Pick and Roll? 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.

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 crophungerwalk.org.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

SUN	4:00 pm	Vida Nueva
	6:30 pm	Evening Service
MON	12:00 pm	Blood Drive at First CRC
TUES	7:00 pm	Building Committee
	7:00 pm	Vida Nueva
WED	6:30 am	Men's Bible Study at Shari's
THURS	1:30 pm	Young at Heart Lunch at I-Hop's

NURSERY:

Today: Infants & Toddlers Julie Houck, Rylee Kuipers, Cody Hilsinger *Next Week:* Infants & Toddlers Jeannette Folkertsma, Lexi Blom, DJ Droog

GREETERS:

Today:
Rovers: Greg & Tish Ackermann
AM: Aileen Meischke, Betty Postma Sally Reehoorn, Marinus & Jill Rouw
Next Week:
Rovers: Rich & Elly Cuperus
AM: Mardick & Jill Stevens, Minne & Trudy Van der Hoek

USHERS Today: Tim Hibma, Henry Van Zanten, Jr, Darin Kuipers Next Week: Henry Hammingh, Kermit Houck, Kendall Van Zanten

SOUND SYSTEM Today: Tim Hibma Next Week: Henry Van Zanten

PROJECTION Today AM: Kendall Van Zanten Next Week: Tim Hibma

VIDEO TAPING Today: DJ Droog Next Week: Mike Hibma

CHILDREN & WORSHIP Today:

Teacher: Sue Blom Assistant: Monica Droog *Next Week:* Teacher: Michele Feddema Assistant: Shanna Visser

LIBRARY: Today: Melba De Kok Next Week: Joy Faber

COFFEE HOSTS
Today: Mardick & Jill Stevens, Minne & Trudy Van der Hoek
Next Week: Keith & Jean Rasmussen, Marinus & Jill Rouw, Larry & Margaret Vander Pol
Cookies: Jeannette Folkertsma, Jill Stevens, Sylvia Van Zanten

VIDA NUEVA CHILDCARE Today: Marjean De Groot, Alice De Vries Next Week: Vida Nueva

MINISTRY OF PRAISE Next Week: Hank Van Zanten Accompanist: Danielle Van Zanten

OFFERING: July 23, 2017 AM: General Fund PM: Back to School Blessings

6:30 P.M. Worship Service Pastor Blake Campbell

Pianist: Melba De Kok

Welcome/Announcements

Prayer for Worship

Opening Songs of Praise: Led by Henry Hammingh			
"O Worship the King"	LUYH #2:1-3		
"Jesus Calls Us, O'er the Tumult"	LUYH #121 :1-5		
"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"	LUYH #665 :1-3		

Scripture Reading: Matthew 28:16-20

Message: "The Missionally-Minded Church"

Time of Prayer

Offering: Back to School Blessings Song of Application: LUYH #262:1-3 *"I Love to Tell the Story"*

* 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.

NEW CONCERN:

Nell Annema recently moved to Birchview Memory Care in Sedro-Woolley. Pray for Nell as she adjusts to her new surroundings and may she have peace with living there.

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 continues to recuperate at Mira Vista. Pray for healings for Helena.

SHUT INS:

Nell Annema at Birchview Memory Care in Sedro-Woolley, *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 Vander Veen* who is celebrating his 90th birthday today. Congratulations to *Les & Joy Faber* as they will celebrate their 61st anniversary on July 27. We thank God for His faithfulness.

Resonate Global Mission: Japan - Although only a small percentage of people profess Christ in Japan, the church is growing in amazing ways. For example, a group of college students recently took part in leadership training with a Resonate missionary. Praise God for this group of students who are passionate to share the gospel, and may they faithfully reflect Christ to everyone they meet.

Sustaining Pastoral Excellence: Pastors - Pastors have received a wonderful calling from God, and they experience many blessings. But their job isn't always easy. Please pray regularly for your pastor for strength, wisdom, patience, health, good relationships, refreshment, and God's continuous leading.

Safe Church Ministry: Grand Rapids office - Many people will be moving offices this month to better accommodate the newly formed mission agency. Safe Church will move closer to other justice-related ministries as well as World Renew. Pray for smooth transitions into new surroundings and new working relationships.

Resonate Global Mission: West Africa - Pray for God's direction in the planning and implementation of three teacher trainings taking place in French-speaking West African countries. May these trainings lead to greater understanding of the biblical worldview in schools throughout the region.

Back to God Ministries International: Brazil - Praise God for our Facebook ministry in Brazil. Every day our Portuguese team posts devotional links, inspirational audio and video links, and words of encouragement. Please pray, trusting that as thousands of followers share these links with their friends, God's Word will go out and not return to him empty (Isa. 55:11).

World Renew: Nepal - Since a major earthquake struck Nepal two years ago, World Renew has walked alongside communities in the district of Nuwakot. Already 81 families have built new earthquake-resistant homes with supplies, resources, and technical assistance provided by World Renew. A further 120 homes are under construction. We praise God for this progress.