

Welcome to First Christian Reformed Church!

Pastor John Knoester

July 9, 2017

10:30 A.M. Worship Service

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

“By faith we see the hand of God”

Prelude: Danielle Van Zanten

Welcome and Announcements

* Call to Worship: Philippians 4:4-7

* Opening Hymn: LUYH #224:1-4 ***“Rejoice, the Lord Is King”***

1. Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore.
Rejoice, give thanks and sing and triumph evermore.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice.
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!
2. His kingdom cannot fail; he rules o'er earth and heaven;
the keys of death and hell to Christ the Lord are given.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice.
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!
3. He sits at God's right hand till all his foes submit,
bow down at his command, and fall beneath his feet.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice.
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!
4. Rejoice in glorious hope; for Christ, the Judge, shall come
to gather all his saints to their eternal home.
We soon shall hear the archangel's voice;
the trump of God shall sound, rejoice!

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desc. Sydney H. Nicholson (1875-1947), P.D.; CCLI #678905

* God's Greeting / We Greet Each Other

* Opening Songs of Praise:

Read Psalm 47:1-2

“My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout” LUYH #69:1-4

1. My soul cries out with a joyful shout
that the God of my heart is great,
and my spirit sings of the wondrous things
that you bring to the ones who wait.
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight,
and my weakness you did not spurn,
so from east to west shall my name be blest.
Could the world be about to turn?

Refrain

*My heart shall sing of the day you bring.
Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near,
and the world is about to turn!*

2. Though I am small, my God, my all,
you work great things in me,
and your mercy will last from the depths of the past
to the end of the age to be.
Your very name puts the proud to shame,
and to those who would for you yearn,
you will show your might, put the strong to flight,
for the world is about to turn.

Refrain

3. From the halls of power to the fortress tower,
not a stone will be left on stone.
Let the king beware for your justice tears
every tyrant from his throne.
The hungry poor shall weep no more
for the food they can never earn;
there are tables spread, every mouth be fed,
for the world is about to turn.

Refrain

4. Though the nations rage from age to age,
we remember who holds us fast:
God's mercy must deliver us
from the conqueror's crushing grasp.
This saving word that our forebears heard
is the promise which holds us bound,
till the spear and rod can be crushed by God,
who is turning the world around.

Refrain

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"May the Mind of Christ, My Savior" LUYH #334:1-5

1. May the mind of Christ, my Savior,
live in me from day to day,
by his love and power controlling
all I do and say.
2. May the word of God dwell richly
in my heart from hour to hour,
so that all may see I triumph
only through his power.
3. May the peace of God, my Father,
rule my life in everything,
that I may be calm to comfort
sick and sorrowing.

4. May the love of Jesus fill me
as the waters fill the sea.
Him exalting, self abasing:
this is victory.

Sing acapella

5. May we run the race before us,
strong and brave to face the foe,
looking only unto Jesus
as we onward go.

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

“In the light of creation’s grand design”

Testimony of Faith / ‘Three Minutes of Grace’: Mr. Dennis De Kok

Romans 8:28

- ²⁸ And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him,
who have been called according to his purpose.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Offering: General Fund

Offertory: Danielle Van Zanten

* Song of Preparation: P.P. #165:1-3 ***“The Battle Belongs to the Lord”***

1. In heavenly armor we’ll enter the land,
the battle belong to the Lord.
No weapon that’s fashioned against us will stand,
The battle belongs to the Lord.

Chorus:

*And we sing glory, honor, power and strength to the Lord.
We sing glory, honor, power and strength to the Lord.*

2. When the power of darkness comes in like a flood.
The battle belongs to the Lord.
He’ll raise up a standard, the pow’r of His blood,
The battle belongs to the Lord.

Chorus

3. When your enemy presses in hard, do not fear,
The battle belongs to the Lord.
Take courage, my friend, your redemption is near,
The battle belongs to the Lord.

Chorus

I Sam. 17:47; Isa. 54:17; Eph. 6:11-18; Rev. 7:12, Jamie Owens-Collins, ©1985 Fairhill Music, CCLI# 678905

“In the lives of those who prove his faithfulness”

Scripture Reading: I Samuel 17:31-50 (pg. 279) Read by Kendall Van Zanten

Prayer of Illumination

Message: ***“David and Goliath – Part 2”***

Time of Prayer

“Who walk by faith and not by sight.”

* Hymn of Application: ***“Joy Has Dawned”*** vs. 1,3,4

1. Joy has dawned upon the world, promised from creation;
God's salvation now unfurled-hope for ev'ry nation.
Not with fanfares from above, not with scenes of glory,
but a humble gift of love: Jesus born of Mary.
3. Shepherds bow before the Lamb gazing at the glory.
Gifts of men from distant lands prophesy the story-
gold a King is born today; incense, God is with us;
myrrh, His death will make a way,
by His blood He'll win us.
4. Son of Adam, Son of Man, given as a ransom.
Reconciling God and man-Christ our mighty Champion!
What a Savior, what a Friend, what a glorious mystery!
Once a babe in Bethlehem-now the Lord of history.

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* Benediction

* Parting Praise: ***“By Faith”*** vs.1-5

1. By faith we see the hand of God
in the light of creation's grand design,
in the lives of those who prove His faithfulness,
who walk by faith and not by sight.
2. By faith our fathers roamed the earth
with the pow'r of His promise in their hearts
of a holy city built by God's own hand,
a place where peace and justice reign.

Chorus

*We will stand as children of the promise;
we will fix our eyes on Him our soul's reward.
Till the race is finished and the work is done,
we'll walk by faith and not by sight.*

3. By faith the prophets saw a day
when the longed-for Messiah would appear
with the pow'r to break the chains of sin and death,
and rise triumphant from the grave.

4. By faith the church was called to go
in the pow'r of the Spirit to the lost,
to deliver captives and to preach good news
in ev'ry corner of the earth.

Chorus

5. By faith the mountain shall be moved
And the pow'r of the gospel shall prevail
For we know in Christ all things are possible
For all who call upon His name.

Chorus

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* Postlude

Welcome! We cordially welcome all who worship with us today. With joyful hearts let us approach God and share kindness toward one another. 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.

We will not have our evening service here today. We encourage you to attend the service at 6:45 p.m. at **Cascade Family Bible Camp** at Warm Beach.

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)

Friendship House: Today, following the morning service, you will have an opportunity to sign up for a casserole to bring for the Friendship House this week. **Four** more people are needed to prepare a casserole. 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, July 12 by 4:00 p.m. Have your casseroles cooked and hot.

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.

Executive Committee will meet on Tuesday, July 11 at 7:00 p.m.

The **Men's Bible Study** will meet on Wednesday, July 12 at 6:30 a.m. at Shari's Restaurant in Burlington. We are studying the book of Revelation. You are welcome to join us.

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 Hamming 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 **Evangelism Committee** will meet on Monday, July 17 at 7:00 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

Understanding God's Call: What does God want from me when he calls? Does God only call people to be ministers and missionaries? Join Groundwork as we discuss passages like Matthew 25 or 1 Peter 2 to better understand what God desires from us when he asks us to serve him. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Buckethead: Liz, Spike and Lucille are controlled by their greatest fears. Can Granny show them God's joy for their lives or are they doomed to wear buckets on their heads? 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.

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CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

SUN	4:00 pm	Vida Nueva
	6:45 pm	Cascade Family Bible Camp
MON	7:00 pm	Executive Committee Meeting
TUES	7:00 pm	Vida Nueva
WED	6:30 pm	Men's Bible Study at Shari's

NURSERY:

Today: Infants & Toddlers

Juli Oostru, Jordan Feddema, Nathan Van Beek

Next Week: Infants & Toddlers

Jeannette Folkertsma, Kylie Boon, Kendall Van Zanten

GREETERS:

Today:

Rovers: Keith & Jean Rasmussen

AM: Kevin & Glenda Kok, Darin & Michelle Kuipers

Next Week:

Rovers: Larry & Margaret Vander Pol

AM: Henry & Sharon Kuipers, Joe & Annette LeClair

USHERS

Today: Tim Hibma, Henry Van Zanten, Jr, Kendall Van Zanten

Next Week: Wiebe Van der Hoek, Larry Greidanus, Tim Van Hofwegen

SOUND SYSTEM

Today: Kendall Van Zanten

Next Week: Mardick Stevens

PROJECTION

Today AM: Devin Van Zanten

Next Week: Josh Hammingh

VIDEO TAPING

Today: Mike Hibma

Next Week: Tim Hibma

CHILDREN & WORSHIP***Today:***

Teacher: Julie Houck

Assistant: Brooke Knoester

Next Week:

Teacher: Julie Houck

Assistant: Beth Boon

LIBRARY:

Today: Michelle De Kok

Next Week: Elly Cuperus

COFFEE HOSTS

Today: Henry & Sharon Kuipers, Joe & Annette LeClair, Aileen Meischke

Next Week: Darin & Michele Kuipers, Bob & Andy Pippel, Betty Postma

VIDA NUEVA CHILDCARE

Today: Danielle Van Zanten, Sylvia Van Zanten

Next Week: Betty Postma, Jill Haagsma

MINISTRY OF PRAISE

Next Week: Dennis De Kok

Accompanist: Shirley Boonstra

OFFERING: July 9, 2017

AM: General Fund

PM: Back to School Blessings



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:

Helena Kuipers is recuperating at Mira Vista (room 109) after recently falling and breaking bones in her hand. Pray for healing for Helena.

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.

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; **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 **Lorraine Gorton** who celebrated her 99th birthday on July 2, to **Wilma Paul** who celebrated her 96th birthday on July 5 and to **Grace Feddema** who celebrated her 94th birthday on July 6. We praise God for blessing them with many years.

Calvin Theological Seminary: Dig program - Pray for 23 high school students from seven states and three provinces who are part of the seminary's three-week Dig: Uncover Your Future program to explore how ministry can be lived out in any vocation. Pray for the participants as they explore where God may be leading them next.

Resonate Global Mission: New director - Zachary King recently moved with his family to Grand Rapids, Mich., to begin his new appointment as director of Resonate Global Mission (the new CRC agency formed by the union of Home Missions and World Missions). Pray that God will continue to be with the King family in this transition from ministry in Haiti.

Back to God Ministries International: United States - Pray for people in prison. Many have reported that God has used their time in prison to draw them back to himself. While William serves a life sentence, he is leading a group of 120 men each morning in a time of faith building, using Today devotions. Pray that God will change lives through this outreach.

Resonate Global Mission: Chicago - Pray for David Seymour as he seeks to respond to increased violence in the Chicago area with a holistic campus ministry at Northern Illinois University. Pray that this ministry will raise up believers who will be witnesses in communities desperately in need of God's Word.

World Renew: Honduras - The Ramos family has been participating in a sustainable livelihoods program for over a year. The techniques they've learned have helped them establish an impressive home garden. In addition to eating healthier meals, they have been able to sell some vegetables to increase their income. We praise God for the success the Ramos family is experiencing.

Resonate Global Mission*: Church planting in North America - Pray for CRC church planters and their families, asking that God will provide needed resources and bring leaders to join them, that church plants will find opportunities to partner in causes of justice, and that new planters will be raised up. *Resonate Global Mission was formerly Home Missions and World Missions.

Centre for Public Dialogue: Inquiry- Many families across Canada are grieving the loss of their daughters, mothers, and grandmothers. The inquiry into missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls began recently. Abba, you catch every tear that we cry. We cry out for these women and girls. We cry for justice. We pray that the families will be honored and positive changes will come.