

Welcome to First Christian Reformed Church!

Pastor John Knoester

June 11, 2017

10:30 A.M. Worship Service

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

“Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;”

Prelude: Danielle Van Zanten

Welcome/Announcements

*** Call to Worship:**

Leader: The love of God has been poured into our hearts
through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us;

People: **we dwell in him and he in us.**

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name;

People: **make known his deeds among the peoples.**

Leader: Sing to him, sing praises to him,

People: **and speak of all his marvelous works.**

Leader: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God almighty,

People: **who was and is and is to come!**

—based on Psalm 105:1-2; Romans 5:5; Revelation 4:8

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*** Opening Hymn of Praise: LUYH #538:1-4 *“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty”***

1. Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in Three Persons, blessed Trinity!
2. Holy, Holy, Holy! All the saints adore Thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
who wert and art and evermore shalt be.

Sing acapella

3. Holy, Holy, Holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,
though the eye made blind by sin Thy glory may not see,
only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,
perfect in power, in love, and purity.
4. Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy Name,
in earth and sky and sea;
Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and Mighty!
God in Three Persons, blessed Trinity!

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* God's Greeting / We Greet Each Other

* Hymn of Praise: LUYH #551:1,3,4,5,6 ***"All Creatures of Our God and King"***

All Sing 1. All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice with us and sing:
alleluia, alleluia!
O burning sun with golden beam,
and shining moon with silver gleam,
O praise him, O praise him,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Women 3. Cool flowing water, pure and clear,
make music for your Lord to hear;
alleluia, alleluia!
Fierce fire, so masterful and bright,
providing us with warmth and light,
O praise him, O praise him,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Men 4. Earth ever fertile, day by day
bring forth your blessings on our way,
alleluia, alleluia!
All flowers and fruits that in you grow,
let them his glory also show:
O praise him, O praise him,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

All Sing 5. All you who are of tender heart,
Forgiving others, take your part;
alleluia, alleluia!
All you who pain and sorrow bear,
Praise God and on him cast your care:
O praise him, O praise him,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

All Sing 6. Let all things their Creator bless,
and worship him in humbleness,
alleluia, alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, Three in One:
O praise him, O praise him,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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*During the singing of the last verse, children ages 3-first grade
are dismissed to the Koinonia room for Children & Worship.*

"Naught be all else to me, save that thou art-"

Offering: General Fund

Second AM Offering: Gideons

Offertory: Danielle Van Zanten

Prayer of Invocation: Read by Eliot & Sue Blom

* 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.
Words: st. 1-4 from early Christian liturgy; st. 5 Linda Stassen, 1974, © 1974 Linda Stassen; Music: Linda Stassen, 1974; harm. Dale Grotenhuis, 1986, © 1974, 1986 Linda Stassen; CCLI #678905

“Thou my best thought, - by day or by night;”

Scripture Reading: I Samuel 16:1-13 (pg. 277) Read by Wiebe Van der Hoek

Prayer of Illumination

Message: ***“The Early Life of David – Looking on the Heart”***

Time of Prayer

* Hymn of Application: LUYH #109:1-4 ***“Hail to the Lord’s Anointed”***

1. Hail to the Lord’s anointed,
great David’s greater Son!
Hail, in the time appointed,
your reign on earth begun!
You come to break oppression,
to set the captive free,
to take away transgression,
and rule in equity.
2. You come with rescue speedy
to those who suffer wrong,
to help the poor and needy,
and bid the weak be strong;
to give them songs for sighing,
their darkness turn to light,
whose souls, condemned and dying,
are precious in your sight.

3. You shall come down like showers
upon the fruitful earth;
love, joy, and hope, like flowers,
spring in your path to birth.
Before you on the mountains
shall peace, the herald, go,
and righteousness in fountains
from hill to valley flow.
4. Kings shall fall down before you,
and gold and incense bring;
all nations shall adore you,
your praise all people sing.
To you shall prayer unceasing
and daily vows ascend,
your kingdom still increasing,
a kingdom without end.

PSALM 72; Words: James Montgomery, 1822, P.D.;
Music: Samuel S. Wesley, 1864, P.D.; CCLI #678905

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

“Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.”

We Celebrate Communion Together

Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Institution

Invitation

Distribution of the Elements

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

“Be Still for the Presence of the Lord” LUYH #532:1-3

1. Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here.
Come, bow before him now, with reverence and fear.
In him no sin is found; we stand on holy ground.
Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here.
2. Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.
He burns with holy fire; with splendor he is crowned.
How awesome is the sight, our radiant King of light!
Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.
3. Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.
He comes to cleanse and heal, to minister his grace.
No work too hard for him; in faith receive from him.
Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.

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"Ten Thousand Reasons"

Chorus

*Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;
worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul;
I'll worship Your holy name.*

1. The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning,
it's time to sing your song again.
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me,
let me be singing when the evening comes.

Chorus

2. You're rich in love and You're slow to anger.
Your name is great and Your heart is kind.
For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing;
ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

Chorus

3. And on that day, when my strength is failing,
the end draws near, and my time has come;
still, my soul will sing Your praise unending
ten thousand years, and then forevermore!

Chorus

*Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;
worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul;
I'll worship Your holy name.*

*Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;
worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul;
I'll worship Your holy name.*

Worship Your holy name. Worship Your holy name.

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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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* Closing Prayer

* Benediction

* Doxology: LUYH #859:1-4 ***“Be Thou My Vision”***

1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art-
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.
2. Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.
Thou my great Father; thine own may I be,
thou in me dwelling and I one with thee.
3. Riches I heed not, nor vain empty praise;
thou mine inheritance, now and always:
thou and thou only first in my heart,
high king of heaven, my treasure thou art.
4. High King of heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Words: Irish hymn, 8th c; tr. Mary E. Byrne; vers. Eleanor H. Hull,
Music: Irish melody; arr. Jack Schrader; © 1989 Hope Publishing Company. CCLI#678905

* Postlude

The Lord's Supper: This morning, we will commemorate Jesus' death and resurrection as we celebrate the Lord's Supper. By faith, Jesus' death fully covers all our sin and by His resurrection power He gives us everlasting life. May Christ's Spirit strengthen us in faith, hope, and love as we draw near to Christ Jesus through His Spirit. *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.* 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

With sincere thanks, I want to thank all those who visited, sent cards, and called on the phone after my recent heart attack. It was much appreciated. **Chris Van Sweden**

Congratulations to Our Graduates: Graduating from 8th Grade this past week were: Carson Blom, Josh Hammingh, Victoria Heino, and Kyler Houck. Seniors graduating this past week were: Lexi Blom, Kyle Donaldson, Jack Hammingh, Juliana LeClair, and Danielle Van Zanten. Congratulations graduates on reaching that goal. We pray for God's guidance as you make decisions about the future.

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. 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, June 14 by 4:00 p.m. Have your casseroles cooked and hot.

The **Council** will meet on Monday, June 12 at 7:00 p.m.

The **Building Committee** will meet Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. on June 13.

The **Men's Bible Study** will meet on Wednesday, June 14 at 6:30 a.m. at Shari's Restaurant in Burlington. We are studying the book of Revelation. You are welcome to join us.

Church Committees: A special 'thank you' to all those who have already volunteered their time and talents to serve on the various committees of our church. The committees for the 2017-2018 church year are being formed. If you would like to be a part of a certain committee (and are not already serving a 3-year term) please let Sylvia and/or an elder know by the middle of June. Committees are listed in the back of the directory.

FAMILY VISITING: The following is the family visiting schedule for **May & June 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-JUNE 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 **Young at Heart** will meet for their monthly lunch on Thursday, June 22 at 12:30 p.m. at Denny's in Mount Vernon.

Mariners: Those attending the game on **Friday, June 23 at 7:00 p.m.** can pick up at their tickets at the church office from June 20-23. Tickets will be about \$15.00 per person.

ORGANIZATIONS WE SUPPORT

Please Pray for Synod 2017: Please continue to pray for the discussions and decisions that take place at Synod 2017. Synod began on Friday, June 9 in Palos Heights, Illinois, and will run until June 15. Resources and topics for prayer can be found on the Synod Prayer Support page, crcna.org/synod/prayer

Praise in Dark Times: Is praise always happy? Does it imply joy? What about when you're suffering or knocked down by life--can you praise then? Join us in studying Habakkuk 3:17-19 as we explore whether praise is possible or even fitting in the varying circumstances of life. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Fuzzy Focus: In church Liz discovers Kayla Leon, a fantastic new singer, and he decides to become her manager. Can Liz show her how to be a Christian performer or is Kayla now Terrene's new diva? 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.

Family Fire is an online community exploring Spirit-led family, marriage, parenting, in-laws, blended families, and intimacy. Find encouraging articles and devotions at familyfire.com. Subscribe for regular email updates and connect with our Family Fire community on Facebook.

Maintenance Supervisor/Head Custodian: Mount Vernon Christian School (Mount Vernon, WA) is accepting applications for a full-time Maintenance & Grounds Supervisor/Head Custodian. The position would begin by July 1, 2017. Candidates possessing a commitment to the Reformed faith and a desire to work with students, staff and families at a Christian school, should send a letter of application and resume to the Superintendent. Electronic submission of materials is preferred. A review of applications will begin immediately and continue until the position is filled. Contact: Jeff Droog, Superintendent
Mount Vernon Christian School jdroog@mountvernonchristian.org

Invest in your family's faith this summer. From inspiring worship to startling sunsets over Puget Sound, Warm Beach Camp has events and activities for kids of all ages. The kids grow up too fast--now is the time to register. **Cascade Family Bible Camp** is July 6-10 at Warm Beach Camp. Speakers include George De Jong, Grant Vander Hoek and Kyle Kloostra. Register online at www.cascadefamilybiblecamp.org. First time registrants will receive 50% off registration.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

SUN	4:00 pm	Vida Nueva
M ON	7:00 pm	Council
TUES	7:00 pm	Vida Nueva
	7:00 pm	Building Committee Meeting
WED	6:30 am	Men's Bible Study at Shari's
	4:00 pm	Friendship House

NURSERY:

Today: Infants & Toddlers

Michele Kuipers, Rayahna Oostra, Kendall Van Zanten

Next Week: Infants & Toddlers

Pam Van Zanten, Jase Hilsinger, Kaeli Houck

GREETERS:

Today: Rovers: Elders Henry Hammingh, Darrel Lagerwey

AM: Wayne & Rhea Doss, Jerry & Marion Ekkelkamp

Next Week: Rovers: Greg & Tish Ackermann

AM: Les & Joy Faber, Jim & Michele Feddema

USHERS

Today: Henry Van Zanten, Jr., Tim Van Hofwegen, Wiebe Van der Hoek

Next Week: Darin Kuipers, Tim Hibma, Henry Hammingh

SOUND SYSTEM

Today: Henry Van Zanten, Jr.

Next Week: Tim Hibma

PROJECTION

Today AM: Tim Hibma

Next Week: Nathan Van Beek

VIDEO TAPING

Today: Mike Hibma

Next Week: DJ Droog

CHILDREN & WORSHIP

Today:

Teacher: Marjo Rouw

Assistant: Elly Cuperus

Next Week:

Teacher: Heather Van Hofwegen

Assistant: Johnna Van der Hoek

LIBRARY:

Today: Elly Cuperus

Next Week: Melba De Kok

COFFEE HOSTS

Today: Dennis & Melba De Kok, Michelle De Kok, Les & Joy Faber

Next Week: Wayne & Rhea Doss, Jeannette Folkertsma, Steve & Teci Greydanus

VIDA NUEVA CHILDCARE

Today: Alice De Vries, Marjean De Groot

Next Week: Jill Haagsma, Betty Postma

MINISTRY OF PRAISE

Next Week: Greg Boon

Accompanist: Melba De Kok

OFFERING: June 18, 2017

AM: General Fund

PM: Friendship House

6:30 P.M. Worship Service

Pianist: Shirley Boonstra

Welcome/Announcements

Prayer for Worship

Opening Songs of Praise: Led by Tim Van Hofwegen

"Spirit of God, Who Dwells Within My Heart" LUYH #618:1,3,4

"Break Now the Bread of Life" LUYH #764:1,4

"Breathe on Me, Breath of God" LUYH #747:1-3

Catechism Reading: Lord's Day 24 Q&A 62-64

Q. 62 Why can't our good works
be our righteousness before God,
or at least a part of our righteousness?

A. **Because the righteousness which can pass God's
scrutiny must be entirely perfect and must in every
way measure up to the divine law.¹ Even the
very best we do in this life is imperfect and stained
with sin.²**

¹ Rom. 3:20; Gal. 3:10 (Deut. 27:26); ² Isa. 64:6

Q. 63 How can you say that the good we do doesn't earn
anything when God promises to reward it in this life
and the next?¹

A. **This reward is not earned; it is a gift of grace.²**

¹ Matt. 5:12; Heb. 11:6; ² Luke 17:10; 2 Tim. 4:7-8

Q. 64 But doesn't this teaching
make people indifferent and wicked?

A. **No. It is impossible for those grafted into Christ
by true faith not to produce fruits of gratitude.¹**

¹ Luke 6:43-45; John 15:5

Scripture Readings: Various Texts

Message: ***"The Paradox of Grace and Works"***

Time of Prayer

Offering: Friendship House

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:

Wilma Paul continues to be at Mira Vista after having had hip surgery. Pray for a swift and complete recovery for Wilma.

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.

Continue to pray for those who have recently lost **loved ones**.

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; **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.

Centre for Public Dialogue: Equality - First Nations children in Canada are often left waiting for needed services or are denied services that are available to other children. Creator God, we pray for equity for all your children, made in your image. We pray for justice.

Back to God Ministries International: Burkina Faso - Pray for our French-language ministry as they develop an Internet outreach for youth. French ministry leader Marc Nabie explains, "Almost every young boy or girl has a smart phone and uses it regularly." We ask for God's guidance in pursuing this endeavor.

Christian Reformed Home Missions: New Mission Agency - Please pray as Home Missions and World Missions continuing working toward joining as one agency, effective July 1, 2017. By that time, the new mission agency anticipates having a new name and a new director approved by synod. Please pray for continuing wisdom and joy in this extensive process.

Youth Unlimited: SERVE - The first of this year's 28 SERVE projects will begin on June 14. Ask Jesus to do a great work in the lives of the students, host churches, and communities being served. Please ask for safety in all the work and travels that 130+ youth groups will engage in this summer, and as we plan ahead, please ask God for direction in setting up SERVE projects for 2018.

Back to God Ministries International: China - "The church is experiencing a revival in China," shares Chinese ministry leader Jerry An, "but it also faces some government interference and harassment by individual groups." Our evangelistic book Jesus Moments was recently blocked from social media, and the Chinese Today devotional Facebook page was compromised by an opposing group. Please pray for our Chinese team as they seek wisdom in sharing the gospel through media.

Calvin Theological Seminary: Candidates - Please pray for ministry placements for the seminary graduates who will be declared minister of the Word candidates at synod this month. Pray also for the churches and ministries that are seeking ministers, and may the Spirit give discernment that leads to fruitful ministry for all.

Safe Church Ministry: Synod - Pray for the meetings of Synod 2017, which begins later this week. May the delegates be blessed to see how God is working through the CRCNA, including Safe Church and other ministries. Pray for wisdom, discernment, and guidance by the Holy Spirit for all the delegates as they make decisions that will guide our denomination.