

Welcome to First Christian Reformed Church!

Pastor John Knoester

June 18, 2017

10:30 A.M. Worship Service

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

“Come with rejoicing, the Father is calling”

Prelude: Marjo Rouw

Welcome and Announcements

*** Call to Worship:**

Leader: Holy God, the Father of us all, we gather to worship you and to reaffirm our shared relationship as children of God.

People: **With fatherly care, God welcomes us to our shared experiences of worship, fellowship, prayer and praise.**

Leader: Renewing God, we gather to be re-invigorated in our worship, and in the witness and relationships that flows from worship.

People: **Together and individually, we will be cleansed and refreshed by the holy winds of God’s Spirit, as it blows around and within us.**

Leader: The Lord our God gives new life and new blessings as we come together in the unity of one purpose – to praise and glorify God.

People: **Blessings, honor, glory and power belongs to our God, the Father of all – who claims us all as beloved children. Amen.**

*** Opening Hymn: LUYH #23:1-4 *“Children of the Heavenly Father”***

1. Children of the heavenly Father
safely in his bosom gather,
nestling bird nor star in heaven
such a refuge e’er was given.
2. God his own shall tend and nourish,
in his holy courts they flourish.
From all evil powers he spares them;
in his mighty arms he bears them.
3. Neither life nor death shall ever
from the Lord his children sever;
for to them his grace revealing,
he turns sorrow into healing.
4. God has given, he has taken,
but his children ne’er forsaken;
his the loving purpose solely
to preserve the pure and holy.

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* God's Greeting / We Greet Each Other

* Opening Songs of Praise:

Litany based on Psalm 68:4-5

"Come and Rejoice" vs. 1-3

1. Come with rejoicing, the Father is calling,
those who would worship in spirit and truth;
Come with your singing, come with thanksgiving,
Jesus our Savior, has made all things new.

Chorus

*Come and rejoice, O holy nation,
come and sing praises to Him;
Come and bow down, worship before Him,
Jesus, the King of all kings, Jesus, the King of all kings.*

2. The Lord of creation is full of compassion,
seated in splendor adorned with all grace;
majestic and glorious, reigning victorious,
now and forever enthroned on our praise.

Chorus

3. With the sound of the trumpet he summons the nations,
calling a priesthood to go in His name;
to show forth His power to this generation,
to worship before Him, a kingdom of praise.

Chorus

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"This Is My Father's World" LUYH #21:1-3

1. This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears
all nature sings, and round me rings
the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world; I rest me in the thought
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;
his hand the wonders wrought.
2. This is my Father's world; the birds their carols raise;
the morning light, the lily white,
declare their Maker's praise.
This is my Father's world; he shines in all that's fair.
In the rustling grass I hear him pass;
he speaks to me everywhere.

Sing acapella

3. This is my Father's world; oh, let me not forget
that, though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the Ruler yet.
This is my Father's world; why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is King, let the heavens ring!
God reigns; let the earth be glad.

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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.*

“Those who would worship in spirit and truth;”

We Welcome Bob and Marty Hitchcock to Our Church Family
Led by Elder Dennis De Kok

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

Leader: Gracious God, you are the Creator of the ends
of the earth, and yet you call us your children.
You are greater than we can ever begin to imagine,
and yet you invite us to call you “Our Father”.
Always you have loved us.

People: **forgive our feeble response.**

Leader: You do not keep us at arm’s length,
remote in your holiness,
but you reach out your hands in love,
wanting us to relate to you, one to one.
Always you have loved us:

People: **forgive our feeble response.**

Leader: Gracious God, Forgive us that we call you
“Our Father” but fail to live as your children.
We do not trust you as we should,
preferring instead to follow our own inclinations.
We are reluctant to accept your will,
repeatedly disobeying your instructions.
We are slow to ask your guidance,
but swift to forget you and wander from your side.
We all too rarely thank you for what we have,
but all too often complain
when we do not receive what we ask for.
Always you have loved us:

People: **forgive our feeble response.**

Leader: Gracious God, we have returned your love
by acting as spoiled children,
yet still you have kept faith.
Accept our thanks that, despite our willfulness,
you refuse to give up on us,
working instead to draw us closer.
You are always there for us,
waiting to welcome us back
and set us on our feet again.
Always you have loved us:

People: **forgive our feeble response.**

Leader: Gracious God, our Father, we praise and thank
you for your undeserved goodness,
and we resolve today
to live more faithfully as your children.
Always you have loved us:

People: forgive our feeble response.
In the name of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen.

Words of Assurance: (Based on Psalm 103)

* Song of Assurance: ***"The Lord Is My Salvation"*** vs.1-4

1. The grace of God has reached for me,
and pulled me from the raging sea.
And I am safe on this solid ground:
The Lord is my salvation.
2. I will not fear when darkness falls,
His strength will help me scale these walls.
I'll see the dawn of the rising sun:
The Lord is my salvation.

Chorus

*Who is like the Lord our God?
Strong to save, faithful in love.
My debt is paid and the victory won;
The Lord is my salvation.*

3. My hope is hidden in the Lord,
He flow'rs each promise of His Word.
When winter fades, I know spring will come:
The Lord is my salvation
4. In times of waiting times of need,
When I know loss when I am weak.
I know His grace will renew these days:
The Lord is my salvation.
5. And when I reach the final day,
He will not leave me in the grave.
But I will rise, Christ will call me home:
The Lord is my salvation.

Chorus

*Who is like the Lord our God?
Strong to save, faithful in love.
My debt is paid and the victory won;
The Lord is my salvation.*

Bridge x2

Glory be to God, the Father, Glory be to God, the Son,
Glory be to God, the Spirit; the Lord is our salvation.

Ending

The Lord is our salvation, the Lord is our salvation.

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Offertory: General Fund

* Song of Preparation: LUYH #754:1-3,5 ***"Lord, Speak to Me that I May Speak"***

1. Lord, speak to me that I may speak
in living echoes of your tone.
As you have sought, so let me seek
your erring children, lost and lone.
2. O lead me, Lord, that I may lead
the wandering and the wavering feet.
O feed me, Lord, that I may feed
your hungry ones with manna sweet.
3. O teach me, Lord, that I may teach
the precious truths which you impart.
And wing my words that they may reach
the hidden depths of many a heart.

Sing acapella

5. O use me, Lord, use even me,
just as you will, and when, and where
until your blessed face I see,
your rest, your joy, your glory share.

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"Come with your singing, come with thanksgiving"

Scripture Reading: I Samuel 16:14-23 (pg. 278) Read by Marion Ekkelkamp

Prayer of Illumination

Message: ***"The Early Life of David – 'In the Service of Saul'"***

Time of Prayer

"Jesus our Savior, has made all things new."

* We Profess our Faith: Lord's Day 10 Q&A 27-28 (GH pg. 871)

Q. 27 What do you understand by the providence of God?

- A. Providence is the almighty and ever present power of God¹ by which he upholds, as with his hand, heaven and earth and all creatures,² and so rules them that leaf and blade, rain and drought, fruitful and lean years, food and drink, health and sickness, prosperity and poverty—³all things, in fact, come to us not by chance⁴ but from his fatherly hand.⁵**

¹ Jer. 23:23-24; Acts 17:24-28; ² Heb. 1:3; ³ Jer. 5:24;

Acts 14:15-17; John 9:3; Prov. 22:2; ⁴ Prov. 16:33; ⁵ Matt. 10:29

Q. 28 How does the knowledge of God's creation and providence help us?

- A. We can be patient when things go against us,¹ thankful when things go well,² and for the future we can have good confidence in our faithful God and Father that nothing in creation will separate us from his love.³ All creatures are so completely in his hand that without his will they can neither move nor be moved.⁴**

¹ Job 1:21-22; James 1:3; ² Deut. 8:10; 1 Thess. 5:18;

³ Ps. 55:22; Rom. 5:3-5; 8:38-39; ⁴ Job 1:12; 2:6; Prov. 21:1; Acts 17:24-28

* Hymn of Application: LYUH 348:1-3 **“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”**

1. Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
as thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Refrain

*Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

2. Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

Refrain

3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow—
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Refrain

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* Benediction: (Based on Romans 8:15-16)

* Doxology: **“May the Peace of God Our Heavenly Father”** vs. 1,2

1. May the peace of God our heav'nly Father,
and the grace of Christ the risen Son,
and the fellowship of God the Spirit
keep our hearts and minds within His love.

Chorus

*And to Him be praise for His glorious reign,
from the depths of earth to the heights of heav'n.
We declare the name of the Lamb once slain:
Christ eternal the King of kings.*

2. May this peace which passes understanding,
and this grace which makes us what we are,
and this fellowship of His communion
make us one in spirit and in heart.

Chorus x2

*And to Him be praise for His glorious reign,
from the depths of earth to the heights of heav'n.
We declare the name of the Lamb once slain:
Christ eternal the King of kings.*

Final Ending:

Christ eternal the King of kings.

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* Postlude

Psalm 81 encourages worshipers to “Sing for joy to God...shout aloud to...God.” With great joy let us approach our loving Creator. With heart, soul, strength and mind let us dedicate ourselves to God. Welcome to all who have come! 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

Members Transfers / Lapses: Apart from the council, one of the tasks of the Elders is to minister to our inactive members. Unfortunately, from time to time, there are people who drift from our fellowship. Recently the elders have been working hard to reach out to those who have not been with us for quite some time. Therefore, in the coming months, we will be announcing some memberships that have been lapsed. We lapse membership when a person has not been active in our membership for at least two years and often times much longer. It is not a step of discipline and our hope is that all of them continue to worship the Lord in another context. We simply want congregational members to be aware of this when you see these names in the bulletin. At the recent June 12 meetings the council lapsed the memberships of the following individuals: Phil Abenroth, Ruben and Margareta Bojorquez, Mark Brauer, Kristie Doss, Megan Doss, Charles Nebergall, and Ryan Van Vliet. In addition, the membership of Rika Kooy was transferred to Grace Community Fellowship CRC in Chicago, IL.

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 **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 their tickets at the church office June 21-23. Tickets are \$13.00 per person.

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 **Elders & Deacons** will meet on Monday, June 26 at 7:00 p.m.

The **Men's Bible Study** will meet on Wednesday, June 28 at 6:30 a.m. at Shari's Restaurant in Burlington. We are studying the book of Revelation. You are welcome to join us.

ORGANIZATIONS WE SUPPORT

What Jesus Says About the Bible: Join us on Groundwork as we study Matthew 5:17-20, Luke 24:2, and John 5:39-40 to establish the trustworthiness of the Bible by discovering what Jesus has to say about it. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

An Exceptional Experiment: 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.

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
 TUES 7:00 pm Vida Nueva
 THURS 12:30 pm Young at Heart Lunch at Denny's
 FRI 7:00 pm Mariner's Game at Safeco

NURSERY:**Today: Infants & Toddlers**

Pam Van Zanten, Jase Hilsinger, Kaeli Houck

Next Week: Infants & Toddlers

Beth Boon, Josie Droog, Hannah Van Hofwegen

GREETERS:**Today:**

Rovers: Greg & Tish Ackermann

AM: Les & Joy Faber, Jim & Michele Feddema

Next Week:

Rovers: Rich & Elly Cuperus

AM: Jeannette Folkertsma, Jill Klunder, Larry & Maxine Greidanus

USHERS

Today: Darin Kuipers, Tim Hibma, Henry Hammingh

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

SOUND SYSTE

Today: Tim Hibma

Next Week: Kendall Van Zanten

PROJECTION

Today AM: Nathan Van Beek

Next Week: Josh Hammingh

VIDEO TAPING

Today: DJ Droog

Next Week: Mike Hibma

CHILDREN & WORSHIP**Today:**

Teacher: Heather Van Hofwegen

Assistant: Johnna Van der Hoek

Next Week:

Teacher: Juli Oostra

Assistant: Julie Speck

LIBRARY:

Today: Melba De Kok

Next Week: Joy Faber

COFFEE HOSTS

Today: Wayne & Rhea Doss, Jeannette Folkertsma, Steve & Teci Greydanus

Next Week: Alice De Vries, Larry & Maxine Greidanus, John & Dena Klunder

VIDA NUEVA CHILDCARE

Today: Jill Haagsma, Betty Postma

Next Week: Danielle Van Zanten, Sylvia Van Zanten

MINISTRY OF PRAISE

Next Week: Kayla Van Hofwegen

Accompanist: Jill Klunder

OFFERING: June 18, 2017

AM: General Fund **PM:** Friendship House

6:30 P.M. Worship Service

Pianist: Melba De Kok

Welcome/Announcements

Prayer for Worship

Opening Songs of Praise: Led by Dave Visser

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee" LUYH #426:1,2,4

"Not What My Hands Have Done" LUYH #624:1,2,3

"Nearer, Still Nearer" LUYH #659:1,3,4

Catechism Reading: Lord's Day 25 Q&A 65-68

Q. 65 It is through faith alone that we share in Christ and all his blessings:
where then does that faith come from?

**A. The Holy Spirit produces it in our hearts¹ by the preaching of the holy gospel,²
and confirms it through our use of the holy sacraments.³**

¹ John 3:5; 1 Cor. 2:10-14; Eph. 2:8; ² Rom. 10:17; 1 Pet. 1:23-25; ³ Matt. 28:19-20; 1 Cor. 10:16

Q. 66 What are sacraments?

**A. Sacraments are holy signs and seals for us to see.
They were instituted by God so that by our use of
them he might make us understand more clearly
the promise of the gospel, and might put his seal on that promise.¹**

**And this is God's gospel promise: to forgive our sins
and give us eternal life by grace alone because of
Christ's one sacrifice finished on the cross.²**

¹ Gen. 17:11; Deut. 30:6; Rom. 4:11; ² Matt. 26:27-28; Acts 2:38; Heb. 10:10

Q. 67 Are both the word and the sacraments then intended to focus our faith
on the sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the cross as the only ground of our salvation?

**A. Right! In the gospel the Holy Spirit teaches us and through the holy sacraments
he assures us that our entire salvation rests on Christ's one sacrifice for us on the cross.¹**

¹ Rom. 6:3; 1 Cor. 11:26; Gal. 3:27

Q. 68 How many sacraments did Christ institute in the New Testament?

A. Two: holy baptism and the holy supper.¹

¹ Matt. 28:19-20; 1 Cor. 11:23-26

Scripture Readings: Various Texts

Message: **"The Means of Grace"**

Time of Prayer

Offering: Friendship House

Song of Application: LUYH #844:1-3,5 **"Lift Up Your Hearts unto the Lord"**

* 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 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.

PRAISES:

Congratulations to **Rena Westra** as she celebrated her 93rd birthday this past Saturday, June 17. Happy Birthday Rena.

OTHER CONCERNS:

Pray for those **traveling** during the summer months.

Faith Formation Ministries: Assessment and guidelines - Many congregations have asked us to develop a framework that will help them assess their own faith formation ministries and provide guidelines for strengthening these ministries. Please pray for wisdom as we seek to develop a framework that will honor the way the Spirit moves in congregations and as we seek to offer helpful advice that blesses congregational ministry.

Christian Reformed World Missions: Summer English camps - Several schools in which CRWM missionaries serve offer English learning camps during the summer. Pray that these camps will allow for opportunities to share the good news of Jesus with participants who come from a variety of faith and cultural backgrounds.

Disability Concerns: Wisdom - Every completed and attempted suicide touches many people. Pray for wisdom for the Mental Health Task Force of Christian Reformed and Reformed Church in America Disability Concerns ministries as it curates ministry resources for churches to use in suicide prevention and intervention and in the aftermath of suicide.

Christian Reformed Home Missions: Canada - Pastor Kevin DeRaaf was appointed May 1 as the new regional mission leader for eastern Canada. Please pray for Kevin as he uses his leadership and church renewal experience to assist ministry leaders in these rapidly changing times.

World Renew: South America - After intense flooding and mudslides, many drinking water sources have been destroyed or contaminated, leaving thousands of people in need of clean water. World Renew is at work providing safe drinking water sources and filtration. Families most affected were living in poverty before the flooding. Please keep these communities in prayer as they battle serious health risks.

Candidacy Committee: New candidates - Today 39 new candidates and nearly 30 continuing candidates for ordination as minister of the Word are being presented to synod. Please pray for all of these persons looking for a ministry assignment and discerning God's will for their service in his kingdom. Their names and information are available in the Candidacy Committee section of the crcna.org website.

Christian Reformed World Missions: West Africa - There has been interethnic fighting in the country where CRWM missionaries serve, resulting in about 5,000 internally displaced Fulani and Bambara people. Pray for peace in West

Africa. Pray that people who have been displaced will find relief. Pray for wisdom for all who have the power to help resolve this conflict.