

Welcome to First Christian Reformed Church!

Pastor John Knoester

June 4, 2017

10:30 A.M. Worship Service

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

“This is the Day!”

Prelude: Jill Klunder

Welcome and Announcements

*** Call to Worship**

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit! Ignite our hearts with joy and confidence!

People: **For God has done wondrous things for us.**

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit! Fill us with the power of the rushing wind that we may faithfully serve you in all that we do.

People: **For Christ has called each of us and blessed us!**

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit! Be with us today.

People: **Help us to boldly proclaim Christ Risen. AMEN.**

*** Opening Hymn: GH #241:1,3 *“This Is the Day”***

1. This is the day, this is the day
that the Lord has made, that the Lord has made;
we will rejoice, we will rejoice and be glad in it, and be glad in it.
This is the day that the Lord has made, we will rejoice and be glad in it;
This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made.

3. This the day, this is the day
when the Spirit came, when the Spirit came;
We will rejoice, we will rejoice and be glad in it, and be glad in it.
This is the day when the Spirit came, we will rejoice and be glad in it;
this is the day, this is the day when the Spirit came.

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*** God’s Greeting / We Greet Each Other**

*** Opening Songs of Praise:**

Read Acts 2:17-18

¹⁷ "In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people.
Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions,
your old men will dream dreams.

¹⁸ Even on my servants, both men and women,
I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy.

“Holy Spirit Living Breath of God” LUYH #746:1-3

1. Holy Spirit, living Breath of God,
breathe new life into my willing soul.
Bring the presence of the risen Lord
to renew my heart and make me whole.
Cause your Word to come alive in me;
give me faith for what I cannot see;
give me passion for your purity;
Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.
2. Holy Spirit, come abide within,
may your joy be seen in all I do.
Love enough to cover every sin,
in each thought and deed and attitude.
Kindness to the greatest and the least,
gentleness that sows the path of peace.
Turn my striving into works of grace;
Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.
3. Holy Spirit, from creation’s birth,
giving life to all that God has made,
show your power once again on earth,
cause your church to hunger for your ways.
Let the fragrance of our prayers arise;
lead us on the road of sacrifice,
that in unity the face of Christ
may be clear for all the world to see.

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“Dwell in Me, O Blessed Spirit” LUYH #745:1-2

1. Dwell in me, O blessed Spirit!
How I need your help divine!
In the way of life eternal,
keep, O keep this heart of mine.

Refrain

*Dwell in me, O blessed Spirit,
gracious Teacher, Friend divine!
For the kingdom work that calls me,
O prepare this heart of mine.*

2. Grant to me your sacred presence;
then my faith will ne’er decline.
Comfort me and help me onward;
fill with love this heart of mine.

Refrain

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“Spirit of the Living God” LUYH #749:1-2

1. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

2. Spirit of the living God, move among us all;
make us one in heart and mind, make us one in love;
humble, caring, selfless, sharing.

Spirit of the living God, fill our lives with love.

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

“When the Spirit Came”

Call to Confession:

Do not marvel that Jesus says to us, “You must be born again.”
What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit.
The wind blows where it wills, and you hear the sound of it,
but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes;
so it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit,
who convicts us of sin and leads us into all righteousness.
Let us confess our sin to God.

—based on John 3:6-8; 16:8, NRSV

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Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance:

There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus,
because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life
sets us free from the law of sin and death.
And if the Spirit of God who raised Jesus from the dead lives in us,
God who raised Christ from the dead will also give life
to our mortal bodies through the Spirit, who lives in us.

—from Romans 8:1-2, 11, NIV

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Hymn of Assurance: LUYH 747: 1-3 ***“Breathe on me Breath of God”***

1. Breathe on me, Breath of God,
fill me with life anew,
that I may love the way you love,
and do what you would do.
2. Breathe on me, Breath of God,
until my heart is pure,
until my will is one with yours,
to do and to endure.
3. Breathe on me, Breath of God,
so shall I never die,
but live with you the perfect life
for all eternity.

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* We Confess Our Faith:

Leader: We trust in God the Holy Spirit,
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

**People: The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,
sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,
and binds us together with all believers
in the one body of Christ, the church.**

Leader: The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,
engages us through the Word proclaimed,
claims us in the waters of baptism
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,
and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.

**People: In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage
to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to
Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.**

Leader: In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,
praying, Come, Lord Jesus!

**People: With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus, our Lord.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

—from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

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Gideon's report: Larry Ashby

Offering: General Fund

Offertory: Joni Beezhold

* Hymn of Preparation: LUYH 237:1-3 ***"Spirit of God, Unleashed on Earth"***

1. Spirit of God, unleashed on earth
with rush of wind and roar of flame!
With tongues of fire saints spread good news;
earth, kindling, blazed its loud acclaim.
2. You came in power, the church was born;
O Holy Spirit, come again!
From living waters raise new saints,
let new tongues hail the risen Lord.
3. With burning words of victory won
inspire our hearts grown cold with fear,
revive in us baptismal grace,
and fan our smoldering lives to flame.

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“This is the Day!”

Scripture Reading: John 20:19-22 (pg. 1075) Read by Trevor Blom

Prayer of Illumination

Message: ***“I Am Sending You”***

Time of Prayer

Installation of New Elders and Deacons – GH pg. 1004

“When the Spirit Came”

* Hymn of Application: LYUH 618:1,3,5 ***“Spirit of God Who Dwells within My Heart”***

1. Spirit of God, who dwells within my heart,
wean it from sin, through all its pulses move.
Stoop to my weakness, mighty as you are,
and make me love you as I ought to love.
3. Did you not bid us love you, God and King,
love you with all our heart and strength and mind?
I see the cross— there teach my heart to cling.
O let me seek you, and O let me find!

Sing acapella

5. Teach me to love you as your angels love,
one holy passion filling all my frame;
the fullness of the heaven-descended Dove;
my heart an altar, and your love the flame.
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* Benediction

* Doxology: ***“Benediction”***

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

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever" (Psalm 118:1). We **welcome** everyone to this hour of worship! Let us offer our gratitude and praise to our Creator. May this be a time of inspiration and joy for us 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.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Congratulations to Our Graduates: Graduating from 8th Grade on June 7 are: Josh Hammingh, Victoria Heino, and Kyler Houck. Seniors graduating on June 8 are: Lexi Blom, Kyle Donaldson, Jack Hammingh, Juliana LeClair, and Danielle Van Zanten. We pray for God's guidance as they make decisions about the future.

We invite you to celebrate the **graduation** of Lexi Blom, Kyle Donaldson, Jack Hammingh, Juliana LeClair, Danielle Van Zanten, and from Mount Vernon Christian School. The ceremony is Thursday, June 8 at 7:00pm. at Mount Vernon Christian School. Lexi, Danielle, and Kyle will have an open house reception on Saturday, June 10 from 1-4 in the Commons at Mount Vernon Christian School.

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*" (I Samuel 17)

July 9: "*Jonathan's Covenant with David*" (I Samuel 18:1-4)

July 16: "*The Jealousy of Saul*" (I Samuel 18:5-30)

July 23: "*Saul Tries to Kill David*" (I Samuel 19)

July 30: "*David and Jonathan*" (I Samuel 20)

Aug. 20: "Fearful Flight to Nob and Gath" (I Samuel 21)

Aug. 27: "Living By the Word" (I Samuel 23)

Sept. 3: "David Spares Saul's Life" (I Samuel 24)

Following the service there will be a **Church Potluck** in the Fellowship Hall. If you are visiting with us today we would like to invite you to join us for lunch.

Today you will have opportunity to sign up to bring a casserole or dessert for the **Friendship House** on Wednesday, June 14. Servers are also needed. There will be a table in the Fellowship Hall where you can sign up and pick up a recipe. Monetary donations are accepted also. Any questions? Give Glenda Kok a call.

The **Youth Group** will meet this evening at 7:45 p.m. in the Youth Group Room.

Christian Education Fund: THANK YOU to all those that fulfilled their pledges for this school year and pledged for next school year. The Christian Education Fund will continue since the requirements for both school years were obtained.

Mariners: This year's Faith and Family Night at Safeco Field is scheduled for **Friday, June 23 at 7:00 p.m.** with a fireworks show immediately after the game. Tickets will be \$15.00. per person. Last year we had approximately 40 people from our church attend and a fun evening was enjoyed by all. A sign-up sheet for this year's game is on the coffee table with the 'deadline date' for sign-ups being **TODAY**.

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

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.

ORGANIZATIONS WE SUPPORT

Donations for Neighbors in Need: Today, you have opportunity again to bring your donations of canned and non-perishable items for the food drive for "Neighbors in Need". Please bring your donations in and place them in the baskets located in the foyer and the Fellowship Hall.

How Big Is Your God? If you think you know everything there is to know about God and fully understand his character, Habakkuk might say you need a bigger faith. Join us in discussing Habakkuk 3 as the prophet confronts us with one powerfully big God. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Hack Attack: Who is planning the biggest prank in Reptarium Middle School history? The new kid Kenan Leon seems to have all the answers, but does he know right from wrong? How far can this prank go before someone has to draw the line? 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.

Need a weekend getaway that recharges your soul? Warm Beach Camp offers campsites, cabins, and lodge rooms. You can enjoy the buffet in the dining hall or cook over an open fire. **Cascade Family Bible Camp** is scheduled for July 6-10. Register soon. Forms are available online at www.cascadefamilybiblecamp.org. First time registrants will receive 50% off registration.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

SUN	4:00 pm	Vida Nueva
	7:45 pm	Youth Group
TUES	7:00 pm	Vida Nueva

NURSERY:

Today: Infants & Toddlers

Briana Vander Kooy, Carson Blom, Emma Droog

Next Week: Infants & Toddlers

Michele Kuipers, Rayahna Oostra, Kendall Van Zanten

GREETERS:

Today:

Rovers: Larry & Margaret Vander Pol

AM: Randy & Peggy Burr, Brian Doss, Fred Folkertsma

Next Week:

Rovers: Elders Henry Hammingh, Darrel Lagerwey

AM: Wayne & Rhea Doss, Jerry & Marion Ekkelkamp

USHERS

Today: Larry Greidanus, Kermit Houck, Kendall Van Zanten

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

SOUND SYSTEM

Today: Mardick Stevens

Next Week: Henry Van Zanten, Jr.

PROJECTION

Today AM: Devin Van Zanten

Next Week: Tim Hibma

VIDEO TAPING

Today: Tim Hibma

Next Week: Mike Hibma

CHILDREN & WORSHIP

Today:

Teacher: Juli Oostra

Assistants: Rayahna Oostra, Julissa Oostra

Next Week:

Teacher: Marjo Rouw

Assistant: Elly Cuperus

LIBRARY:

Today: Michelle De Kok

Next Week: Elly Cuperus

COFFEE HOSTS

Today: Church Potluck

Next Week: Dennis & Melba De Kok, Michelle De Kok, Les & Joy Faber

VIDA NUEVA CHILDCARE

Today: Jayne Hammingh, Brooke Knoester

Next Week: Alice De Vries, Marjean De Groot

MINISTRY OF PRAISE

Next Week: Tim Van Hofwegen

Accompanist: Shirley Boonstra

OFFERING: June 11, 2017

AM: General Fund

PM: Friendship House

6:30 P.M. Worship Service

Pianist: Sylvia Van Zanten

Welcome/Announcements

Prayer for Worship

Opening Songs of Praise: Led by Hank Van Zanten

"We Praise You, O God" LUYH #560:1,3
"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" LUYH #579:1,3,4
"God, Be Merciful to Me" LUYH #623:1,2,4

Catechism Reading: Lord's Day 23 Q&A 59-61

Q. 59 What good does it do you, however, to believe all this?

**A. In Christ I am right before God
and heir to life everlasting.¹**

¹ John 3:36; Rom. 1:17 (Hab. 2:4); Rom. 5:1-2

Q. 60 How are you righteous before God?

A. Only by true faith in Jesus Christ.¹

**Even though my conscience accuses me
of having grievously sinned against all God's commandments
and of never having kept any of them,²
and even though I am still inclined toward all evil,³
nevertheless, without my deserving it at all,⁴
out of sheer grace,⁵ God grants and credits to me
the perfect satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ,⁶
as if I had never sinned nor been a sinner,
as if I had been as perfectly obedient as Christ was obedient for me.⁷**

¹ Rom. 3:21-28; Gal. 2:16; Eph. 2:8-9; Phil 3:8-11; 2 Rom. 3:9-10; 3 Rom. 7:23
⁴ Tit. 3:4-5; 5 Rom. 3:24; Eph. 2:8; 6 Rom. 4:3-5 (Gen. 15:6); 2 Cor. 5:17-19;
¹ John 2:1-2; 7 Rom. 4:24-25; 2 Cor. 5:21; 8 John 3:18; Acts 16:30-31

Q. 61 Why do you say that through faith alone you are right with God?

**A. It is not because of any value my faith has that God is pleased with me.
Only Christ's satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness
make me right with God.¹**

**And I can receive this righteousness and make it mine
in no other way than by faith alone.²**

¹ 1 Cor. 1:30-31; 2 Rom. 10:10; 1 John 5:10-12

Scripture Readings: Various Texts

Message: **"How Are We Right With God?"**

Time of Prayer

Offering: Friendship House

Song of Application: LUYH #426:1-4 **"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"**

* 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:

Jennaya Knoester was brought in to the hospital Thursday evening with a temperature of 103.7 and difficulty breathing. Some tests are being done to determine the cause. Pray for Pastor John & Brooke and pray for complete healing for Jennaya.

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 **Chris Van Sweden** as she recovers from having a recent heart attack and stent inserted. Pray for strength.

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:

Remember our missionaries in your prayer. **Marcia Bleeker** in Chad, Africa, **Kris & Becky Johnson** in Albuquerque, NM, **Joe Strong** in Skagit & Whatcom County, **Jon & Trista Vander Wal** in Ukarumpa, Papua New Guinea, and **Naji Umran & Anne Zake** in Egypt.

Pray for *students and teachers* as the school year is quickly coming to a close. Ask God to help each one to do their best in all that they do.

Pray for those *traveling* during the summer months.

Christian Reformed World Missions: Romania - During the summer months, Jack Organ will lead the VIATA youth camp in Romania. Pray for stamina for him and for the team of Romanian counselors as they begin the long, fun, full days of summer camp, and please ask for spiritual growth in the kids who come to camp this year.

Christian Reformed Home Missions: Church planting training - Please pray for the new Cultivate event as it wraps up three days of training today at F Street Neighborhood Church in Lincoln, Neb. This is a new training and fellowship event designed for CRC planters of various experiences. Attendees learn from experienced practitioners, connect with other CRC planters, and get a glimpse of life at another church plant. Pray for all attending and for the support they receive from each other.

World Renew: Disaster Response Services (DRS) - Please keep DRS in prayer as we seek to meet the needs of people affected by disasters. Many communities are still recovering from recent storms, and many residents still need assistance. Pray for the volunteers engaged in needs assessments and working on reconstruction sites.

Back to God Ministries International: Japan - Give thanks for the recent baptism of Takeki Kikuchi. He first heard our Japanese radio program Fukuin no Nami (Gospel Wave) five years ago, and he has continued listening with his family. While preparing for college this past Easter, he gave his life to Christ and was baptized.

Christian Reformed World Missions: Cambodia - Cambodia has experienced a dramatic increase in urban migration, especially among young people. The population of Cambodia's capital of Phnom Penh is expected to reach almost 3 million by 2025, nearly double the reported 1.5 million in 2005. Pray that the ministry of churches may also increase to serve this influx of people.

Christian Reformed Home Missions: Coffee Break Gathering, Redeemer University College - Praise God for the conference attended by 950 women last month, sponsored by Coffee Break Ministries and Christian Reformed Home Missions. It challenged participants to risk surrendering completely to God to allow his transformation in their lives. Pray also for ongoing translation work being done so that Bible study materials are available in over 22 countries throughout the world.

Chaplaincy and Care Ministry: Chaplains called for emergency relief - When events such as terror attacks and natural disasters affect the lives of large groups of people, chaplains are often called upon to provide emergency support, critical incident debriefing, and encouragement. Please pray for chaplains providing such support in the year ahead.