

Welcome to First Christian Reformed Church!

Pastor John Knoester

September 10, 2017

10:30 A.M. Worship Service

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

“Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;”

Prelude: Marjo Rouw

Welcome and Announcements

Sunday School Announcement: Tim Van Hofwegen

*** Call to Worship: Psalm 104:31-33, 35b**

³¹ May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD rejoice in his works-

³² he who looks at the earth, and it trembles, who touches the mountains, and they smoke.

³³ I will sing to the LORD all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.

^{35b} Praise the LORD, O my soul. Praise the LORD.

*** Opening Hymn: LUYH #2:1-2,4-5 *“O Worship the King”***

1. O worship the King all glorious above,
O gratefully sing his power and his love:
our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

2. O tell of his might and sing of his grace,
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

4. Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
in you do we trust, nor find you to fail.
Your mercies, how tender, how firm to the end,
our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

5. O measureless Might, unchangeable Love,
whom angels delight to worship above!
Your ransomed creation, with glory ablaze,
in true adoration shall sing to your praise!

PSALM 104; Words: Robert Grant, 1833, alt, P.D.; Music: W. Gardiner's *Sacred Melodies*, 1815; attr. Johann Michael Haydn, P.D.

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

*** Opening Songs of Praise:**

Read Matthew 28:5-6a

⁵ The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified.

^{6a} He is not here; he has risen, just as he said.

"Glorious Day" vs. 1-4

1. One day when Heaven was filled with His praises,
One day when sin was as black as could be,
Jesus came forth to be born of a virgin,
Dwelt among men. My example is He.
The Word became flesh and the light shined among us,
His glory revealed.

Chorus

*Living, He loved me. Dying, He saved me.
Buried, He carried my sins far away.
Rising, He justified freely forever.
One day He's coming; Oh, glorious day,
Oh, glorious day.*

2. One day they led Him up Calvary's mountain.
One day they nailed Him to die on a tree.
Suffering anguish, despised and rejected,
Bearing our sins, my Redeemer is He.
The hands that healed nations, stretched out on a tree
And took the nails for me.

Chorus

3. One day the grave could conceal Him no longer.
One day the stone rolled away from the door.
Then He arose; over death He had conquered.
Now He's ascended, my Lord evermore.
Death could not hold Him,
the grave could not keep Him, from rising again.

Chorus

*Living, He loved me. Dying, He saved me.
Buried, He carried my sins far away.
Rising, He justified freely forever.
One day He's coming; Oh, glorious day,
Oh, glorious day, glorious day.*

Bridge

One day the trumpet will sound for His coming.
One day the skies with His glory will shine.
Wonderful day, my Beloved One, bringing.
My Savior, Jesus is mine.

Final Chorus

*Living, He loved me. Dying, He saved me.
Buried, He carried my sins far away.
Rising, He justified freely forever.
One day He's coming; Oh, glorious day,
Oh, glorious day, glorious day, oh, glorious day.*

"Glorious Day", Words & Music by Mark Hall & Michael Bleaker; © 2009 Zoo Music,
My Refuge Music, Sony/ATV Music Publishing LLC, Word Music; All rights Reserved. Used by permission. CCLI # 678905

Read Psalm 103:1-2, 21-22

- ¹ Praise the LORD, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name.
- ² Praise the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits-
- ²¹ Praise the LORD, all his heavenly hosts, you his servants who do his will.
- ²² Praise the LORD, all his works everywhere in his dominion. Praise the LORD, O my soul.

“10,000 Reasons” vs. 1-3

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.*

Words and Music by Jonas Myrin & Matt Redman; ©2011 Thankyou
Music/Said and Done Music/sixsteps Music/SHOUT! Music Publishing;
All rights reserved. CCLI #678905

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

“There is no shadow of turning with thee;”

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Sung Response: LUYH #480 with Psalm 37

LUYH #480 (*Worship Team sings*)

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

Wait for the Lord; be strong, take heart!

Reading of Psalm 37:1-5

¹ Do not fret because of evil men or be envious of those who do wrong;

² for like the grass they will soon wither, like green plants they will soon die away.

³ Trust in the LORD and do good; dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture.

⁴ Delight yourself in the LORD and he will give you the desires of your heart.

⁵ Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him and he will do this:

LUYH #480 *All Sing*

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

Wait for the Lord; be strong, take heart!

Reading of Psalm 37:6-9

⁶ He will make your righteousness shine like the dawn,
the justice of your cause like the noonday sun.

⁷ Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him;
do not fret when men succeed in their ways,
when they carry out their wicked schemes.

⁸ Refrain from anger and turn from wrath; do not fret-
it leads only to evil.

⁹ For evil men will be cut off, but those who hope
in the LORD will inherit the land.

LUYH #480 *All Sing*

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

Wait for the Lord; be strong, take heart!

Reading of Psalm 37:10-11 and 39-40

¹⁰ A little while, and the wicked will be no more; though you
look for them, they will not be found.

¹¹ But the meek will inherit the land and enjoy great peace.

³⁹ The salvation of the righteous comes from the LORD; he is their stronghold in time of trouble.

⁴⁰ The LORD helps them and delivers them; he delivers them from the wicked and saves them, because they
take refuge in him.

LUYH #480 **All Sing**

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

Wait for the Lord; be strong, take heart!

Words: Jacques Berthier, from Songs and Prayers from Taizé © 1991 Ateliers et Presses de Taizé, Taizé Community, admin. GIA Publications, Inc., exclusive North American agent; OneLicense.net License #A-711218

Words of Assurance: Psalm 145:13b-14

^{13b} The LORD is faithful to all his promises and loving toward all he has made.

¹⁴ The LORD upholds all those who fall and lifts up all who are bowed down.

To all who turn from sin in sorrow,
to all who turn to God in hope,
this is God's Word of grace:
We are accepted, we are forgiven, we are loved.
This gift we have from God.

Reprinted by permission from *The Worship Sourcebook*, © 2004, CRC Publications

Offering: General Fund

Song of Preparation: LUYH #746:1-3 ***"Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God"***

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.

Words and Music: Keith Getty and Stuart Townend; ©2006 Thankyou Music, CCLI# 678905

“Though changest not, thy compassions they fail not;

Scripture Reading: I Samuel 23:1-29 (pg. 286) Read by Henry Kuipers & Keith Rasmussen

Prayer of Illumination

Message: ***“Living by the Promises of God”***

Time of Prayer

“As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.”

* Hymn of Application: LUYH #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

Words: Thomas O. Chisholm, 1923, © 1923, ren. 1951 Hope Publishing Company; Music: William M. Runyan, 1923, ren. 1951 Hope Publishing Company; CCLI #678905

* Benediction

* Parting Praise: LUYH #302:1-2 ***“Hear Our Praises”***

1. May our homes be filled with dancing,
may our streets be filled with joy.
May injustice bow to Jesus
as the people turn and pray.

Refrain

*From the mountain to the valley,
hear our praises rise to you.
From the heavens to the nations,
hear our singing fill the air.*

2. May your light shine in the darkness
as we walk before the cross.
May your glory fill the whole earth
as the water over the seas.

Refrain x2

Words and Music: Reuben Morgan © 1998 Hillsong Publishing (APRA), admin. US & Canada atEMICMGPublishing.com; CCLI# 678905

* Postlude

Welcome to the House of the Lord! We have come to bring our worship to our God. May we do so in our singing, praying, giving, preaching and listening. May God be glorified. After the morning service all are invited to the fellowship hall next to the sanctuary for a cup of coffee or juice and continued fellowship.

Next week Sunday, September 17, **Sunday School and Catechism classes** will begin for children ages 3 through grade 12 at 9:30 a.m. Children ages 3 through 5th grade meet in the Koinonia Room for a singing time and then are dismissed to their classes. Adult Sunday School classes will begin at a later date.

OUR CHURCH EVENTS

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 – “*Murder of the Priests*” (I Samuel 22)
- Sept. 10: “*Living By the Word*” (I Samuel 23)
- Sept. 17: “*David Spares Saul’s Life*” (I Samuel 24)

FAMILY VISITING: The following is the family visiting schedule for **August—September 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.

AUG-SEPT 2017 FAMILY VISITS	
Elder	Family
Dave V	Joe & Nellie Strong
Dave V	Bryan & Deanna Van Beek
Greg A	Agnes Bollema
Greg A	Brad DeKok

Greg B	Larry & Margaret Vander Pol
Greg B	Mary Koopmans
Henry H	John & Dena Klunder
Henry H	Betty Postma
Darrel L	Wayne & Rhea Doss
Darrel L	Spencer & Janelle Donaldson
Pastor John	Joe & Annette LeClair
Pastor John	Les & Joy Faber
Dennis D	Darrel & Sunee Lagerwey
Dennis D	Brian Doss

Today, following the morning service, you will have an opportunity to sign up for a casserole, or dessert 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, September 13 by 4:00 p.m. Have your casseroles cooked and hot.

Youth Group will begin this evening at 7:45 p.m. for all high schoolers. Meet in the Youth Group room in the Education Wing.

The **Executive Committee** will meet on Monday, September 11 at 7:00 p.m.

Leaders are needed for **Children & Worship and Sunday School**. Please let Tim or Heather Van Hofwegen know if you will be able to use your gifts that God has given in these areas.

ADVANCED NOTICES

The **Men's Bible Study** will meet on Wednesday, September 20 at 6:30 a.m. at Shari's Restaurant in Burlington. We are studying the book of Revelation. You are welcome to join us.

GEMS will begin their year on Wednesday, September 20 at 6:30 p.m. with registration and an ice cream social. Girls in grades 2-8th grade are invited to attend GEMS.

Golden Hour will begin on Wednesday (not Thursday), September 20 at 1:30 p.m. We will meet in the Koinonia Room and will study the book of Micah. We welcome new members to join us.

ORGANIZATIONS WE SUPPORT

The Good Samaritan: The Good Samaritan has almost become synonymous with helping, healing ministries. Is there more to Jesus' parable than helping a neighbor in need? Join Groundwork as we study Luke 10 to discover what Jesus teaches us about Christlikeness and our daily lives. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Future Forecast: A storm is brewing because Spike is worried about his future. It's up to Liz to show Spike that God has got him covered and that everything looks bright. Subscribe for free at getkidscorner.com. This month, Kids Corner is offering a free ebook on divorce called "God's Got You Covered." Using biblical teaching, this ebook provides help for kids and parents to talk about divorce. Go to www.kidscorner.net and click on the free stuff page to download this free resource.

FREE Reformation Study Resource: The Banner presents a free online resource with questions for discussion for personal study, small group discussion, or adult education church groups: Reformation Themes: Commemorating the 500th Anniversary. Also available, Reformed Basics. Check them out at thebanner.org/study-series.

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENT

Please sign up to walk or support the **Crop Hunger Walk** on October 1 at 2:00 p.m. in Mount Vernon, starting at the Mount Vernon Christian School. This 3.4 mile walk through downtown is a both a public witness and a fundraiser to help alleviate hunger in our local area and around the world. To sign up, donate or find out more, go to: <https://www.crophungerwalk.org/mountvernonwa/> Our team name is 1stMVCRCGetup&Walk. If you are unable to walk but would like to donate please make your check out to Skagit Hunger Crop Walk and give to Darrel Lagerwey or the church office before October 1.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

SUN	7:00 pm	Evening Service
	7:45 pm	Youth Group
MON	7:00 pm	Executive Committee Meeting
TUES	7:00 pm	Vida Nueva
WED	4:00 pm	Friendship House

NURSERY

Today: Infants & Toddlers

Shanna Visser, Carson Blom, Kayla Van Hofwegen

Next Week: Infants & Toddlers

Julie Speck, Rylee Kuipers, Nathan Van Beek

GREETERS

Today - Rovers: Rich & Elly Cuperus

AM: Alice De Vries, Grace Feddema, Brian Doss, Fred Folkertsma

Next Week - Rovers: Dennis & Melba De Kok

AM: Wayne & Rhea Doss, Jerry & Marion Ekkelkamp

USHERS

Today: Larry Greidanus, Tim Hibma, Wiebe Van der Hoek

Next Week: Darin Kuipers, Kendall Van Zanten, Henry Hammingh

SOUND SYSTEM

Today: Mardick Stevens

Next Week: Kendall Van Zanten

PROJECTION

Today AM: Josh Hammingh

Next Week: Devin Van Zanten

VIDEO TAPING

Today: Brandon Speck

Next Week: DJ Droog

CHILDREN & WORSHIP

Today:

Teacher: Heather Van Hofwegen

Assistants: Beth Boon, Devin Van Zanten

Next Week:

Teacher: Michele Feddema

Assistants: Monica Droog, Josh Hammingh

LIBRARY:

Today: Jean Rasmussen

Next Week: Michelle De Kok

COFFEE HOSTS

Today: Katie Jungquist, Clarence & Eleanor Klunder, Jill Klunder

Next Week: Jeannette Folkertsma, Larry & Maxine Greidanus, John & Dena Klunder

VIDA NUEVA CHILDCARE

Today: Jayne Hammingh, Josh Hammingh

Next Week: Betty Postma, Jill Haagsma

MINISTRY OF PRAISE

Next Week: Greg Boon

Accompanist: Melba De Kok

OFFERING: September 10, 2017

AM: General Fund

PM: Faith House for Women

6:30 P.M. Worship Service

Pianist: Marjo Rouw

Welcome/Announcements

Prayer for Worship

Opening Songs of Praise: Led by Katie Jungquist

"Blessed Assurance: Jesus Is Mine" LUYH ##363:1, 2, 3

"I Love to Tell the Story " LUYH #262:1 & 3

"Precious Lord Take My Hand" LUYH #465:1 & 3

Catechism Reading: Lord's Day 32 Q&A 86-87

Q. 86 We have been delivered from our misery by God's grace alone through Christ and not because we have earned it: why then must we still do good works?

A. To be sure, Christ has redeemed us by his blood. But we do good because Christ by his Spirit is also renewing us to be like himself, so that in all our living we may show that we are thankful to God for all He has done for us,¹ and so that he may be praised through us,²

And we do good so that we may be assured of our faith by its fruits,³ and so that by our godly living our neighbors may be won over to Christ.⁴

¹ [Rom. 6:13](#); [12:1-2](#); [1 Pet. 2:5-10](#); ² [Matt. 5:16](#); [1 Cor. 6:19-20](#)

³ [Matt. 7:17-18](#); [Gal. 5:22-24](#); [2 Pet. 1:10-11](#)

⁴ [Matt. 5:14-16](#); [Rom. 14:17-19](#); [1 Pet. 2:12](#); [3:1-2](#)

Q. 87 Can those be saved who do not turn to God from their ungrateful and impenitent ways?

A. **By no means. Scripture tells us that no unchaste person, no idolater, adulterer, thief, no covetous person, no drunkard, slanderer, robber, or the like will inherit the kingdom of God.¹**

¹ [1 Cor. 6:9-10](#); [Gal. 5:19-21](#); [Eph. 5:1-20](#); [1 John 3:14](#)

Scripture Readings: Various Texts

Message: ***“Why In the World Should I Help ...?”***

Time of Prayer

Offering: New Earth Recovery Faith House for Women

Song of Application: LUYH #309:1-5 ***“The Servant Song”***

* 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@firstcrmv.com by Thursday of each week with your prayer items.

SHUT INS:

Nell Annema at Birchview Memory Care in Sedro-Woolley, ***Grace Faber*** at home 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:

Continue to pray for ***Annette LeClair*** as she continues with her chemo treatments. May God give Annette strength for each day.

Pray for those who have suffered through the ***hurricanes***. May their peace come from knowing God is with them during this difficult time.

Sustaining Congregational Excellence: Project impact - Over the summer, 10 smaller congregations received SCE Health and Renewal grants, which enable the congregations to carry out a project they’ve designed specifically for their ministry setting. Pray that God will bless the efforts of the project teams and that congregational as well as community members will benefit.

Resonate Global Mission: International schools - As schools around the world get back into session, pray that teachers and students will be able to adjust to their new schedules. Pray that new teachers and new students will feel a sense of belonging as they adjust to life in the classroom. Pray also that students will see Christ’s love reflected in their teachers.

Back to God Ministries International: Brazil - Approximately 63 million homes in Brazil have access to our six Portuguese TV programs. Audience response indicates that these programs are bringing families and individuals into deeper faith in Christ. Some are making a first-time commitment to the Lord. Pray for the spiritual growth of all who hear and respond.

World Renew: Disaster Response Services (DRS) - In British Columbia 34,000 people have been affected by wildfires this summer. World Renew DRS is working with churches, individuals, and organizations in B.C. to help people overcome fire-related hardships and losses. Please pray for the people affected and for DRS as they continue to offer support and service.

Faith Formation Ministries: New 60+ project - FFM is launching a project this fall to support and encourage the faith journeys of church members ages 60 and older, which we are calling "The Third Third." Recognizing the wisdom, grace, and stories of God's faithfulness so prevalent in this age group, we at FFM pray for discernment and insight as we seek to provide meaningful support and encouragement. Please pray that this project may be a blessing to the church.

Resonate Global Mission: Church plants - As summer winds down, pray that community events initiated by church planters across North America will take root. Pray that conversations and connections made at these events will result in people seeking further involvement with ministries of the church.

Calvin Theological Seminary: New school year - Pray for seminary students and families from more than 20 nations as a new school year begins this month! Pray especially for our new students. We anticipate about 60 new degree students, and another 60 in our Spanish-language certificate programs.