

# **Welcome to First Christian Reformed Church!**

**Guest Pastor: Jon Westra**

**June 24, 2018**

**10:30 A.M. Worship Service**

**\*Please rise in body or in spirit.**

***"I love to tell the story of unseen things above,"***

**Led by Worship Team**

Prelude: Sylvia Van Zanten

Welcome

Call to Worship: Psalm 84:1-2, 10a

<sup>1</sup> How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD Almighty!

<sup>2</sup> My soul yearns, even faints, for the courts of the LORD;  
my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.

<sup>10</sup> Better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere.

\* Opening Songs of Praise:

***"Better Is One Day"*** LUYH #506:1-2

1. How lovely is Your dwelling place, O Lord Almighty.  
For my soul longs and even faints for You.  
For here my heart is satisfied within Your presence.  
I sing beneath the shadow of Your wings.

*Chorus*

*Better is one day in Your courts,  
better is one day in Your house,  
better is one day in Your courts,  
than thousands elsewhere.*

*Better is one day in Your courts,  
better is one day in Your house,  
better is one day in Your courts,  
than thousands elsewhere.*

2. One thing I ask and I would seek:  
to see Your beauty, to find You in the place  
Your glory dwells.  
One thing I ask and I would see:  
To see Your beauty, to find You in the place  
Your glory dwells.

*Chorus*

### *Bridge*

My heart and flesh cry out for You, the living God.  
Your Spirit's water to my soul.  
I've tasted and I've seen.  
Come once again to me.  
I will draw near to You,  
I will draw near to You, to You.

Better is one day, better is one day,  
Better is one day than thousands elsewhere.  
Better is one day, better is one day,  
Better is one day than thousands elsewhere.

### *Chorus*

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### ***"Lift Up Your Hearts Unto the Lord"*** LUYH #844:1-3, 5

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!
2. In Christ the world has been redeemed,  
in Christ the world has been redeemed.  
Sing alleluia, sing alleluia;  
in Christ the world has been redeemed.
3. His resurrection sets us free,  
his resurrection sets us free.  
Sing alleluia, sing alleluia;  
his resurrection sets us free.

### **Sing Acapella**

5. Sing alleluia to the Lord,  
Sing alleluia to the Lord.  
Sing alleluia, sing alleluia;  
Sing alleluia to the Lord.

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\* Scriptural Greeting / We Greet Each Other:

***"Of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and His love."***

**Led by Darrel Lagerwey**

Announcements

Call to Confession

The proof of God's amazing love is this:  
While we were sinners, Christ died for us.  
Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness,  
so that we may receive mercy and find grace  
to help in time of need.  
Trusting in God's faithfulness and compassion,  
let us confess our sin before God and one another.

—based on Romans 5:8; Hebrews 4:16, NRSV

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Responsive Prayer of Confession:

Leader: Lord, you come to us, but we do not recognize you;  
you call, but we do not follow;  
you command, but we do not obey,  
you bless us, but we do not thank you.

**People: Please forgive and help us.**

Leader: Lord, you accept us, but we do not accept others;  
you forgive us, but we do not forgive those  
who wrong us;  
you love us, but we do not love our neighbors.

**People: Please forgive and help us.**

Leader: Lord, you showed us how to carry out your mission,  
but we still insist on our own;  
you identified yourself with outcasts,  
the needy, and the poor,  
but we do not bother to find out  
what is happening to them;  
you suffered and died for the sake of all,  
but we do not give up our comfortable lives.

**People: Please forgive and help us,  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

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Words of Assurance:

Here are words you may trust,  
words that merit full acceptance:  
Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.  
To all who confess their sins and resolve to lead a new life,  
he says, "Your sins are forgiven."  
He also says, "Follow me."  
Now to the one who rules all worlds,  
immortal, invisible, the only God,  
be honor and glory forever and ever.

—based on 1 Timothy 1:15, 17

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Song of Thanksgiving: **"This My Only Comfort"**

1. This, my only comfort in my life and in my death:  
You have fully paid for all my sins and all my debts  
Even when I struggle to believe:  
With your precious blood you've set me free.

*Chorus*

*I am not my own but belong body and soul,  
in my life and in death to you Lord, Christ my Lord.*

2. You preserve my life in such a way that without you  
Not a hair can fall from me unless you will it to  
Even when I'm lost in desperation  
All things work together for my salvation.

*Chorus*

## Heidelberg Catechism

Q 1. What is your only comfort in life and in death?

- A. That I am not my own,<sup>1</sup> but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—<sup>2</sup> to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.<sup>3</sup> He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood,<sup>4</sup> and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil.<sup>5</sup> He also watches over me in such a way<sup>6</sup> that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven;<sup>7</sup> in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.<sup>8</sup> Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life<sup>9</sup> and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.<sup>10</sup>

<sup>1</sup> 1 Cor. 6:19-20; <sup>2</sup> Rom. 14:7-9; <sup>3</sup> 1 Cor. 3:23; Titus 2:14;

<sup>4</sup> 1 Pet. 1:18-19; 1 John 1:7-9; 2:2;

<sup>5</sup> John 8:34-36; Heb. 2:14-15; 1 John 3:1-11;

<sup>6</sup> John 6:39-40; 10:27-30; 2 Thess. 3:3; 1 Pet. 1:5;

<sup>7</sup> Matt. 10:29-31; Luke 21:16-18;

<sup>8</sup> Rom. 8:28; <sup>9</sup> Rom. 8:15-16; 2 Cor. 1:21-22; 5:5;

Eph. 1:13-14; <sup>10</sup> Rom. 8:1-17

3. Therefore by your Holy Spirit you assure me  
Of eternal life and make me willing and ready  
Even when I can't see my way through  
From now on to always live for you.

### *Chorus (2x)*

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Text adapted from Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 1

### Time of Prayer

Offering: General Fund

### \* Song of Preparation: ***“Cornerstone”***

1. My hope is built on nothing less,  
than Jesus' blood and righteousness.  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,  
But wholly trust in Jesus' Name.

Repeat Verse 1

### *Chorus*

*Christ alone cornerstone.  
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love.  
Through the storm, He is Lord. Lord of all.*

2. When darkness seems to hide His face,  
I rest on His unchanging grace.  
In every high and stormy gale,  
my anchor holds within the veil.  
My anchor holds within the veil.

### *Chorus*

3. When He shall come with trumpet sound,  
oh may I then in Him be found.  
Dressed in His righteousness alone.  
Faultless stand before the throne.

*Chorus (2x)*

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*Following this song children ages 3- 1st grade are dismissed to the Koinonia Room for Children's Worship*

***"I love to tell the story because I know 'tis true;"***

**Led by Pastor Jon Westra**

Scripture Reading: Luke 5:27-32 Read by Kendall Van Zanten

Prayer of Illumination

Message: ***"Throw a Party and Invite Jesus"***

Prayer of Application

***"It satisfies my longings as nothing else can do."***

**Led by Pastor Jon Westra**

\* Hymn of Application: LUYH #262:1-4 ***"I Love to Tell the Story"***

1. I love to tell the story of unseen things above,  
of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.  
I love to tell the story because I know 'tis true;  
it satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.

*Refrain*

*I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory  
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.*

2. I love to tell the story; 'tis pleasant to repeat  
what seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet.  
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard  
the message of salvation from God's own holy Word.

*Refrain*

3. I love to tell the story, for those who know it best  
seem hungering and thirsting to hear it, like the rest.  
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,  
'twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long.

*Refrain*

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\* God's Blessing

\* Parting Praise: LUYH #302:1-3 **“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*

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\* Postlude

A sincere **welcome** to all who have come to worship the Lord! May each of us have our faith increased, our love enhanced, and our courage strengthened. May God’s presence be very real as we approach the throne of grace. After joining us in worship, join us in the fellowship hall next to the sanctuary for a cup of coffee or juice and continued fellowship.

We welcome **Pastor Jon Westra** this morning as he leads us in worship. Next week, July 1, **Pastor Erik Kamp** will lead our morning service . **Elder Dennis De Kok** will continue with a lesson from the Alpha Series for our evening service today.

**OUR CHURCH FAMILY**

**Pictures** will be taken after the morning service today in room 6b (not room 8) in the Education Wing. We encourage you to drop by and have your picture updated for the church directory if you haven't had one done recently. If you have been attending regularly and would like to be added to the directory, you are welcome to come and have a picture taken.

**FAMILY VISITING:** The following is the family visiting schedule for **June—July 2018**. 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 Van Zanten at 360-707-7490.

<b>June—July 2018 Family Visits</b>	
<b>Elder</b>	<b>Family</b>
Dave V	Adrianna Swanson
Dave V	Marjo Rouw
Kevin K	Henry & Pam Van Zanten
Kevin K	Greg & Tish Ackermann
Henry VZ	Pastor John & Brooke Knoester
Henry VZ	Sue & Eliot Blom
Tim VH	Terry & Joni Beezhold

Tim VH	Alyssa Ackermann
Darrel L	Wilma Paul
Darrel L	Karen Staat
Pastor John	Jack & Trudy Van Klaveren
Pastor John	Rich & Elly Cuperus
Dennis D	Mardy & Kristine Stevens
Dennis D	Kermit & Julie Houck

### **OUR CHURCH EVENTS**

The **Deacon's** will meet on Monday, June 25 at 7:00 p.m.

The **Men's Bible Study** will meet on Wednesday, June 27 at 6:30 a.m. at Shari's Restaurant in Burlington. We are studying the book of Genesis. You are welcome to join us.

The **Women's Bible Study Group** will meet on Wednesday, June 27 at 7:00 p.m. We will have a video and study lesson 8.

The **Young at Heart** will meet for their monthly lunch at I-Hops in Mount Vernon on Thursday, June 28 at 12:30 p.m.

**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 2018-2019 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 July 1. Committees are listed in the back of the directory.

A new **address directory** will be printed in August. If you have any information that needs to be changed (address, phone number, would like an e-mail address included, etc.) call Sylvia at 336-2405 or put the information on the sign-up sheets in the foyer and on the coffee table in the Fellowship Hall. Also, if you would like to be added to the **e-mail prayer chain** please provide us with your e-mail address. We encourage you to join the prayer e-mail.

**Save the Date:** Make sure to reserve **Friday, July 20** on your calendar! This is the date of our yearly trip to Safeco Field. The Mariners will be playing the Chicago White Sox that evening to be followed by a Fireworks show. Cost of the tickets will be \$13.00 apiece. Sign up by July 1 on the sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall.

The **"Today"** devotional for July / August is available for you to pick up on the walkway shelf.

Copies of **"Today's Christian Living"** for July 2018 are available on the walkway shelf.

### **ADVANCED NOTICES**

The **Elders** will meet on Monday, July 2 at 7:00 p.m.

The **Executive** Committee will not meet on Monday, July 9 as previously scheduled. A date as yet has not been determined.

The **Women's Bible Study Group** will meet on Wednesday, July 11 at 7:00 p.m. We will have a video and study lesson 9.

### **ORGANIZATIONS WE SUPPORT**

**A Study of Ruth:** Groundwork is offering a new audio Bible study called, "Ruth: Surprised by God's Providence." Let the story of Ruth, Naomi, and Boaz strengthen your faith to trust, obey, and actively receive God's provision. Sign-up for weekly emails and get the Bible study free. Visit [groundworkonline.com/studyruth](http://groundworkonline.com/studyruth).

**The Fruit of Gentleness:** What images or words come to mind when you think about gentleness? Would you describe these images and words as strong and influential or meek and vulnerable? Join Groundwork in studying Matthew 11:28-30 and 1 Peter 3:15-17 to uncover the real power inherent in the spiritual fruit of gentleness. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

**The End and the Beginning:** The kids come face to face with the worst villain in Terrene history. And Chamy has a very important decision to make. Does this change Terrene forever? Subscribe for free at [getkidscorner.com](http://getkidscorner.com). Free Giveaway: Get the KC Summer Fun Book at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net).

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 5-9. Register soon. Forms are available at church or online at [www.cascadefamilybiblecamp.org](http://www.cascadefamilybiblecamp.org). First time registrants will receive 50% off registration.

**How often do you use your kitchen?** - Imagine living in tents during weeks of rain, without access to a kitchen (with a latrine a hike away). This is the daily reality of thousands of Rohingya refugees living outside of Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh. You can help. Please donate \$7 or more via our partner, One Day's Wages, by July 3 to have your donation matched 1:1 for this critical emergency response. (You can opt out of all communications from One Day's Wages.) Go to [onedayswages.com/worldrenew](http://onedayswages.com/worldrenew) to give today.

**World Renew's Free A Family Sunday** - Martha Marak lives in Meghalaya, India. She is growing more food to eat and can afford to send her children to school because of World Renew and Free A Family®. For less than \$1 a day, you can help families like the Maraks leave poverty and hunger behind. Please give generously in the World Renew offering today.

### **REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Kick the Habit—Kickball Tournament:** Sunday July 15, 2018 at 3:00 p.m. at Skagit River Park Playfields—1100 S. Skagit Street, Burlington, WA. Remember the glory of the kickball days? You can live it all again, this time to benefit New Earth Recovery! Join us for our first-ever kickball fundraiser on Sunday July 15 at Skagit River Park Playfields. Put together a team of friends, family, or co-workers and see if your team can win the championship--or at least, have a lot of fun! To pay and register go to: <http://www.nerecovery.org/events.html>  
Talk to Sylvia Van Zanten if you have any questions.

### **CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK**

SUN	6:30 pm	Evening Service
MON	7:00 pm	Deacons' Meeting
TUES	7:00 pm	Vida Nueva
WED	6:30 am	Men's Bible Study at Shari's
	7:00 pm	Women's Bible Study
THURS	12:30 pm	Young at Heart Lunch at I-Hops

### **NURSERY**

#### **Today: Infants & Toddlers**

Elly Cuperus, Kylie Boon, Rylee Kuipers

#### **Next Week: Infants & Toddlers**

Elly Cuperus, Kyler Houck, Kayla Van Hofwegen

### **GREETERS**

**Today - Rovers:** Dennis & Melba De Kok

**AM:** Daniel & Briana Vander Kooy, Duane & Trudy Van Dyke

**Next Week - Rovers:** Larry & Margaret Vander Pol

**AM:** Tim & Heather Van Hofwegen, Jack & Trudy Vander Klaveren



**USHERS**

**Today:** Tim Van Hofwegen, Larry Greidanus, Wiebe Van der Hoek

**Next Week:** Darin Kuipers, Tim Hibma, Kendall Van Zanten

**SOUND SYSTEM**

**Today:** Henry Van Zanten, Jr.

**Next Week:** Tim Hibma

**PROJECTION**

**Today:** Nathan Van Beek

**Next Week:** Devin Van Zanten

**VIDEO TAPING**

**Today:** DJ Droog

**Next Week:** Mike Hibma

**CHILDREN & WORSHIP**

**Today:**

Teacher: Juli Oostra

Assistants: Monica Droog, Kera Boon

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**Next Week:**

Teacher: Julie Houck

Assistants: Shanna Visser, Rayahna Oostra

**COFFEE HOSTS**

**Today:** Henry & Sharon Kuipers, Joe & Annette LeClair, Keith & Jean Rasmussen

**Next Week:** Marinus & Jill Rouw, Mardick & Jill Stevens, Bryan & Deanna Van Beek

**VIDA NUEVA CHILDCARE**

**Today:** Devin Van Zanten, Sylvia Van Zanten

**Next Week:** None

**MINISTRY OF PRAISE**

**Next Week:** Greg Boon

Accompanist: Sylvia Van Zanten

**OFFERING:** July 1, 2018

**AM:** General Fund

**PM:** Love INC

**6:30 P.M. Worship Service**  
**Led by Dennis De Kok**

Pianist: Shirley Boonstra

Welcome/Announcements

Prayer for Worship

Opening Songs of Praise: Led by Hank Van Zanten

**"Lord, Our Lord, Your Glorious Name"** LUYH #500:1,4,5

**"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"** LUYH #521:1-3

**"God Himself Is with Us"** LUYH #565:1-3

The Alpha Course: **"Who Is Jesus"**

Time of Prayer

Offering: Back to School Blessings

Song of Application: LUYH #210:1-4

**"Since Our Great High Priest, Christ Jesus"**

\* God's Blessing

\* Parting Praise: LUYH #965 **"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"**

## **VISION STATEMENT**

We are a living fellowship of believers called together to further God's Kingdom. As Christ's body, we are a testimony to, and expression of, His love in the world.

We respond to that call by meeting God in worship, by preparing ourselves for kingdom service, and by ministering to one another and our neighbors in word and deed.

### ***Mount Vernon CRC Council***

**PASTOR:** John Knoester

**ELDERS:**

Kevin Kok: President

Tim Van Hofwegen: Vice All

Dennis De Kok: Clerk

Henry Van Zanten, Jr.: Records Clerk

Dave Visser: Lay Shepherds Liaison

Darrel Lagerwey

**DEACONS:**

Jim Feddema: President

Bryan Van Beek: Secretary

Mardick Stevens: Treasurer

Daniel Vander Kooy: Vicar

Hank Van Zanten: Benevolent Treasurer,

Christian Education Fund Chair

Richard Knight: Helping Hands, Neighbors in Need

Rich Cuperus: Usher Liaison



People to be remembered with prayers, cards, letters & words of encouragement. Call the church office at (336-2405) or e-mail: [secretary@firstcrcmv.com](mailto:secretary@firstcrcmv.com) by Thursday of each week with your prayer items.

**NEW CONCERN:**

**Trudy Van der Hoek** was recently diagnosed with breast cancer and a brain tumor. She is currently undergoing treatments. Pray for Minne and the family as they support Trudy during this time. Pray that God will be close to them and pray for healing for Trudy.

**SHUT INS:**

**Nell Annema** at Birchview Memory Care in Sedro-Woolley, **Mary Koopmans** at Where the Heart Is in Burlington; **Wilma Paul** at Mountain Glen Retirement Center in Mount Vernon; **Adrianna Swanson** at Creekside in Burlington; **Bev Van Slageren** at family in Grandview, WA; **Duane Van Dyke** at Where the Heart Is in Burlington; and **Rena Wester** at the Lynden Manor.

**PRAISES:**

Congratulations to **Dennis & Melba De Kok**. They will celebrate 50 years of marriage on June 28. We thank God for His faithfulness.

**Lorraine Gorton** will be turning 100 years old on July 2. What a milestone! Congratulations and Happy Birthday Lorraine. We give God thanks for blessing you with so many years. If you would like to send her a card, here is her address: 16453 E. Clark Road #6; Palmer AK 99645

**CONTINUING CONCERNS:**

Pray for **Annette LeClair** as she continues with treatments. Continue to keep Annette and her entire family in your prayers.

**World Renew: Bangladesh** - Since 2016, millions of people in Bangladesh have been displaced due to natural disasters. Changing weather has made for difficult adjustments for those living in poverty in the region. In addition, Rohingya refugees are at risk from the approaching monsoon and cyclone season. Pray for protection and resources for struggling families in Bangladesh.

**Calvin Theological Seminary: Ministry placement** - Pray for ministry placements for seminary graduates declared as minister of the Word candidates at synod this month. Pray for churches and ministries seeking ministers—and for all the candidates, that the Spirit may give discernment leading to fruitful ministry for all.

**Resonate Global Mission: Dominican Republic** - Molly, Ella, Nick, and Andrew are four young people serving in the Dominican Republic with Resonate this month. They are working alongside local ministries, including a youth outreach, and in local schools. Pray that this experience will give them a better understanding of mission work and an opportunity to develop their unique gifts for service in God's kingdom.

**Urban Aboriginal Ministries: Reconciliation** - Today we celebrate National Indigenous Peoples Day (formerly National Aboriginal Day). Please pray for initiatives within the CRC leading to reconciliation and healing. Pray for Shannon Perez, our justice and reconciliation coordinator, and for the ministry centers in Winnipeg, Man.; Regina, Sask., and Edmonton, Alta., serving Indigenous peoples.

**Back to God Ministries International: Japan** - Praise God for the hope he has given to Ms. Midori Kasuya, a listener to our Japanese radio ministry. "I had thought I was worthless throughout my life," she writes. "This is the first time in my life I want to study the Bible." Pray that Midori will continue to be encouraged in her faith as she seeks to grow in Christ.

**Resonate Global Mission: Asia** - This week, missionaries who serve with Resonate Global Mission in Asia are running an English camp for children in their neighborhood. "Please pray for a great and meaningful week for all our neighbors," write the missionaries.

**World Renew: Cambodia** - Youth are working to bring awareness to critical issues in their communities. At an educational camp organized by World Renew and a local partner, students cited drug use and addiction as the number-one issue facing local youths. After training, selected youth leaders return to their communities to help develop drug awareness projects. Ask God to guide them and to help all who suffer from drug addiction in Cambodia.