

God's Word Gives Our Lives Direction



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Worship Services
10:30 AM & 6:30 PM

Church School: 9:30 AM
September—May

The background of the middle section is a grayscale photograph of a beach with waves. A large, dark gray diamond shape is centered over the image. Inside the diamond, the words "SUMMER IN THE PSALMS" are written in a serif font. "SUMMER" is at the top, "IN THE" is in the middle, and "PSALMS" is at the bottom. Horizontal lines separate "SUMMER" from "IN THE" and "IN THE" from "PSALMS".

SUMMER
— IN THE —
PSALMS

Psalm 8

July 12, 2020

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Welcome to First Christian Reformed Church!

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* Please stand in body or in spirit.

"How great is our God!"

Prelude

Opening Video: "Our God is Indescribable" – Louie Giglio

* Sung Call to Worship: *"How Great is Our God"*

1. The splendor of the King, clothed in majesty;
let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice.
He wraps Himself in light, and darkness tries to hide,
and trembles at His voice, and trembles at His voice.

Chorus

*How great is our God! Sing with me: how great is our God!
And all will see how great, how great is our God!*

2. And age to age He stands, and time is in His hands;
beginning and the End, Beginning and the End.
The Godhead, three in one, Father, Spirit, Son,
the Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb.

Chorus

Bridge

Name above all names, Worthy of all praise.
My heart will sing: How great is our God!

Chorus

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* God's Greeting

"Sing with me: How great is our God!"

Welcome/Announcements

Call to Confession:

LEADER As God's creatures we are made in his image to represent him on earth and to live in loving communion with him. By sovereign appointment we are earth-keepers and caretakers: loving our neighbor, tending the creation, and meeting our needs. God uses our skills in the unfolding and well-being of his world.

PEOPLE **Yet often we neglect our task. Recalling our task leads us to confess our sin and to yearn for God's forgiveness.**

—from *Our World Belongs to God*, st. 10

Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance:

Hear the good news of the gospel about our life in Christ:
There is therefore now no condemnation
for those who are in Christ Jesus.
For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus
has set you free from the law of sin and of death.

Hear the good news of the gospel about all of creation:
I consider that the sufferings of this present time
are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed
to us. For the creation waits with eager longing
for the revealing of the children of God;
for the creation was subjected to futility,
not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it,
in hope that the creation itself
will be set free from its bondage to decay
and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God.

—based on Romans 8:1-2, 18-21, NRSV

God's Will for our Lives

* Hymn of Preparation: LUYH #17:1-4 *"Beautiful Savior"*

1. Beautiful Savior! King of creation!
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love thee, truly I'd serve thee,
Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
2. Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands,
robed in flowers of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer;
he makes our sorrowing spirit sing.
3. Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight,
bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
than all the angels in the sky.
4. Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations!
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,
now and forevermore be thine!

Words: Gesangbuch, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1873, P.D;
Music: Schleissche Volkslieder, 1842, P.D.; CCLI# 678905

"And all will see how great,"

* Scripture Reading: Psalm 8

* Prayer of Illumination

Message: ***"The Mindfulness of God"***

Time of Prayer

* Hymn of Application: LUYH #500:1,3,4

"Lord, Our Lord, Your Glorious Name"

1. LORD, our Lord, your glorious name
all your wondrous works proclaim;
in the heavens with radiant signs
evermore your glory shines.
How great your name!

Refrain

LORD, our Lord, in all the earth,
how great your name!
Yours the name of matchless worth,
excellent in all the earth.
How great your name!

3. Moon and stars in shining height
nightly tell their Maker's might;
when I view the heavens afar,
then I know how small we are.
How great your name!

Refrain

4. Who are we that we should share
in your love and tender care—
raised to an exalted height,
crowned with honor in your sight!
How great your name!

Refrain

*Words: Psalter, 1912, alt., P.D.; Music: William F. Sherwin (1826-1888), 1877, P.D.;
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"How great is our God!"

* We Profess our Faith:

LEADER We believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of
heaven and earth.

PEOPLE **We believe that God's love is powerful beyond
measure.**

LEADER God not only preserves the world; God continually
attends to it.

PEOPLE **God commands us to care for the earth in ways
that reflect God's loving care for us.**

LEADER We are responsible for ensuring that the earth's gifts are used fairly and wisely, that no creature suffers from the abuse of what we are given, and that future generations may continue to enjoy the abundance and goodness of the earth in praise to God.

PEOPLE **Entrusting ourselves wholly to God's care, we receive the grace to be patient in adversity, thankful in the midst of blessing, courageous when facing injustice, and confident that no evil may afflict us that God will not turn to our good.**

LEADER Our world, broken and scarred, still belongs to God.

PEOPLE **He holds it together and gives us hope.**

LEADER With the whole creation we wait for the purifying fire of judgment.

PEOPLE **For then we will see the Lord face to face.**

LEADER God will be all in all, righteousness and peace will flourish, everything will be made new,

PEOPLE **and every eye will see at last that our world belongs to God! Hallelujah! Come, Lord Jesus.**

—from *Our World Belongs to God*, st. 18, 58

* Parting Blessing

* Parting Praise: *"How Majestic is Your Name" 2x*

O Lord, our Lord, How majestic is Your name in all the earth.

O Lord, our Lord, How majestic is Your name in all the earth.

O Lord, we praise Your name, O Lord, we magnify Your name;
Prince of Peace, Mighty God, O Lord God Almighty. (*repeat*)

"How Majestic Is Your Name" Psalm 8: 1, Michael W. Smith, ©1981 Meadowgreen Music Co., CCLI# 678905

* Postlude

Welcome! The prophet Isaiah proclaimed: “With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation” (Isaiah 12:3). We welcome all who are present today, and invite everyone to drink of Christ’s “living water,” which can quench our spiritual thirstiness forever. 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.

Summer in the Psalms – The book of Psalms is often referred to as the hymnal of God’s people. The psalms express the emotion of God’s people as they praise, lament, or express their gratitude to Him accordingly. Many of us have grown up not only singing the Psalms, but also praying them.

The following is a list of some of the favorite Psalms of various members of our own church family. Throughout the summer months we’re going to spend some time reflecting and meditating on these beloved hymns of faith. As we embark on this journey together my prayer is that God will use the Psalms to illuminate His greatness, affirm His faithfulness to us in troubled times, and remind us of the hope we have in Jesus Christ.

In His Grace,
- Pastor John Knoester

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| June 21 – Psalm 121 | Aug. 9 – Psalm 27 |
| June 28 – Psalm 1 | Aug. 16 – Psalm 42 |
| July 5 - Psalm 91 | Aug. 23 – Psalm 62 |
| July 12 - Psalm 8 | Aug. 30 – Psalm 150 |
| July 19 – Psalm 119 | Sept. 6 – Psalm 46 |
| July 26 – Psalm 14 | Sept. 13 – Psalm 23 |
| Aug. 2 – Psalm 51 | |

	<i>Today</i>	<i>Next Week</i>
Sound:	Tim Hibma	Tim Hibma
Video:	Devin Van Zanten	Brandon Speck
Projection:	Kendall Van Zanten	Josh Hammingh
Offering:	General Fund	General Fund

sermon notes:

Who is
Speaking?

Where in
the Bible?

Book:

Chapter:

Verse:

Who is
the passage
talking about?

What
happened?

my
favorite
song was:



here
you
draw
something:

Date:

I learned:

I didn't
understand:

Words
I don't know





How can we **PRAY** for you?

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.

PRAISE:

July Milestone Anniversaries –

Clarence & Eleanor Klunder celebrating 53 years on July 14.

Clarence & Lona Vander Griend celebrating 68 years on July 22.

Dick & Linda Gudmunson celebrating 40 years on July 24.

Larry & Margaret Vander Pol celebrating 51 years on July 25.

Les & Joy Faber celebrating 64 years on July 27.

CONTINUING REQUESTS:

Continue to pray for **Ryanne Vander Pol** as she continues with her IV therapy and some radiation treatments.

SHUT INS:

Nell Annema at Birchview Memory Care in Sedro-Woolley; **Mary Koopmans** at Where the Heart Is in Burlington; **Case Lanting** at Olympic Place in Arlington, WA; **Wilma Paul** at Life Care Center in Sedro-Woolley; **Sally Reehoorn** at Creekside in Burlington; **Adrianna Swanson** at Homeplace in Burlington; **Bev Van Slageren** at family in Grandview, WA; **Lona Vander Griend** at Home Place in Burlington.

OTHER REQUESTS: (CRC Communications)

July 12, 2020 - (Pastor Church Resources: Wisdom) Gathering for worship, something we often took for granted before the pandemic, continues to bring challenges for pastors and ministry leaders. Pray for wisdom for all who are making decisions about when and how to gather again. Pleasing everyone is impossible. May our congregations and leaders be filled with grace as they find their way back to ministering together in person again.

July 11, 2020 - (Resonate Global Mission: Romania) Give thanks for connections formed by Resonate missionary Steve Michmerhuizen. He connected two ministries to help provide housing for a young man. "The power of networking helps small agencies gain wide access to many resources and make a greater impact in their ministry," said Steve. Pray for ministries as they work together to build God's kingdom.

July 10, 2020 - (Leadership Diversity: Growth) Pray for our ethnic leaders who are building relationships to develop young leaders, reaching to expand churches in new places, and dealing with the effects of ministering in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic.

July 9, 2020 - (Back to God Ministries International: Burkina Faso) Alima recently professed faith in Christ and has been listening to broadcasts from our French ministry team. Praise God for her growing faith and for the many thoughtful questions she has been asking. Pray also for strength as she faces opposition from her family because of her faith in Christ.

July 8, 2020 - (World Renew: Nigeria) World Renew community development programs in Nigeria have made significant adjustments to practice social distancing. But interstate lockdowns and restrictions have limited face-to-face monitoring and evaluation, and churches and businesses are struggling to make appropriate adjustments. We ask for prayer for God's leading as we continue to serve people in Nigeria.

July 7, 2020 - (Resonate Global Mission: Nicaragua) Pray for the Nehemiah Center, a Resonate partner in Nicaragua, as they support churches and pastors amid the effects of COVID-19. The coronavirus has hit the country hard. There have been a lot of sick people, many lives lost, and many people struggling to provide for their families.

July 6, 2020 - (Calvin Theological Seminary: New program) Pray for the first cohort in our new Doctor of Ministry program, beginning this summer. We have a dozen students from a variety of backgrounds and denominations learning together to become more effective in ministry.

