

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 overlaid on the center, containing the text "SUMMER IN THE PSALMS" 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 1

June 28, 2020

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Welcome to First Christian Reformed Church!

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*** Please stand in body or in spirit.**

“Rejoice and be glad!

Welcome / Announcements

Call to Worship: John 14:5-7

*** Opening Hymn of Praise: LUYH #521:1-3**

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

1. Come, thou Fount of every blessing,
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount— I’m fixed upon it—
mount of God’s unchanging love.
2. Here I raise my Ebenezer;
hither by thy help I’ve come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger,
interposed his precious blood.
3. Oh, to grace how great a debtor
daily I’m constrained to be!
Let that grace now like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to thee:
prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
prone to leave the God I love;
here’s my heart, oh, take and seal it;
seal it for thy courts above.

Words: Robert Robinson, 1758, alt., P.D.; Music: J. Wyeth’s *Repository of Sacred Music*, Part II, 1813, P.D.; CCLI # 678905

* God's Greeting

"Blessed are you; holy are you."

Call to Confession: Based on Psalm 119:33-40

Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance: Based on Psalm 108:8-13, John 15:1-5

God's Will for our Lives: The Ten Commandments

A Prayer for Flourishing

* Hymn of Preparation: LUYH #714:1-5 *"The One is Blest"*

1. The one is blest who, fearing God,
walks not where sinners meet,
who does not stand with wicked ones,
and shuns the scorners' seat.
2. How blest the one who in God's law
finds goodness and delight,
and meditates upon that law
with gladness day and night.
3. That one is nourished like a tree
set by the river's side;
its leaf is green, its fruit is sure:
the works of such abide.
4. The wicked, like the driven chaff,
are swept from off the land;
they shall not gather with the just,
nor at the judgment stand.
5. The Lord will guard the righteous well,
their way to God is known;
the way of sinners, far from God,
shall surely be o'erthrown.

Words: Psalter, 1912, alt. 1985, P.D.

Music: (WINCHESTER OLD 8.6.8.6): attr. George Kirbye, 1592, P.D.

"Rejoice and be glad!"

* Scripture Reading: Psalm 1

* Prayer of Illumination

Message: "**Life's Two Roads**"

Time of Prayer

Song of Application: LUYH #117:1,2,4,5 "*Blest Are They*"

1. Blest are they, the poor in spirit;
theirs is the kingdom of God.
Blest are they, full of sorrow;
they shall be consoled.

Refrain

Rejoice and be glad!

Blessed are you;

holy are you.

Rejoice and be glad!

Yours is the kingdom of God.

2. Blest are they, the lowly ones;
they shall inherit the earth.
Blest are they who hunger and thirst;
they shall have their fill.

Refrain

4. Blest are they who seek peace;
they are the children of God.
Blest are they who suffer in faith;
the glory of God is theirs.

Refrain

5. Blest are you who suffer hate,
all because of me.
Rejoice and be glad, yours is the kingdom;
shine for all to see.

Refrain

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"Yours is the kingdom of God."

We Celebrate Communion Together:
Summary of the Scriptural Teaching

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Invitation: Matthew 5:6

Welcome and Instructions

Prayer of Gratitude

* We Profess our Faith: Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 75-76

Leader How does the holy supper remind and assure you that you share in Christ's one sacrifice on the cross and in all his benefits?

PEOPLE In this way: Christ has commanded me and all believers to eat this broken bread and to drink this cup in remembrance of him. With this command come these promises:¹

First, as surely as I see with my eyes the bread of the Lord broken for me and the cup shared with me, so surely his body was offered and broken for me and his blood poured out for me on the cross.

Second, as surely as I receive from the hand of the one who serves, and taste with my mouth the bread and cup of the Lord, given me as sure signs of Christ's body and blood, so surely he nourishes and refreshes my soul for eternal life with his crucified body and poured-out blood.

LEADER What does it mean to eat the crucified body of Christ and to drink his poured-out blood?

PEOPLE It means to accept with a believing heart the entire suffering and death of Christ and thereby to receive forgiveness of sins and eternal life.¹

PEOPLE But it means more. Through the Holy Spirit, who lives both in Christ and in us, we are united more and more to Christ's blessed body.² And so, although he is in heaven³ and we are on earth, we are flesh of his flesh and bone of his bone.⁴ And we forever live on and are governed by one Spirit, as the members of our body are by one soul.⁵

* Parting Blessing

* Postlude

Welcome to everyone! We are so glad you chose to worship with us this Lord's Day. Today, we are having Holy Communion. Please reflect in reverence as we symbolize the body of Christ and His redemption for us. *The Lord's Supper is a table of grace. All those who have received the grace of Christ and confess Him as Lord and Savior of their life are warmly invited to participate. Yet, know too that there is also 'grace' from this community of faith for those who do not yet confess Christ as Lord. And if that's the case then we encourage you not to partake until you have the genuine desire to receive God's grace and are ready to proclaim Christ as your Lord.*

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

June 21 – Psalm 121
 June 28 – Psalm 1
 July 5 - Psalm 91
 July 12 - Psalm 8
 July 19 – Psalm 119
 July 26 – Psalm 14
 Aug. 2 – Psalm 51

Aug. 9 – Psalm 27
 Aug. 16 – Psalm 42
 Aug. 23 – Psalm 62
 Aug. 30 – Psalm 150
 Sept. 6 – Psalm 46
 Sept. 13 – Psalm 23

As we transition back to meeting in person, many of our announcements will continue to be sent via email. You can expect to receive the coming week’s announcements in your inbox each Friday. This will act as a reminder to those who are scheduled to serve in various ways that week. This also gives us the opportunity to be better stewards of our office supplies and paper consumption. For those of you who would prefer a hard copy of the announcements, a limited number will be available from an elder as you walk into church. **Call the church office or e-mail: secretary@firstcrcmv.com by Thursday of each week with your announcement items.**

Angela will be ***out of the office*** from 6/29-7/10. She will be working remotely and available by email. If you have a need, please email her. If it is urgent, please contact Pastor John. Pastor John will be away from his office on July 1-3 and July 6-8. However, if needed, he will still be available by phone on those days.

	<i>Today</i>	<i>Next Week</i>
Sound:	Tim Hibma	Tim Hibma
Video:	Kendall Van Zanten	Carson Blom
Projection:	Hannah Van Hofwegen	Josh Hammingh
Offering:	General Fund	General Fund

sermon notes:

Who is
Speaking?

Where in
the Bible?

Book: _____
Chapter: _____
Verse: _____

I learned:

Who is
the passage
talking about?

I didn't
understand:

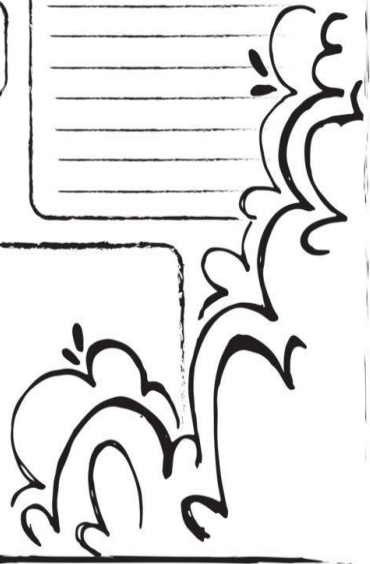
What
happened?

Words
I don't know

my favorite
song was:

here
you
draw
something:

Date: _____





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:

Congratulations to Karen Staat! After 30 years of faithful service Karen Staat is officially retiring from her role as an administrative assistant at Mount Vernon Christian School. Karen's servant heart has been a testimony through the decades to both fellow staff members and the hundreds of students who have attended MVC. Congratulations Karen on a job well done!!

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:

World Renew: (Haiti) World Renew is launching a short-term disaster response in Haiti to control the spread of COVID-19. Community and church leaders will be trained to lead awareness campaigns in their communities. Radio stations will broadcast messages about COVID-19, informative flyers will be distributed, and families will receive soap and hand sanitizer. Please pray that these efforts will help prevent and mitigate the spread of COVID-19 in Haiti.

Youth Unlimited: SERVE (2020) Youth Unlimited has launched SERVE@Home, an opportunity for youth and other members of their congregation to participate in mission work this summer in their local contexts. The COVID-19 pandemic has made it impossible for churches to travel to SERVE sites, so we pray that this ministry will bring students together to minister in their communities and be strengthened in faith.

Raise Up: Educational Care: (Innovation) From an African school that participated in Educational Care: “Before we closed school, children were happy, especially knowing everything we own belongs to God [as learned in Educational Care]. Amid the disruptions due to COVID-19, we are grateful for the blessings of technology that help us keep in touch with our partners, and we can use this time to strengthen our resources. Pray for wisdom to be innovative as we move forward into a new reality.”

Chaplaincy and Care Ministry: (Care amid crisis) During these unprecedented times, chaplains are providing pastoral care on the frontlines in hospitals, prisons, nursing homes, hospice settings, military installations, and workplaces. They provide hope, healing, and connection to God in the midst of grief and isolation. Pray for strength, health, and safety for our 147 chaplains as they minister to thousands of people each week.

Resonate Global Mission: (West Africa) Resonate missionaries in West Africa ask you to pray for peace in the region, where ethnic tensions often cause violence. Ask the Prince of Peace to bring an end to the conflicts there.

World Renew: (Climate change) World Renew has joined a group of Canadian churches, development agencies, and faith-based organizations in a new strategic response to climate change called “For the Love of Creation—A Faith-Based Initiative for Climate Justice.” They aim to engage people in action and dialogue through theological reflection, local and congregational engagement, and political advocacy. Join us in praying that everyone involved will grow in their understanding and faith in God, including a greater commitment to care for creation as God intends.

Back to God Ministries International: (Today devotionals) Pray with Shawn, who reads the Today devotions and wrote us to say, “I’m a new Christian, and I’m born again! I ask that you pray for me, that the Lord will continue to have his way in my life and will give me a continued hunger for his Word!”