

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 of the image. Inside the diamond, the text "SUMMER IN THE PSALMS" is 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 51

August 9, 2020

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Welcome to First Christian Reformed Church!

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

“What can wash away my sin?”

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship: Ephesians 6:10-18

*** Opening Song of Praise: “O Church Arise” v. 1-4**

1. O Church arise and put your armour on;
hear the call of Christ our Captain.
For now the weak can say that they are strong,
in the strength that God has given.
With shield of faith and belt of truth,
we'll stand against the devil's lies;
an army bold whose battle cry is Love,
reaching out to those in darkness.
2. Our call to war, to love the captive soul,
but to rage against the captor;
and with the sword that makes the wounded whole,
we will fight with faith and valour.
When faced with trials on every side,
we know the outcome is secure.
And Christ will have the prize for which He died,
an inheritance of nations.
3. Come see the cross, where love and mercy meet,
as the Son of God is stricken;
then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet,
for the Conqueror has risen.
And as the stone is rolled away
and Christ emerges from the grave,
this victory march continues till the day
every eye and heart shall see Him.

4. So Spirit, come, put strength in every stride,
give grace for every hurdle;
that we may run with faith, to win the prize
of a servant, good and faithful.
As saints of old still line the way,
retelling triumphs of His grace,
We hear their calls, and hunger for the day
when, with Christ we stand in glory.

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* God's Greeting

Announcements

"Nothing but the blood of Jesus;"

Call to Confession: Psalm 32:1-6

Prayer of Confession:

LEADER: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

PEOPLE: **Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.**

LEADER: For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

PEOPLE: **Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment.**

LEADER: You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.

PEOPLE: **Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.**

LEADER: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.

PEOPLE: Do not cast me from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me.

—Psalm 51:1-4, 6, 9-11, NRSV

Words of Assurance: Ezekiel 36:25-26

Hymn of Assurance: LUYH #669:1,2,5

“How Blest Are They Whose Trespass”

1. How blest are they whose trespass
has freely been forgiven,
whose sins are wholly covered
before the sight of heaven.
Blest they to whom the LORD God
does not impute their sin,
who have a guileless spirit,
whose heart is true within.
2. While I kept guilty silence,
my strength was spent with grief:
your hand was heavy on me;
my soul found no relief.
But when I owned my trespass
and did not hide my sin,
then you forgave my guilt, LORD,
restored my life within.
5. The sorrows of the wicked
increase from year to year,
but those who trust the LORD God
know love instead of fear.
Then in the LORD be joyful,
in song lift up your voice;
be glad in God, you righteous:
rejoice, O saints, rejoice!

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

God’s Law:

LEADER: As we are to walk humbly with our God in lives of gratitude, let us hear again his Word: God commands us to serve him alone as God, to serve him according to his Word, to speak of him only with deep respect and love, to attend faithfully the assembly of God’s people on the day of rest, and

every day to let the Lord work in us through his Spirit; to respect and cooperate with all God-given authority, to live purely and joyfully with the gift of sex, to nurture human life as God's precious gift, to use the resources of this earth as stewards of God's creation, to use the gift of speech for promoting the truth in love, and to exercise purity of heart in all of life.

PEOPLE: May the Spirit of God guide us to be obedient to this Word. Amen!

* Song of Thanksgiving: *"Nothing But the Blood of Jesus" v. 1-4*

1. What can wash away my sin?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
What can make me whole again?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Chorus

*O precious is the flow
that makes me white as snow;
no other fount I know,
nothing but the blood of Jesus.*

2. For my pardon this I see,
nothing but the blood of Jesus.
For my cleansing, this my plea,
nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Chorus

3. Nothing can for sin atone,
nothing but the blood of Jesus.
Naught of good that I have done,
nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Chorus

4. This is all my hope and peace,
nothing but the blood of Jesus.
This is all my righteousness,
nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Chorus

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"What can make me whole again?"

Scripture Reading: Psalm 51:7-19

Message: "**Pardon and Purity**"

Time of Prayer

* Hymn of Application: LUYH #623:1-4 "*God, Be Merciful to Me*"

1. God, be merciful to me,
on your grace I rest my plea;
Wash me, make me pure within;
cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.

Refrain

*God, be merciful to me,
on your grace I rest my plea.*

2. My transgressions I confess;
grief and guilt my soul oppress.
I have sinned against your grace
and provoked you to your face.

Refrain

3. I am evil, born in sin;
you desire truth within.
Make me pure, your mercy show;
wash me whiter than the snow.

Refrain

4. Let my contrite heart rejoice
and in gladness hear your voice;
from my sins, O hide your face,
blot them out in boundless grace.

Refrain

PSALM 51:1-9; Words: *Psalter*, 1912, alt., Christopher Miner © 1998 Christopher Miner Music; CCLI #678905

"Nothing but the blood of Jesus"

* We Profess our Faith: Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 29 and 56

Q&A 29

LEADER: Why is the Son of God called "Jesus," meaning "savior"?

PEOPLE: **Because he saves us from our sins. ¹ Salvation cannot be found in anyone else; it is futile to look for any salvation elsewhere.²**

¹ Matt. 1:21; Heb. 7:25; ² Isa.43:11; John 15:5; Acts 4:11-12; 1 Tim. 2:5

Q&A 56

LEADER: What do you believe concerning "the forgiveness of sins"?

PEOPLE: **I believe that God, because of Christ's atonement, will never hold against me any of my sins¹ nor my sinful nature which I need to struggle against all my life.² Rather, in his grace God grants me the righteousness of Christ to free me forever from judgment.³**

¹ Ps. 103:3-4, 10, 12; Mic. 7:18-19; 2 Cor. 5:18-21; 1 John 1:7; 2:2; ² Rom. 7:21-25; ³ John 3:17-18; Rom. 8:1-2

* Parting Blessing

* Parting Praise: LUYH #659:1-4 *"Nearer, Still Nearer"*

1. Nearer, still nearer, close to thy heart,
draw me, my Savior, so precious thou art.
Fold me, O fold me close to thy breast;
shelter me safe in that haven of rest,
shelter me safe in that haven of rest.
2. Nearer, still nearer, nothing I bring,
naught as an offering to Jesus, my King—
only my sinful, now contrite heart;
grant me the cleansing thy blood doth impart,
grant me the cleansing thy blood doth impart.
3. Nearer, still nearer, Lord, to be thine,
sin with its follies I gladly resign,
all of its pleasures, pomp and its pride;
give me but Jesus, my Lord crucified,
give me but Jesus, my Lord crucified.

a cappella

4. Nearer, still nearer, while life shall last,
till safe in glory my anchor is cast;
through endless ages, ever to be
nearer, my Savior, still nearer to thee,
nearer, my Savior, still nearer to thee.

Words and Music: Lelia N. Morris (1862-1929), P.D.; CCLI# 678905

* Postlude

Welcome! Let us be glad and rejoice in God's salvation, poured out for us in Jesus Christ. Welcome, one and all!

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 51:1-9

Aug. 9 – Psalm 51:7-19

Aug. 16 – Psalm 27

Aug. 23 – Psalm 42

Aug. 30 – Psalm 62

Sept. 6 – Psalm 150

Sept. 13 – Psalm 46

Sept. 20– Psalm 23

	Today	Next Week
Sound:	Tim Hibma	Tim Hibma
Video:	Carson Blom	Brandon Speck
Projection:	Hannah Van Hofwegen	Devin Van Zanten
Offering:	General Fund	General Fund



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:

August Milestone Anniversaries –

Henry & Anjean Vander Veen celebrating 70 years on August 14

August Milestone Birthdays –

Anjean Vander Veen will be 92 on August 14

Marcella De Vries will be 91 on August 30

NEW REQUESTS:

Pray for ***Jerry & Marion Ekkelkamp*** as they are now living at Where the Heart Is. Pray too for ***Bob & Andy Pippel*** as Andy is now residing at Home Place.

CONTINUING REQUESTS:

Please continue to pray for ***Adelaida Vega***. Her cancer has become active again and one of the challenges the doctors are encountering is they don't know what it looked like when she first had it in the Philippines, nor how wide-spread it was when they treated some of it there. The doctors have determined that she doesn't need chemotherapy, but she will begin a different kind of treatment instead. Adelaida feels very positive about this new treatment, but also desires all of our prayers.

Please be in prayer for our ***children and our teachers***. This upcoming school year promises to be a challenging one on multiple levels for both families and educators. Please pray for wisdom, guidance, discernment, and above all – full reliance on our Sovereign God.

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; ***Jerry & Marion Ekkelkamp*** at Where the Heart is in Burlington; ***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; **Andy Pippel** at Home Place in Burlington; **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)

Calvinist Cadet Corps: (New theme) The theme of our upcoming season, “Dive into the Word,” will challenge Cadets and counselors to go to the Bible earnestly and often. Please pray for wisdom, strength, and discernment for our counselors and clubs as we strive to help boys become more Christlike in all areas of life during uncertain times.

Back to God Ministries International: (Chinese ministry) Our Chinese ministry team is publishing a book of articles on how the church has used new media amid the COVID-19 pandemic. Pray for pastors and other leaders who are using this content and seeking creatively and effectively to be the church in the many contexts in which they work.

Resonate Global Mission: (Connection and guidance) Pray for church planters and parent churches who are considering planting a church. Ask the Spirit to speak into their decision making—providing guidance for how best to plant a church and engage communities. Pray for resources to make planting possible and for leaders to step up.

Chaplaincy and Care Ministry: (COVID-19) Many of our chaplains serve in long-term care, hospitals, and hospice organizations. Daily they minister to over a thousand residents and patients who cannot be visited by their local clergy and family members due to COVID-19 restrictions. Please pray for our healthcare chaplains’ safety and strength as they continue to share the gospel in these troubled times.

Disability Concerns: (Training) Disability advocates will gather as a community Aug. 5-6 for our annual Disability Concerns Leadership Training (online for the first time). We pray that this will be a time for renewal, encouragement, and direction for all who participate. We are thankful for all of the speakers at this event. May God use their words to grow and enrich congregational ministries.

Resonate Global Mission: (Germany) Give thanks for God’s work through a church that Resonate missionaries David Kromminga and Mary Buteyn are planting in Berlin! One man had little exposure to

Christianity before moving to Germany, but now he's learning more about Jesus and is a beloved member of the church community. Ask the Holy Spirit to continue drawing him to know Christ!

World Renew: (South Sudan) Since March, World Renew has provided emergency food assistance to more than 12,000 people in South Sudan. Our hearts break in response to the violence, hunger, and poverty there, but these things are a clear reminder of why we must not falter. Life-saving food assistance continues to reach thousands of people in such countries. Please pray that this urgent work is helpful and effective.