

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 text "SUMMER IN THE PSALMS" is written in a serif font. "SUMMER" is on the top line, "IN THE" is on the second line, and "PSALMS" is on the third line. Horizontal lines extend from the left and right sides of "IN THE".

SUMMER  
— IN THE —  
PSALMS

*Psalm 27*

**August 16, 2020**

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

***Pastor John Knoester***

***August 16, 2020***

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

*"I will not fear when darkness falls"*

Prelude

Welcome

**\* Opening Hymn of Praise: LUYH #667:1-3**

*"Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies"*

1. Christ, whose glory fills the skies,  
Christ, the true and only Light,  
Sun of Righteousness, arise,  
triumph o'er the shade of night;  
Dayspring from on high, be near;  
Daystar, in my heart appear.
2. Dark and cheerless is the morn  
unaccompanied by thee  
joyless is the day's return  
till thy mercy's beams I see,  
till they inward light impart  
glad my eyes and warm my heart.
3. Visit, then, this soul of mine,  
pierce the gloom of sin and grief;  
fill me, Radiance divine,  
scatter all my unbelief;  
more and more thyself display,  
shining to the perfect day!

Words: Charles Wesley, 1740, P.D.; Music: Charles E. Gounod (1818-1893); 1872, P.D.;  
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**\* God's Greeting**

\* Opening Litany of Praise: (Based on II Corinthians 4:6-7)

**LEADER:** For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

**PEOPLE:** **But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us.**

\* Opening Song of Praise: "By Faith" v. 1-5

1. By faith we see the hand of God  
in the light of creation's grand design,  
in the lives of those who prove His faithfulness,  
who walk by faith and not by sight.
2. By faith our fathers roamed the earth  
with the pow'r of His promise in their hearts  
of a holy city built by God's own hand,  
a place where peace and justice reign.

*Chorus*

*We will stand as children of the promise;  
we will fix our eyes on Him our soul's reward.  
Till the race is finished and the work is done,  
we'll walk by faith and not by sight.*

3. By faith the prophets saw a day  
when the longed-for Messiah would appear  
with the pow'r to break the chains of sin and death,  
and rise triumphant from the grave.
4. By faith the church was called to go  
in the pow'r of the Spirit to the lost,  
to deliver captives and to preach good news  
in ev'ry corner of the earth.

*Chorus*

5. By faith the mountain shall be moved  
And the pow'r of the gospel shall prevail  
For we know in Christ all things are possible  
For all who call upon His name.

## *Chorus*

*We will stand as children of the promise;  
we will fix our eyes on Him our soul's reward.  
Till the race is finished and the work is done,  
we'll walk by faith and not by sight.*

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*“His strength will help me scale these walls”*

Announcements

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance

Song of Assurance: *“Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”*

*Chorus Only*

*Turn your eyes upon Jesus,  
Look full in His wonderful face,  
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim  
In the light of His glory and grace.*

*“Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”* WORDS and MUSIC: “Lemmel”; Helen H. Lemmel, 1922. Public Domain. CCLI #678905

God’s Law:

For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness, and truth) and find out what pleases the Lord. Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what the disobedient do in secret. But everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for it is light that makes everything visible.

—Ephesians 5:8-14, NIV

\* Song of Preparation: LUYH #844:1-3, 5

*“Lift Up Your Hearts unto the Lord”*

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.

(a cappella)

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

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## *“I’ll see the dawn of the rising sun”*

Scripture Reading: Psalm 27

Prayer of Illumination

Message: *“Seeing in the Dark”*

Time of Prayer

\* Hymn of Application: *“The Lord is My Salvation”* v. 1-5

1. The grace of God has reached for me,  
and pulled me from the raging sea.  
And I am safe on this solid ground:  
The Lord is my salvation.

2. I will not fear when darkness falls,  
His strength will help me scale these walls.  
I'll see the dawn of the rising sun:  
The Lord is my salvation.

*Refrain*

*Who is like the Lord our God?  
Strong to save, faithful in love.  
My debt is paid and the victory won;  
The Lord is my salvation.*

3. My hope is hidden in the Lord,  
He flow'rs each promise of His Word.  
When winter fades, I know spring will come:  
The Lord is my salvation.
4. In times of waiting times of need,  
When I know loss when I am weak.  
I know His grace will renew these days:  
The Lord is my salvation.

*Refrain*

5. And when I reach the final day,  
He will not leave me in the grave.  
But I will rise, Christ will call me home:  
The Lord is my salvation.

*Refrain*

Bridge x2

Glory be to God, the Father, Glory be to God, the Son,  
Glory be to God, the Spirit; the Lord is our salvation.

Ending

The Lord is our salvation, the Lord is our salvation.

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*"The Lord is my salvation"*

\* We Profess our Faith: Heidelberg Catechism

**Q&A 26**

**LEADER:** What do you believe when you say, "I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth"?

**PEOPLE:** **That the eternal Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who out of nothing created heaven and earth and everything in them,<sup>1</sup> who still upholds and rules them by his eternal counsel and providence,<sup>2</sup> is my God and Father because of Christ his Son.<sup>3</sup> I trust him so much that I do not doubt he will provide whatever I need for body and soul,<sup>4</sup> and he will turn to my good whatever adversity he sends me in this sad world.<sup>5</sup> He is able to do this because he is almighty God;<sup>6</sup> he desires to do this because he is a faithful Father.<sup>7</sup>**

<sup>1</sup>Gen. 1 & 2; Ex. 20:11; Ps. 33:6; Isa. 44:24; Acts 4:24; 14:15; <sup>2</sup>Ps. 104; Matt. 6:30; 10:29; Eph. 1:11; <sup>3</sup>John 1:12-13; Rom. 8:15-16; Gal. 4:4-7; Eph. 1:5; <sup>4</sup>Ps. 55:22; Matt. 6:25-26; Luke 12:22-31; <sup>5</sup>Rom. 8:28; <sup>6</sup>Gen. 18:14; Rom. 8:31-39; <sup>7</sup>Matt. 7:9-11

**Q&A 28**

**LEADER:** How do the knowledge of God's creation and providence help us?

**PEOPLE:** **We can be patient when things go against us,<sup>1</sup> thankful when things go well,<sup>2</sup> and for the future we can have good confidence in our faithful God and Father that nothing will separate us from his love.<sup>3</sup> All creatures are so completely in his hand that without his will they can neither move nor be moved.<sup>4</sup>**

<sup>1</sup>Job 1:21-22; James 1:3; <sup>2</sup>Deut. 8:10; 1 Thes. 5:18; <sup>3</sup>Ps. 55:22; Rom. 5:3-5; 8:38-39; <sup>4</sup>Job 1:12; 2:6; Prov. 21:1; Acts 17:24-28

\* Parting Blessing

\* Parting Praise: LUYH #859:1-4 *“Be Thou My Vision”*

1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
naught be all else to me, save that thou art-  
thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.
2. Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.  
Thou my great Father; thine own may I be,  
thou in me dwelling and I one with thee.
3. Riches I heed not, nor vain empty praise;  
thou mine inheritance, now and always:  
thou and thou only first in my heart,  
high king of heaven, my treasure thou art.
4. High King of heaven, my victory won,  
may I reach heaven’s joys, O bright heaven’s sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Words: Irish hymn, 8<sup>th</sup> c; tr. Mary E. Byrne; vers. Eleanor H. Hull, Music: Irish melody;  
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\* Postlude



**Welcome!** “O sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things” (Psalm 98:1, NRSV). We gather to sing to the Lord and celebrate his work in our lives. After joining us in worship, join us for continued fellowship outside on the lawn.

**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

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

***Pew Cushions*** – Recently the building committee purchased 16 individual seat cushions to be made available for use on Sunday morning. These cushions are currently available in the Senior Room in the back of church and can be picked up before one enters the sanctuary. Following the service, we ask that the cushion be brought back to the Senior Room and placed in the large cardboard box to indicate that it has already been used that day. Priority for use should be given to the senior members of our church family. The building committee will also be monitoring to see if there is a need for more cushions to be bought in the future.

***New Addresses*** –

**Jerry & Marion Ekkelkamp**

c/o Where the Heart Is  
410 Norris St. Apt 228A  
Burlington, WA 98233

**Andy Pippel**

c/o Home Place  
210 North Skagit Street  
Burlington, WA 98233

# 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@firstcrmv.com](mailto:secretary@firstcrmv.com) by Thursday of each week with your prayer items.

**PRAISE:**

**August Milestone Birthdays –**

Marcella De Vries will be 91 on August 30

**CONTINUING REQUESTS:**

**Jerry & Marion Ekkelkamp and Bob & Andy Pippel** have recently made the move from Heather Village to local care facilities. Jerry and Marion Ekkelkamp are now residing at *Where the Heart Is*. Andy Pippel made the move to the memory care unit at *Home Place*. Significant life transitions are never easy and so please be in committed prayer not only for each of these individuals, but also for their caretakers and loved ones. Pray that God might bless the transition itself and provide some much-needed physical and emotional rest to those who have been closely by their side caring for them throughout these last several years.

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. 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** and **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, Adrianna Swanson, and Lona Vander Griend** at Home Place in Burlington; **Sally Reehoorn** at Creekside in Burlington; **Bev Van Slageren** at family in Grandview, WA.

**OTHER REQUESTS: (CRC Communications)**

**August 16, 2020 - (Centre for Public Dialogue: Day of Justice)** A lot of information about injustice is flooding our inboxes and social media and news feeds, so as we seek justice in our churches, let's take a moment to acknowledge that the flood of information, as good as it can be, is not enough to transform our beings. May we confess to what we cannot see and ask the living God to touch our eyes each day.

**August 15, 2020 - (World Renew: Niger)** In several border areas Niger is facing conflicts from extremists, and people are fleeing or living in fear and insecurity. World Renew continues to provide basic needs and trauma healing for refugees. Please pray for an end to the conflicts, for healing and provisions for all who have been displaced, and for courage and protection for all service workers.

**August 14, 2020 - (Indigenous Family Centre: Strength)** The effects of COVID-19 continue to challenge people who live in precarious housing and struggle with difficult family dynamics. We have been supporting vulnerable families remotely and, when appropriate, in person. Please pray for strength as we seek new ways to offer help and to share God's love. Pray also that God will meet our needs for financial health.

**August 13, 2020 - (Resonate Global Mission: Sierra Leone)** Resonate missionary Istifanus Bahago gives thanks for the recovery of a church member who was sick with COVID-19. Please pray for church plants in Sierra Leone as they continue to face effects of the coronavirus, and ask God to provide for the people's needs.

**August 12, 2020 - (Back to God Ministries International: India)** Pastor Sivon recently found our programs on Facebook. "I am sharing this with my congregation, and people are calling me to testify that they are being blessed tremendously by this," he wrote. Pray for this Christian pastor as he serves the Savior in a Hindu-majority nation.

**August 11, 2020 - (World Renew: COVID-19 prevention)** We have initiated or adapted programs to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 and reduce its impact on our most vulnerable communities. This includes distributing leaflets, delivering community announcements, and running prevention-awareness campaigns in partnership with local radio stations reaching hundreds of thousands of people. Pray that these measures may be effective.

**August 10, 2020 - (Resonate Global Mission: Outreach)** Praise God that many church plants are reaching out to their communities in creative ways amid the coronavirus pandemic. Many have partnered with organizations for food distribution, hosted drive-in worship services, and helped provide funds for people short on income. Pray that people will experience Christ's love.