

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. The word "SUMMER" is at the top, "IN THE" is in the middle, and "PSALMS" is at the bottom. Horizontal lines separate the words.

SUMMER  
— IN THE —  
PSALMS

*Psalm 42*

**August 23, 2020**

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

**Pastor John Knoester**

**August 23, 2020**

\* Please stand in body or in spirit.

*"As the deer panteth for the water"*

Prelude

Welcome

\* Call to Worship: Psalm 42:1

\* Opening Songs of Praise:

*"As the Deer" v. 1-3*

1. As the deer panteth for the water,  
so my soul longeth after Thee.  
You alone are my heart's desire  
and I long to worship Thee.

*Chorus*

*You alone are my Strength, my Shield,  
To You alone may my spirit yield.  
You alone are my heart's desire  
and I long to worship Thee.*

2. You're my friend and You are my brother  
even though You are a King.  
I love You more than any other,  
so much more than anything.

*Chorus*

3. I want You more than gold or silver,  
only You can satisfy.  
You alone are the real joy-giver,  
and the apple of my eye.

*Chorus*

*"As the Deer" Psalm 42:1 Martin Nystrom, ©1984 Maranatha! Music CCLI# 678905*

LUYH #21 *"This Is My Father's World" v. 1-3*

1. This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears  
all nature sings, and round me rings  
the music of the spheres.  
This is my Father's world; I rest me in the thought  
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;  
his hand the wonders wrought.
2. This is my Father's world; the birds their carols raise;  
the morning light, the lily white,  
declare their Maker's praise.  
This is my Father's world; he shines in all that's fair.  
In the rustling grass I hear him pass;  
he speaks to me everywhere.
3. This is my Father's world; oh, let me not forget  
that, though the wrong seems oft so strong,  
God is the Ruler yet.  
This is my Father's world; why should my heart be sad?  
The Lord is King, let the heavens ring!  
God reigns; let the earth be glad.

Words: Maltbie D. Babcock (1858-1901) P.D.; Music: English; adapt. Franklin L. Sheppard (1852-1930), P.D.; CCLI #678905

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\* God's Greeting

Announcements

*"So my soul longeth after Thee"*

Lament: Psalm 42:2-5

Song of Lament: LUYH #616:1-2 *"As a Deer in Want of Water"*

1. As a deer in want of water,  
so I long for you, O LORD.  
All my heart and being falter,  
thirsting for your living word.  
When shall I behold your face?  
When shall I receive your grace?  
When shall I, your praises voicing,  
come before you with rejoicing?

2. Bitter tears of lamentation  
are my food by night and day.  
In my deep humiliation  
“Where is now your God?” they say.  
When my sorrows weigh on me,  
then I bring to memory  
how with throngs I would assemble,  
shouting praises in your temple.

*Refrain*

O my soul, why are you grieving,  
why disquieted in me?  
Put your hope in God, believing  
he will still your refuge be.  
I again shall praise his grace  
for the comfort of his face;  
he will show his help and favor,  
for he is my God and Savior.

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Lament: Psalm 42:6-11

Song of Lament: LUYH #616:3-4 “*As a Deer in Want of Water*”

3. From the land beyond the Jordan  
in my grief I think of you;  
from the foothills of Mount Hermon  
I will still remember you.  
As the waters plunge and leap,  
stormy troubles o’er me sweep.  
Day and night God’s song is with me  
as a prayer to him who loves me.
4. I will say to God, my fortress,  
“Why have you forgotten me?  
Why must I proceed in sadness,  
hounded by the enemy?”  
Their rebukes and scoffing words  
pierce my bones like pointed swords,  
as they say with proud defiance,  
“Where is God, your firm reliance?”

*Refrain*

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why disquieted in me?  
Put your hope in God, believing  
he will still your refuge be.  
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Words of Assurance: (Based on Romans 8)

LEADER

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

PEOPLE

**No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

—Romans 8:31-35, 37-39, NRSV

God's Law: Based on Colossians 3

\* Song of Preparation: LUYH #899:1-3 “*Seek Ye First*”

1. Seek ye first the kingdom of God  
and his righteousness,  
and all these things shall be added unto you.  
Allelu, alleluia.
2. Ask and it shall be given unto you;  
seek and you shall find;  
knock and the door shall be opened unto you.  
Allelu, alleluia.

*a cappella*

3. We do not live by bread alone,  
but by every word  
that proceeds from the mouth of God.  
Allelu, alleluia.

Words and Music: Matthew 6:33, 7:7, 4:4; para. Karen Lafferty, 1972,  
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*“You alone are my heart’s desire”*

Prayer of Illumination

Message: *“Thirsting for God”*

Time of Prayer

\* Hymn of Application: LUYH #427:1-3 “*How Firm a Foundation*”

1. How firm a foundation you saints of the Lord,  
is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!  
What more can he say than to you he has said,  
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?
2. “Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed,  
for I am your God and will still give you aid;  
I’ll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.
3. “When through the deep waters I call you to go,  
the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow,  
for I will be with you in trouble to bless,  
and sanctify to you your deepest distress.

Words: Isaiah 43:1-5; J. Rippon’s *Selection of Hymns*, 1787, alt., P.D.; Music: J. Funk’s *A Compilation of Genuine Church Music*, 1832; harm. Dale Grotenhuis (1931-2012), 1985, © 1987 Faith Alive Christian Resources; CCLI #678905

# “And I long to worship Thee”

We Celebrate Communion Together

Prayer of Gratitude

\* We Profess our Faith: The Apostles Creed

I believe in God the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended to heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection on the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

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\* Parting Blessing

\* Parting Praise: LUYH #427 “How Firm a Foundation” v. 4-5

4. “When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,  
my grace all-sufficient shall be your supply;  
the flame shall not hurt you; I only design  
your dross to consume and your gold to refine.

5. “The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose  
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;  
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,  
I’ll never, no never, no never forsake!”

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\* Postlude

**Welcome!** This morning, we will commemorate Jesus' death and resurrection as we celebrate the Lord's Supper. By faith, Jesus' death fully covers all our sin and by His resurrection power He gives us everlasting life. May Christ's Spirit strengthen us in faith, hope, and love as we draw near to Christ Jesus through His Spirit.

*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.*

After the morning service, please join us on the front lawn for 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 51:7-19 |
| June 28 – Psalm 1     | Aug. 16 – Psalm 27     |
| July 5 - Psalm 91     | Aug. 23 – Psalm 42     |
| July 12 - Psalm 8     | Aug. 30 – Psalm 62     |
| July 19 – Psalm 119   | Sept. 6 – Psalm 150    |
| July 26 – Psalm 14    | Sept. 13 – Psalm 46    |
| Aug. 2 – Psalm 51:1-9 | Sept. 20– Psalm 23     |

**Thank you from the Vander Veens** — Thank you to all those who sent cards and good wishes for our celebration. It is much appreciated. To God be the glory! - Hank & Anjean Vander Veen

	<i>Today</i>	<i>Next Week</i>
Sound:	Tim Hibma	Henry Hammingh
Video:	Carson Blom	Tim Hibma
Projection:	Josh Hammingh	Hannah Van Hofwegen
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# 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:

I learned:

I didn't  
understand:

Words  
I don't know

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@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

**NEW REQUESTS:**

Pray for continued healing for **Rinie Rouw** as he recovers from surgery.

**Grace Feddema** suffered a bad fall and broke her pelvis. She is currently at the Sedro-Woolley Life Care Center. Please pray for patience and swift healing for Grace in these days and weeks ahead.

**CONTINUING REQUESTS:**

**Jerry & Marion Ekkelkamp and Bob & Andy Pippel** have recently made the move from Heather Village to local care facilities. 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)**

**Worship Ministries: (Renewal)** Pray for the worship leaders in our denomination, all of whom have had a challenging few months adapting to the reality presented by COVID-19. May they find physical, emotional, and spiritual rest and be encouraged in their calling.

**World Renew: (Senegal)** Hawa is a struggling HIV-positive mother of five. Each day brings a host of challenges, but due to Hawa's strength and heart—and thanks to the support of our partners—her family is thriving. Please continue to pray for the health and safety of people living with HIV/AIDS and their families during the COVID-19 crisis.

**Back to God Ministries International: (Japan)** A listener from our Japanese outreach shared that she is seeing reminders of God as she watches flowers bloom in her neighborhood. Pray that other listeners who may be feeling especially isolated from Christian community at this time will also see God's hand at work.

**Calvin Theological Seminary: (Preparations)** We are gearing up for the new school year, including residential in-person orientation, move-ins, and courses—all in the context of the coronavirus pandemic. Pray for ongoing health and safety for all as we begin the new academic year together.

**World Renew: (COVID-19 protection)** To ensure that all new and existing projects minimize virus transmission, we are equipping local staff, healthcare workers, and community members with masks, hygiene kits, soap, washing stations, and hand sanitizer. Pray that the world's most vulnerable communities will receive whatever lifesaving equipment they need.

**Resonate Global Mission: (Mexico)** Pray for the congregation of New Life, a church that Resonate missionaries Ben and Amy Meyer helped to plant in Guadalajara, Mexico. Give thanks that God has been working through this church to help provide for people during the COVID-19 pandemic. Pray that this community's acts of love will point people to Jesus.

**Back to God Ministries International: (Mexico)** Pray for Maria, who watches our Spanish ministry videos in Mexico. Though under stay-at-home orders in her area, she has been able to send and receive lots of positive messages in communications with her loved ones. May she continue to be encouraged in faith.