

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 words "SUMMER", "IN THE", and "PSALMS" are written in a serif font, with "IN THE" in smaller letters between "SUMMER" and "PSALMS".

SUMMER
— IN THE —
PSALMS

Psalm 62

August 30, 2020

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Welcome to First Christian Reformed Church!

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* Please stand in body or in spirit.

“My soul finds rest in God alone,”

Prelude

Welcome

* Opening Hymn of Praise: LUYH #538:1,3,4 *“Holy, Holy, Holy!”*

1. Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in Three Persons, blessed Trinity!
3. Holy, Holy, Holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,
though the eye made blind by sin Thy glory may not see,
only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,
perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Sing acapella

4. Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy Name,
in earth and sky and sea;
Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and Mighty!
God in Three Persons, blessed Trinity!

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*God's Greeting:

LEADER: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

PEOPLE: **And also with you!**

LEADER: Our help is in the name of the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth. Grace, mercy, and peace to you from the God the Father, Jesus Christ His Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

* Call to Worship:

LEADER: God of grace, whom saints and angels delight to worship in heaven, even as we gather before your face, may your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

PEOPLE: **By the power of your Spirit, help us to lift up our hearts in praise, to receive your lavish gifts stored up for us in Christ, and to live as your faithful children and witnesses, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.**

* Hymn of Praise: LUYH #540:1,2,4 *“Holy God, We Praise Your Name”*

1. Holy God, we praise your name;
Lord of all, we bow before you.
Saints on earth your rule acclaim;
all in heaven above adore you.
Infinite your vast domain;
everlasting is your reign.
2. Hark, the glad celestial hymn
angel choirs above are raising;
cherubim and seraphim,
in unceasing chorus praising,
fill the heavens with sweet accord:
“Holy, holy, holy Lord!”
3. Holy Father, holy Son,
Holy Spirit, three we name you,
though in essence only one;
undivided God, we claim you,
and, adoring, bend the knee
while we own the mystery.

Words: Te Deum, 4th c.; vers. Ignaz Franz, ca. 1774; tr. Clarence A. Walworth, 1853, alt., P.D. Music: *Katholisches Gesangbuch*, Vienna, 1774; desc. Emily R. Brink, 1986, ©1987 Faith Alive Christian Resources, CCLI # 678905

“My Rock and my salvation;”

Announcements

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance:

LEADER: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

PEOPLE: **In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Glory to God. Amen.**

Song of Assurance: *"How Deep the Father's Love for Us" v. 1-3*

1. How deep the Father's love for us,
how vast beyond all measure
that He should give His only Son
to make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss.
The Father turns His face away
as wounds which mar the Chosen One
bring many sons to glory.
2. Behold the Man upon a cross,
my sin upon His shoulders.
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there
until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life.
I know that it is finished.
3. I will not boast in anything:
no gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom.
But I will boast in Jesus Christ:
His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer.
But this I know with all my heart:
His wounds have paid my ransom.

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* Song of Preparation: *"Every Promise"* v. 1-4

1. From the breaking of the dawn
to the setting of the sun,
I will stand on ev'ry promise of Your word.
Words of power, strong to save,
that will never pass away;
I will stand on ev'ry promise of Your word.
For Your covenant is sure,
and on this I am secure:
I can stand on ev'ry promise from Your word.
2. When I stumble and I sin, condemnation pressing in,
I will stand on every promise of Your word.
You are faithful to forgive,
that in freedom I might live.
So I stand on every promise of Your word.
Guilt to innocence restored;
You remember sins no more.
So I'll stand on every promise of Your word.
3. When I'm faced with anguished choice,
I will listen for Your voice,
and I'll stand on every promise of Your word.
Through this dark and troubled land,
You will guide me with Your hand,
as I stand on every promise of Your word.
And You've promised to complete
every work begun in me.
So I'll stand on every promise of Your word.
4. Hope that lifts me from despair;
Love that casts out every fear;
as I stand on every promise of Your word.
Not forsaken, not alone,
for the Comforter has come;
and I stand on every promise of Your word.
Grace sufficient, grace for me,
Grace for all who will believe.
We will stand on every promise of Your word.

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"A fortress strong against my foes,"

Scripture Reading: Psalm 62

Prayer of Illumination

Message: "**God, and God Alone**"

Profession of Faith - Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 27 and 28

LEADER: What do you understand by the providence of God?

PEOPLE: Providence is the almighty and ever present power of God¹ by which he upholds, as with his hand, heaven and earth and all creatures,² and so rules them that leaf and blade, rain and drought, fruitful and lean years, food and drink, health and sickness prosperity and poverty—³ all things, in fact, come to us not by chance⁴ but from his fatherly hand.⁵

¹ Jer. 23:23-24; Acts 17:24-28; ² Heb. 1:3; ³ Jer. 5:24; Acts 14:15-17; John 9:3; Prov. 22:2; ⁴ Prov. 16:33; ⁵ Matt. 10:29

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

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

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

Time of Prayer

* Song of Application: LUYH #370:1-3

"My Soul Finds Rest in God Alone"

1. My soul finds rest in God alone,
my rock and my salvation;
a fortress strong against my foes,
and I will not be shaken.
Though lips may bless and hearts may curse,
and lies like arrows pierce me,
I'll fix my heart on righteousness;
I'll look to him who hears me.

Refrain

O praise him, hallelujah,
my delight and my reward;
everlasting, never failing,
my Redeemer, my God.

2. Find rest, my soul, in God alone
amid the world's temptations;
when evil seeks to take a hold,
I'll cling to my salvation.
Though riches come and riches go,
don't set your heart upon them;
the fields of hope in which I sow
are harvested in heaven.

Refrain

3. I'll set my gaze on God alone
and trust in him completely;
with every day pour out my soul,
and he will prove his mercy.
Though life is but a fleeting breath,
a sigh too brief to measure,
my King has crushed the curse of death,
and I am his forever.

Refrain (2x)

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"And I will not be shaken."

* Parting Blessing

* Parting Praise: LUYH #302:1-2 *"Hear Our Praises"*

1. May our homes be filled with dancing,
may our streets be filled with joy.
May injustice bow to Jesus
as the people turn and pray.

Refrain

*From the mountain to the valley,
hear our praises rise to you.
From the heavens to the nations,
hear our singing fill the air.*

2. May your light shine in the darkness
as we walk before the cross.
May your glory fill the whole earth
as the water over the seas.

Refrain x2

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* Postlude

Welcome to a time of praise and worship of the Lord our God. Let us fill His house with songs of praise and feast upon His word. We especially welcome every visitor today. We are very glad you came. May the peace and joy of the Lord be yours. After the morning service, please join us on the front lawn for continued fellowship.

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

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 |

	<i>Today</i>	<i>Next Week</i>
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Video:	Tim Hibma	Tim Hibma
Projection:	Hannah Van Hofwegen	Devin Van Zanten
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sermon notes:

Who is speaking?

Where in the Bible?

Book: _____
Chapter: _____
Verse: _____

I learned:

Who is the passage talking about?

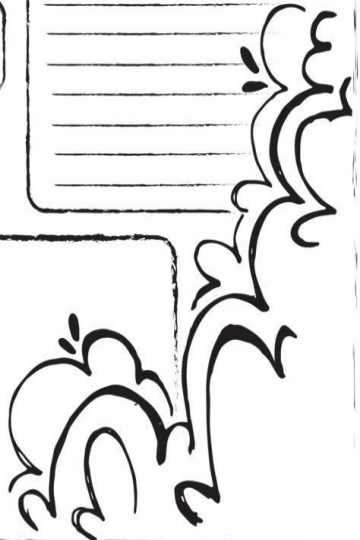
I didn't understand:

What happened?

Words I don't know

my favorite song was:

here you draw something:



Date: _____



People to be remembered with prayers, cards, letters & words of encouragement. Call the church office at (336-2405) or e-mail: secretary@firstcrmv.com by Thursday of each week with your prayer items.

PRAISE:

August Milestone Birthdays –

Marcella De Vries is celebrating 91 year today, August 30th

September Milestone Birthdays –

Beverly Van Slageren will celebrate 91 years on September 30th

CONTINUING 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. Her current address is Life Care Center 1462 W. State Route 20 #410B, Sedro-Woolley, WA 98284.

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

Resonate Global Mission: (Eastern Europe) Pray for a Resonate missionary who works with, mentors, and equips church planters in Eastern Europe. These church planters minister in communities where people's hearts are often closed to the gospel—but seeds are being planted, and this missionary is seeing growth. Ask the Holy Spirit to work powerfully in many lives so that people may know the hope and love of Christ.

Raise Up Global Ministries: Timothy Leadership Training: (New manual) Timothy Leadership Training is developing a new manual about spiritual powers in the hope that the Spirit will use it to bring freedom from fear and to exalt Jesus, who is over all powers and authorities (Col. 1:15-20). Pray for wisdom and insight for the writing team, for field testing, and for perceptive feedback. Lift up the global church and its leaders as they strive against the powers of darkness.

World Renew: (COVID-19 response) We respond to the needs of families affected by natural disasters, armed conflict, drought, climate change, and more. The current pandemic places an additional burden on people already facing difficult situations. Our local partners work to ensure that life-saving assistance, including food distribution to families in refugee camps, can continue. Pray with us that God will continue to provide for the world's most vulnerable communities.

Back to God Ministries International: (Family Fire) Pray for Michelle and Helen, two women who have recently reached out to Family Fire to ask for prayers for their respective marriages, which are falling apart quickly. Ask God to work in these situations to bring peace and healing.

Safe Church Ministry: (Connections) We are thankful for the connections we have been able to foster through our online webinars

and book clubs that have been created in response to stay-home orders during the pandemic. In the midst of a global crisis we have been able to build relationships within our Safe Church ministry.

Resonate Global Mission: (Church planters) As people who generally thrive on personal relationships, church planters spend a lot of time meeting people in their community. As a result, the COVID-19 pandemic has made their work especially challenging. Ask God to keep them from being discouraged, and pray that they may be creative and inspired in the work they are doing.

Office of Race Relations: (Responding) Since the death of George Floyd, our staff responding to requests for help have faced congregants, pastors, and ministry leaders affected by the tragedy. Some are dealing with deep sadness and hurt/anger, while others are sensing a personal threat to their views and values. Pray that everyone senses Christ's embrace and embraces their neighbors.