

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 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 46

September 13, 2020

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Welcome to First Christian Reformed Church!

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Sept. 13, 2020

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

*“Be still for the presence of the Lord,
the Holy One, is here.”*

Prelude

Sung Call to Worship: LUYH #532:1-3 *“Be Still, for the Presence”*
(solo)

1. Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here.
Come, bow before him now, with reverence and fear.
In him no sin is found; we stand on holy ground.
Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here.

(worship team)

2. Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.
He burns with holy fire; with splendor he is crowned.
How awesome is the sight, our radiant King of light!
Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.

**please stand—(everyone sing)*

3. Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.
He comes to cleanse and heal, to minister his grace.
No work too hard for him; in faith receive from him.
Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.

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*** Welcome**

*** Call to Worship:**

LEADER: In holy splendor, we worship the Lord. In God is glory
and strength.

PEOPLE: **The Lord is mighty. God is with us.**

LEADER: In torrents and storms, God's peace pervades. In
rumbling thunder, God's mighty voice soothes.

PEOPLE: **The Lord is majestic. God is with us.**

LEADER: The whisper of the Lord snaps silence. The unwavering sound persists.

PEOPLE: The Lord is awesome. God is with us.

LEADER: As flames being fanned, the presence grows. In its shadow the wilderness pleads.

PEOPLE: The Lord is powerful. God is with us.

LEADER: Enthroned, God rules the universe. The peaceful scepter prevails.

PEOPLE: God reigns. God is with us.

LEADER: In whirling winds, nature acknowledges glory. The people in the temple rejoice.

PEOPLE: It is certain. God is with us.

—based on Psalm 29

* Opening Hymn of Praise: LUYH #776:1-4

“A Mighty Fortress is Our God”

1. A mighty fortress is our God,
a bulwark never failing;
our helper he, amid the flood
of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe
does seek to work us woe;
his craft and power are great,
and armed with cruel hate,
on earth is not his equal.
2. Did we in our own strength confide,
our striving would be losing,
were not the right Man on our side,
the Man of God’s own choosing.
You ask who that may be?
Christ Jesus, it is he;
Lord Sabaoth his name,
from age to age the same;
and he must win the battle.

3. And though this world, with devils filled,
should threaten to undo us,
we will not fear, for God has willed
his truth to triumph through us.
The prince of darkness grim,
we tremble not for him;
his rage we can endure,
for lo! his doom is sure;
one little word shall fell him.

4. That Word above all earthly powers—
no thanks to them—abideth;
the Spirit and the gifts are ours
through him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go,
this mortal life also;
the body they may kill:
God’s truth abideth still;
his kingdom is forever!

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* God’s Greeting

*“Come, bow before him now,
with reverence and fear.”*

Announcements

Family Promise Ministry Update – Audrea Woll

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Call to Confession: (Based on Matthew 22:37-40)

Words of Assurance: (Based on Romans 5)

God’s Law:

LEADER: What is the great and first commandment?

PEOPLE: **Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.**

LEADER: What is the second commandment like it?

PEOPLE: **Love your neighbor as yourself.**

LEADER: What does this mean?

PEOPLE: **Love is the fulfilling of the law.**

LEADER: To what does this call us?

PEOPLE: **To a life of faith working through love.**

—based on Matthew 22:37-40

Ministry of Music: *“Be Still and Know”*

*“In him no sin is found;
we stand on holy ground.”*

Scripture Reading: Psalm 46

Prayer of Illumination

Message: *“Being Still”*

Time of Prayer

*“Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
the Holy One, is here.”*

* Song of Application: *“My Soul Finds Rest in God Alone”* (McCracken)

1. Oh my God, hear my cry
from the depths I call out to You.
You give your mercy and light
in the dark and the wilderness.

Chorus

*My soul finds rest in God alone,
my salvation comes from Him.
My soul finds rest, God is my hope.
I will not be shaken, I will not be shaken.*

2. You are my shield and my strength;
train my feet for this battle.
Our God is mighty to save;
I will wait, I will wait for Him.

Chorus

*My soul finds rest in God alone,
my salvation comes from Him.
My soul finds rest, God is my hope.
I will not be shaken, I will not be shaken.*

Bridge

O my strength, I sing praise to You.
O my strength, I sing praise to You.
(REPEAT)
In joy or pain, I sing praise to You.
Night or day, I sing praise to You.

Chorus

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* 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 of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

* God's Blessing

* Parting Praise: LUYH #770:1-4 *"In Christ Alone"*

1. In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song;
this cornerstone, this solid ground,
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
My comforter, my all in all,
here in the love of Christ I stand.
2. In Christ alone, who took on flesh,
fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
scorned by the ones He came to save.
'Til on the cross as Jesus died,
the wrath of God was satisfied.
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid;
here in the death of Christ I live.
3. There in the ground His body lay,
light of the world by darkness slain;
then, bursting forth in glorious day,
up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory,
sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
for I am His and He is mine,
bought with the precious blood of Christ.
4. No guilt in life, no fear in death,
this is the power of Christ in me;
from life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no human plan,
can ever pluck me from His hand;
'til He returns or calls me home,
here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!

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Postlude

Welcome! A hearty welcome to all who have come to worship. We gather in gratitude before our loving Creator and Sustainer. Let us approach God with purity of heart and reach out to each other with care and joy. After the service, please join us on the front lawn for continued fellowship.

Ministry Reports – This morning (Sept. 13) we have the privilege of hearing from **Audrea Woll**, Executive Director of Family Promise of Skagit Valley, who will be sharing what God is doing through the ministry even in the midst of a pandemic. Next week Sunday (Sept. 20) we will have the opportunity to hear from **Brett and Angela Nicholson** who are currently serving as missionaries in Uganda. Please take the time to converse with each of these individuals following during the fellowship time between services.

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

The **deacons** would like to thank the congregation for their continued support of 1st CRC during these trying times. It has come to our attention that normally we collect money for the **benevolent fund** during a second offering on communion Sunday. This has not happened since March. To keep those funds replenished we will collect the undesignated money in the offering plates on communion Sunday to be used for this fund. You may also mail us a check and please mark, benevolent fund, on the memo line of the check. Next communion Sunday is Sept. 27.

We thank everyone for their service and support in Christ. Thank you and may God bless all of you.

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

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: _____

PRAYER REQUESTS

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:

We praise God that Grace Feddema returned home. Please pray that her leg continues to heal and that the transition to living back at home goes well.

We are thankful for a *'safe return' to school*. Please continue to pray for the health of our students and teachers that are meeting in person.

September Milestone Birthdays –

Beverly Van Slageren will celebrate 91 years on September 30th

NEW REQUESTS:

Please pray for all those affected by the various *wildfires*. Pray too for the safety of those fighting them.

The **CROP Hunger Walk** will take place this coming Sunday. Please pray for good participation and success in raising awareness and funds to alleviate hunger.

CONTINUING REQUESTS:

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

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.

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)

9/13/2020 - (Faith Formation Ministries: Grandparents Day) We praise God today for the grandparents and elders in our churches who foster faith-forming relationships with youth and young adults. We pray that churches will be responsive to the needs of and strengthened by the gifts of their senior members.

9/12/2020 - (Resonate Global Mission: Worldwide) Give thanks for the many students throughout the world who study at Christian schools where Resonate missionaries serve. Pray for their health this year during the COVID-19 pandemic and ask that every one of these students will learn more about Jesus as they come to faith in Christ or grow in relationship with him.

9/11/2020 - (CRC Communications: Pain and healing) Today we remember a tragedy that took the lives of thousands of people on 9/11/2001. While our world can sometimes seem chaotic and out of control, we find peace in the assurance that God is in control even in tragic times. Pray that the love of Christ will shine through God's people to light the world, no matter what each day brings.

9/10/2020 - (Back to God Ministries International: Technology) Lois is 90 years old, but when she looks at changing technology, she concentrates on the way it has helped her connect to the world. She uses her Amazon smart speaker to listen to Today devotions and to connect with her family. Praise God for the many ways technology can be used for God's glory.

9/9/2020 - (World Renew: Bangladesh and India) Bangladesh and India have been in lockdown since late March, and coronavirus case numbers continue to climb. This is very difficult for laborers who rely on daily earnings to buy food for their families. In vulnerable areas, World Renew and its partners are providing food, soap, and informational materials on COVID-19. Please pray that families may receive the daily food and shelter they need.

9/8/2020 - (Resonate Global Mission: Central Asia) Some Resonate missionaries serve in countries in Central Asia where many people practice Islam or come from a Muslim background. One missionary couple asks for prayer that the children of their host country will hear the gospel. "Holy Spirit, pour out dreams and visions of Jesus on the children," they ask.

9/7/2020 - (Raise Up: Educational Care: Schools and training) All teaching sessions for Educational Care that were planned for spring and summer 2020 have been put on hold as schools in many parts of Africa have closed due to COVID-19 restrictions. Pray that private Christian schools will be able to survive in these difficult economic times, and pray for the many teachers who have not received salaries since February.