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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 150*

**September 6, 2020**

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

***Pastor John Knoester***

***September 6, 2020***

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

***“Sing praise to the Lord, you people of grace;***

Prelude

Welcome

**\* Sung Call to Worship: LUYH #575:1-3**

***“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”***

1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul praise him, for he is your help and salvation!  
Come, all who hear; brothers and sisters, draw near.  
Join me in glad adoration!
2. Praise to the Lord, who o’er all things  
is wondrously reigning,  
sheltering you under his wings, oh, so gently sustaining.  
Have you not seen all that is needful has been  
sent by his gracious ordaining?
3. Praise to the Lord, who will prosper  
your work and defend you;  
surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.  
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do  
as with his love he befriends you.

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**\* Call to Worship (Psalm 150)**

**Leader:** Praise the Lord.

**People:** **Praise God in his sanctuary, praise him in his mighty heavens.**

**Leader:** Praise him for his acts of power; praise him for his surpassing greatness.

**People:** **Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet, praise him with the harp and lyre.**

Leader: Praise him with tambourine and dancing,

**People: Praise him with the strings and flute,**

Leader: Praise him with the clash of cymbals, praise him with resounding cymbals.

**People: Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Praise the Lord.**

\* Hymn of Praise: GH # 569:1-2

*“Praise the Lord with the Sound of Trumpet”*

1. Praise the Lord with the sound of trumpet,  
praise the Lord with the harp and lute,  
praise the Lord with the gentle sounding flute.  
Praise the Lord in the field and forest,  
praise the Lord in the city square,  
praise the Lord anytime and anywhere.  
Praise the Lord in the wind and sunshine,  
Praise the Lord in the dark of night,  
Praise the Lord in the rain or snow  
or in the morning light.  
Praise the Lord in the deepest valley,  
praise the Lord on the highest hill,  
Praise the Lord; never let your voice be still.
2. Praise the Lord with the crashing cymbal,  
praise the Lord with the pipe and string,  
praise the Lord with the joyful songs you sing.  
Praise the Lord on a weekday morning;  
praise the Lord on a Sunday noon,  
praise the Lord by the light of sun or moon.  
Praise the Lord in the time of sorrow,  
praise the Lord in the time of joy,  
praise the Lord every moment;  
nothing in your praise destroy.  
Praise the Lord in the peace and quiet,  
praise the Lord in your work or play,  
praise the Lord everywhere in every way!

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\* God's Greeting

"Fill heaven with the songs  
that sound from this place;"

Announcements

The Story of God: Part 1 - Creation

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Song of Thanksgiving: LUYH #7:1-4

*"Sing Praise to the Lord, You People of Grace"*

1. Sing praise to the Lord, you people of grace;  
fill heaven with the songs that sound from this place;  
since you are God's servants and meet in his name,  
his wonders declare and his glory proclaim.

*Refrain*

*Halle! Hallelujah!*

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*Halle! Hallelujah!*

*Halle! Halle! Hallelujah!*

2. His greatness exceeds what words can explain,  
and his is the power no force can restrain;  
with fanfares of horns and crescendos of strings  
raise anthems to honor the King of all kings.

*Refrain*

3. Where music is made, let rhythms abound:  
let cymbals and drums add weight to the sound;  
with dance that is graceful and words that are clear,  
bring joy to the God you adore and revere.

*Refrain*

4. Yield all that you are to worship the Lord—  
see life as a psalm, each moment a chord;  
let harmonies flourish and melodies soar—  
let all that has breath praise the Lord evermore.

*Refrain*

*Halle! Hallelujah!*

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Part 2 – The Fall

Prayer of Confession

Part 3 – Redemption

**Leader:** God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

**People:** **For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.**

**Leader:** Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.  
—Romans 5:8; Colossians 1:13-14; Romans 5:1, NIV

Assurance of Pardon

**Leader:** Our world, broken and scarred, still belongs to God.

**People:** **He holds it together and gives us hope.**

**Leader:** With the whole creation we wait for the purifying fire of judgment.

**People:** **For then we will see the Lord face to face.**

**Leader:** God will be all in all, righteousness and peace will flourish, everything will be made new,

**People:** **and every eye will see at last that our world belongs to God! Hallelujah! Come, Lord Jesus.**

—from Our World Belongs to God, st. 18, 58

\* Song of Thanksgiving and Preparation: LUYH #559:1-3  
"Ten Thousand Reasons"

*Refrain*

*Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;  
worship his holy name.  
Sing like never before, O my soul;  
I'll worship your holy name.*

1. The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning;  
it's time to sing your song again.  
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me,  
let me be singing when the evening comes.

*Refrain*

2. You're rich in love, and you're slow to anger.  
Your name is great, and your heart is kind.  
For all your goodness, I will keep on singing—  
ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

*Refrain*

3. And on that day when my strength is failing,  
the end draws near, and my time has come;  
still, my soul will sing your praise unending—  
ten thousand years and then forevermore!

*Refrain*

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*"Since you are God's servants  
and meet in his name,"*

Scripture Reading: Psalm 150

Prayer of Illumination

Message: **"Let Everything that Has Breath"**

Time of Prayer

\* Hymn of Application: LUYH #443:1-4

*“My Life Flows on in Endless Song”*

1. My life flows on in endless song;  
above earth’s lamentation,  
I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn  
that hails a new creation.

*Refrain*

*No storm can shake my inmost calm  
while to that Rock I’m clinging.  
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth,  
how can I keep from singing?*

2. Through all the tumult and the strife,  
I hear that music ringing.  
It finds an echo in my soul.  
How can I keep from singing?

*Refrain*

3. What though my joys and comforts die?  
The Lord my Savior liveth.  
What though the darkness gather round?  
Songs in the night he giveth.

*Refrain*

4. The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart,  
a fountain ever springing!  
All things are mine since I am his!  
How can I keep from singing?

*Refrain*

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*“His wonders declare and his glory proclaim.”*

\* We Profess our Faith: Our World Belongs to God – Art. 1-2

Leader: As followers of Jesus Christ, living in this world – which  
some seek to destroy, but which others view with  
despair – we declare with joy and trust:

**People: Our world belongs to God!**

Leader: From the beginning, through all the crises of our times, until his kingdom fully comes, God keeps his covenant forever.

**People: Our world belongs to him!**

Leader: God is King! Let the earth be glad! Christ is Victor; his work has begun. Hallelujah!

**People: The Spirit is at work, renewing the creation. Praise the Lord!**

\* Hymn of Response: LUYH #575:4 *“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”*

4. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!  
All that has life and breath,  
come now with praises before Him!  
Let the amen sound from his people again.  
Gladly forever adore him!

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\* Parting Blessing

\* Parting Praise: LUYH #965

*“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

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\* Postlude

**Welcome** to our services of worship and praise! We pray that all will find strength, security, and fellowship with God and with one another. 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

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

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.

**Today booklets delayed by slow mail** - Our subscription team mailed out the Today booklets at the regularly scheduled time but unfortunately, mail delivery has been slow due to the virus. The booklets are on the way and we hope they will arrive to you quickly!

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

# sermon notes:

Who is speaking?

Where in the Bible?

Book: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_  
Verse: \_\_\_\_\_

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What happened?

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Words I don't know

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

### **PRAISE:**

#### **September Milestone Birthdays –**

Beverly Van Slageren will celebrate 91 years on September 30<sup>th</sup>

### **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.

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)**

**September 6, 2020 - (Calvin Theological Seminary: New year)** As we begin the new school year, we will be offering in-person learning as we are able, while also making all courses available online. Please pray for students, faculty, and staff as we work together to make necessary changes happen safely and effectively.

**September 5, 2020 - (Disability Concerns: Challenges)** This year has been incredibly challenging for many of us with physical and mental health challenges. Many gaps in service have occurred, and isolation is a big challenge. As schools and churches start to reopen, we pray for wisdom for leaders. May we see that our most vulnerable are cared for and considered as we navigate this unusual time.

**September 4, 2020 - (World Renew: Disaster Response)** On August 4, an explosion in Beirut killed hundreds, injured thousands, and left more than 300,000 homeless. This event also had a devastating impact on essential imports and food prices. Please pray for the people living in Lebanon, including over 2 million refugees, that they may find comfort and healing. Pray also for the church as it seeks to serve the distressed and brokenhearted.

**September 3, 2020 - (Resonate Global Mission: Schools)** Please pray for Resonate missionaries throughout the world who work as teachers in Christian schools. This school year will be challenging and unpredictable because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Ask God for wisdom, guidance, creativity, patience, and encouragement as missionaries teach and disciple students this year.

**September 2, 2020 - (Back to God Ministries International: Burkina Faso)** As a teenager living in Burkina Faso, West Africa, Djibril regularly accessed pornography on his smartphone. Now, with help from our French ministry team, he instead uses his phone to share his faith with others. Ask God to continue to work through Djibril.

**September 1, 2020 - (Therefore Go Ministries: Change)** Today Youth Unlimited becomes Therefore Go Ministries. Please pray that the process of changing our name goes smoothly and that God will

continue to work through us as we support churches in their ministries to youth and emerging adults to commit their lives to Jesus Christ and transform this world for him.

**August 31, 2020 - (CRC Communications: New season)** September begins tomorrow, marking a new season of education, church ministry, and other seasonal work. Pray for God's guidance for all who are navigating and implementing decisions about life and work amid the COVID-19 pandemic.