

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
LORD
is my shepherd,
I shall not want.

Psalm 23:1

October 4, 2020

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Welcome to First Christian Reformed Church!

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

"He leadeth me, O blessed thought!"

Prelude

Opening Video: *"Come to Me, O Weary Traveler"*

Welcome

*** Sung Call to Worship: LUYH #123:1-4**

"Come to Me, O Weary Traveler"

1. Come to me, O weary traveler;
come to me with your distress;
come to me, you heavy burdened;
come to me and find your rest.
2. Do not fear, my yoke is easy;
do not fear, my burden's light;
do not fear the path before you;
do not run from me in fright.
3. Take my yoke and leave your troubles;
take my yoke and come with me.
Take my yoke, I am beside you;
take and learn humility.
4. Rest in me, O weary traveler;
rest in me and do not fear.
Rest in me, my heart is gentle;
rest and cast away your care.

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*** Call to Worship**

* Opening Song of Praise: *“Living Waters” (Getty’s) v. 1-4*

1. Are you thirsty? Are you empty?
Come and drink these living waters.
Tired and broken, peace unspoken,
Come and drink these living waters.
2. Christ is calling, find refreshing
at the cross of living waters.
Lay your life down, all the old gone,
rise up in these living waters.

Chorus

*There's a river that flows with mercy and love,
bringing joy to the city of our God;
There our hope is secure, do not fear anymore,
praise the Lord of living waters.*

3. Spirit moving, mercy washing;
healing in these living waters
Lead your children to the shoreline,
life is in these living waters.

Chorus

4. Are you thirsty? Are you empty?
Come and drink these living waters.
Love, forgiveness, vast and boundless,
Christ, He is our living waters.

Chorus

Ending

There our hope is secure, do not fear anymore,
praise the Lord of living waters.

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* God’s Greeting

“O words with heavenly comfort fraught!”

Announcements

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance

Song of Thanksgiving: LUYH #167:1-3

"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

1. Beneath the cross of Jesus I long to take my stand,
The shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land,
A home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way,
From the burning of the noontide
heat and the burdens of the day.
2. Upon that cross of Jesus my eye at times can see
the very dying form of one who suffered there for me.
and from my contrite heart,
with tears, two wonders I confess:
the wonders of His glorious love and my unworthiness.
3. I take, O cross, your shadow for my abiding place;
I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of His face;
content to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss,
my sinful self my only shame, my glory all, the cross.

*"Beneath the Cross of Jesus" Words: Elizabeth C. Clephane, Music: Frederick C. Maker,
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God's Law:

As the chosen of God, then, the holy people whom he loves,
you are to be clothed in heartfelt compassion, in generosity and
humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with one another;
forgive each other if one of you has a complaint against
another. The Lord has forgiven you; now you must do the same.
Over all these clothes, put on love, the perfect bond.
And may the peace of Christ reign in your hearts, because it is
for this that you were called together in one body.
Always be thankful. —Colossians 3:12-15, NJB

* Song of Preparation: LUYH #369:1-3

"My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"

1. My Shepherd will supply my need;
the LORD God is his name:
in pastures fresh he makes me feed,
beside the living stream.

He brings my wandering spirit back,
when I forsake his ways;
and leads me, for his mercy's sake,
in paths of truth and grace.

2. When I walk through the shades of death
your presence is my stay;
one word of your supporting breath
drives all my fears away.
Your hand, in sight of all my foes,
shall still my table spread;
my cup with blessings overflows,
your oil anoints my head.
3. The sure provisions of my God
attend me all my days;
O may your house be my abode,
and all my work be praise.
There would I find a settled rest,
while others go and come;
no more a stranger or a guest,
but like a child at home.

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"What e'er I do, where e'er I be,"

Scripture Reading: Psalm 23:1-3a and Matthew 11:25-30

Prayer of Illumination

Message: ***"Psalm 23 for 2020 – Come to Me and Rest"***

Time of Prayer

"Still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me."

*Song of Application: *"The Lord's my Shepherd" v. 1-3*

1. The Lord's my Shepherd I'll not want
He makes me lie in pastures green
He leads me by the still, still waters
His goodness restores my soul

Chorus

And I will trust in You alone
And I will trust in You alone
For Your endless mercy follows me
Your goodness will lead me home

Descant (sung as echo to chorus)

I will trust I will trust in You
I will trust I will trust in You
Endless mercy follows me
Goodness will lead me home

2. He guides my ways in righteousness
And He anoints my head with oil
And my cup it overflows with joy
I feast on His pure delights

Chorus & Descant

3. And though I walk the darkest path
I will not fear the evil one
For You are with me
And Your rod and staff
Are the comfort I need to know

Chorus & Descant (2x)

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* We Profess our Faith: (Based on Psalm 23)

Leader: The Lord is my shepherd. He takes care of all my needs.

People: The Lord is my shepherd. He takes care of all my needs.

Leader: The Lord watches over me. He takes care of all my needs. He gives me a home to live in. He gives me water to drink. He gives meaning to my life.

People: The Lord is my shepherd. He takes care of all my needs.

Leader: He guides me along the right way.
Even when I'm walking by myself in a strange place,
I don't feel scared because I know that the Lord
is with me to help me and give me courage.

People: The Lord is my shepherd. He takes care of all my needs.

Leader: He gives me food to eat. I always have enough to
drink. He has blessed me with many things.
I will never be able to repay him for his kindness.

People: The Lord is my shepherd. He takes care of all my needs.

* God's Blessing

*Parting Praise: LUYH #43:1-3 *"Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer"*

1. Guide me, O my great Redeemer,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but you are mighty;
hold me with your powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore,
feed me now and evermore.
2. Open now the crystal fountain,
where the healing waters flow.
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through.
Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer,
ever be my strength and shield,
ever be my strength and shield.
3. When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside.
Death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever sing to you,
I will ever sing to you.

Words: William Williams, 1745; st. 1 tr. Peter Williams, 1771, alt; st. 2-3 tr.
William Williams, 1772, alt.,P.D.; Music: John Hughes, 1907, P.D.; CCLI# 678905

Postlude

Welcome! “Be my rock of refuge, to which I can always go,” the psalmist prayed (Psalm 71:3). May we all find that God is a “rock of refuge” where we find help for every hour of need. A hearty welcome to all who have come to worship our Creator. After the morning service all are invited to the fellowship hall next to the sanctuary for a cup of coffee or juice and continued fellowship.

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.

	Today	Next Week
Sound:	Henry Hammingh	Tim Hibma
Video:	Carson Blom	Brandon Speck
Projection:	Josh Hammingh	Hannah Van Hofwegen
Offering:	General Fund	General Fund



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@firstcrcmv.com by Thursday of each week with your prayer items.

PRAISE:

We give praise to God that **Elaine Hammingh's** surgery to fix the pin in her arm went well this week and she is on the mend. Continue to pray for her recovery.

We thank God **Rinie Rouw's** stent is clear and blood flow is good. We also praise God for daily improvements in how he is feeling.

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.

NEW REQUESTS:

Please keep Hans and **Aileen Meishke** in your prayers. Over this past weekend Aileen Meishke suffered a couple of 'mini-strokes' and was taken to the ER. She is doing much better now and is resting comfortably at home. Please pray for renewed strength and a full recovery. Pray too for Hans as he lovingly cares for his wife in the midst of many health challenges.

Les Faber took a trip to the emergency room this past week. His lungs were filled with fluid, which affected his heart. He is now home. We give praise to God that Les is home and pray too that he continues to experience a full recovery in the weeks and months ahead.

We express our sympathies and condolences to **Hank and Anjean Vander Veen**. Hank's sister, Anna Groen passed away. Please keep the entire Vander Veen in your prayers as arrangements are made to celebrate Anna's life and homegoing.

Please pray that the **Classis PNW ZOOM Meetings** on Thursday. Pray the meeting itself goes well and for all our sister churches in the region as we strive to do ministry together in these unique times.

For our missionaries **Brett and Angela Nicholson** who spoke to us last week Sunday. Pray that they might be able to return to Uganda soon.

CONTINUING REQUESTS:

Adelaida Vega's 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. 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)

Leadership Diversity: Diversity Lord, create hunger and thirst for a church that truly celebrates diversity. May the gifts of ethnic-minority and multiracial churches blossom with new leaders and contagious ministry. Fill your church with diverse worship, missional ministries, and support from all churches in the Christian Reformed family to pray, resource, and lift up the work of the Holy Spirit of God's diverse and unified family. Amen.

Resonate Global Mission: North America Give thanks for the way CRC church plants in Canada and the United States equip new ministry leaders with the support of Resonate emerging leader grants. Pray for church planters and the leaders they work with in their congregations and communities. Ask God for wisdom and guidance in spreading the gospel.

Back to God Ministries International: Burkina Faso Pray with our French ministry team in Burkina Faso for a radio listener who recently failed some of her exams. "She was so sad, but the Holy Spirit gave us words of comfort for her," said Marc Nabie, French ministry leader.

Raise Up: Coffee Break: Leaders and seekers Ask God to raise up new Global Coffee Break leaders, passionate for his Word; ask that seekers may have courage to join Bible study groups for the first time this fall; pray for churches' wisdom in how to host Bible study groups. Pray that we may equip leaders to share the gospel in a God-honoring, Spirit-empowered way.

Resonate Global Mission: Nicaragua Please pray for Tesoros de Dios, a Resonate ministry partner that serves students with disabilities and their families. The COVID-19 pandemic has been difficult for their ministry community. Ask God to provide for and encourage this ministry and its students.

World Renew: Food security Because of the pandemic, the world stands on the brink of a food crisis worse than any seen for about 50 years. Increasing unemployment and loss of income due to lockdowns are putting food out of reach for many struggling people. World Renew continues to provide life-giving food, food vouchers, and hygiene equipment to some of the world's most vulnerable communities. Ask God to provide the food families need in order to thrive.