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**Christian**  
Reformed Church

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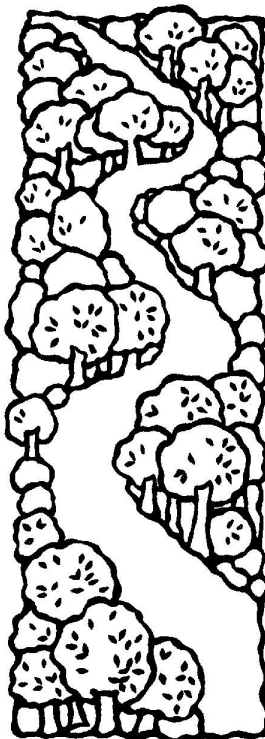
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Pastor John Knoester

Worship Services  
10:30 AM & 6:30 PM

Church School: 9:30 AM  
September—May



DO NOT BE  
DISCOURAGED,  
FOR THE LORD  
YOUR GOD WILL  
BE WITH YOU  
WHEREVER  
YOU GO.

JOSHUA 1:9

**October 18, 2020**

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

***- Led by Darrel Lagerwey***

***Oct. 18, 2020***

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

*"Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine"*

**\* Prelude**

Welcome

Call to Worship: (Psalm 103:1-3, 19-22)

**\* Opening Song of Praise: 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*

*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,*

*worship your holy name, worship your holy name.*

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\* Call to Adoration

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made;

**People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Leader: God made the little tiny flowers and the great big pine trees.

**People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Leader: God made the peaceful ponds and the crashing waves.

**People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Leader: God made the cornfields and the rocky mountains.

**People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Leader: God made the creeping caterpillars and kicking kangaroos.

**People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Leader: God made you, and God made me

**People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Leader: Come, let us praise God for making all things good!

\* Hymn of Praise: LUYH #21:1-3 *"This Is My Father's World"*

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.

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*"O what a foretaste of glory divine"*

Announcements : Elder Tim Van Hofwegen

Call to Confession: (Based on Hebrews 4)

Seeing that we have a great High Priest  
who has entered the inmost heaven, Jesus the Son of God,  
let us therefore approach the throne of grace with fullest  
confidence, that we may receive mercy for our failures  
and grace to help in the hour of need. In the strength of this  
assurance, let us confess our sins to God.

—based on Hebrews 4:14, 16

Sung Prayer of Confession: LUYH #682:1-2

*"Before the Throne of God Above"*

1. Before the throne of God above  
I have a strong and perfect plea,  
a great High Priest whose name is Love,  
who ever lives and pleads for me.  
My name is graven on his hands,  
my name is written on his heart;  
I know that while in heaven he stands  
no tongue can bid me thence depart,  
no tongue can bid me thence depart.

2. When Satan tempts me to despair  
and tells me of the guilt within,  
upward I look and see him there  
who made an end of all my sin.  
Because the sinless Savior died,  
my sinful soul is counted free;  
for God the Just is satisfied  
to look on him and pardon me,  
to look on him and pardon me.

Words of Assurance (Based on Psalm 103)

The LORD is merciful and gracious,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.  
He will not always accuse,  
nor will he keep his anger forever.  
He does not deal with us according to our sins,  
nor repay us according to our iniquities.  
For as the heavens are high above the earth,  
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;  
as far as the east is from the west,  
so far he removes our transgressions from us.  
As a father has compassion for his children,  
so the LORD has compassion for those who fear him.

—Psalm 103:8-13, NRSV

\*Song of Thanksgiving: LUYH #682:3

*“Before the Throne of God Above”*

3. Behold him there! The risen Lamb,  
my perfect, spotless righteousness;  
the great unchangeable “I AM,”  
the King of glory and of grace!  
One with himself I cannot die,  
my soul is purchased by his blood;  
my life is hid with Christ on high,  
with Christ, my Savior and my God,  
with Christ, my Savior and my God.

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# "Heir of salvation, purchase of God"

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 40:1-11

Message: "**Comfort for God's People**"

Time of Prayer

"Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood."

\* Song of Application: LUYH #363:1-3 "*Blessed Assurance*"

1. Blessed assurance: Jesus is mine!  
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

*Refrain*

*This is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior all the day long;  
this is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior all the day long.*

2. Perfect submission, perfect delight,  
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
angels descending bring from above  
echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

*Refrain*

3. Perfect submission: all is at rest,  
I in my Savior am happy and blest;  
watching and waiting, looking above,  
filled with his goodness, lost in his love.

*Refrain*

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\* We Profess our Faith: Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 1

Leader: Q. What is your only comfort in life and in death?

**People: A. That I am not my own, but belong— body and soul, in life and in death— to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven: in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.**

—from Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 1

\* Scriptural Blessings (Romans 15:13 and II Corinthians 13:13)

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

—Romans 15:13,

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

—2 Corinthians 13:13, NRSV

\* 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!** This morning our service will be led by Mr. Darryl Lagerway. The psalmist prayed: "Restore us, O Lord God Almighty; make your face shine upon us, that we may be saved" (Psalm 80:19). May all who have come to worship find restoration, inner peace and spiritual strength.

	<i>Today</i>	<i>Next Week</i>
Sound:	Tim Hibma	Henry Van Zanten
Video:	Brandon Speck	Tim Hibma
Projection:	Hannah Van Hofwegen	Devin Van Zanten
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@firstcrmv.com](mailto:secretary@firstcrmv.com) by Thursday of each week with your prayer items.

**NEW REQUESTS:**

Betty Folkertsma - aunt of **Fred F.**, **Jeannette F.**, and **Tish Ackermann** passed away unexpectedly this past week in Lynden. Betty was 92 years old. ... Please keep her entire family in your prayers as they grieve their loss and also as they make service arrangements accordingly in the days ahead.

**Rinie Rouw** is having angioplasty on November 6 to determine if there are any blockages in the arteries. Pray for good results and continued healing.

**PRAISE:**

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

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.

**CONTINUING REQUESTS:**

Please keep Hans and **Aileen Meishke** in your prayers. 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.

**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)**

**October 18, 2020 - (Disability Concerns: Disability awareness)** As we come together to celebrate Disability Awareness Sunday, we praise God and delight in the knowledge that each one of us has been designed in God's image. We are thankful for our community, which works together to realize the vision for our churches—that everybody belongs and everybody serves.

**October 17, 2020 - (Resonate Global Mission: Canada)** Give thanks for Tian, a student at the University of Alberta who received a Resonate Emerging Leader grant. Tian has been an influential leader for the campus ministry this past year. Please pray for her as she continues to grow in her relationship with God and in her ability to connect and share her faith with other students.

**October 16, 2020 - (World Renew: Mozambique)** In September the Mozambique government loosened COVID-19 restrictions on public and commercial activities, but COVID-19 cases continue to rise. In addition, terrorism in Cabo Delgado Province has displaced more than 250,000 persons. Pray for the churches in this region as they seek ways to support their members and neighbors in these unsettling times.

**October 15, 2020 - (Back to God Ministries International: Portuguese ministry)** Praise God for the ways he is working through our Portuguese ministry during the COVID-19 pandemic. A ministry follower named Sonia wrote, "I believe that God has reserved this time for me to study the Bible's truth." Pray that Sonia will continue to seek God's truth during the pandemic.

**October 14, 2020 - (Office of Social Justice: United States)** As the U.S. election approaches, please pray for a safe and fair election, wisdom for leaders, and a culture of graciousness and discernment in the church. Pray that leaders will take seriously their responsibilities to address poverty and act justly in the coming months and years.

**October 13, 2020 - (Resonate Global Mission: Eastern Europe)** A Resonate missionary in Eastern Europe gives thanks for a man who was baptized after connecting with church planters that the missionary helped to train. Please pray for this man as he continues to learn about new life in Christ!

**October 12, 2020 - (World Renew: Canadian Thanksgiving)** As Christians across Canada count their blessings and acknowledge God's goodness today, their hearts also go out to people in need. Together, let us thank our Provider for plentiful harvests, employment opportunities, freedom of choice, and the support of friends and family—asking God to supply the needs of all who are hungry, unemployed, alone, or mistreated.