

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 25, 2020

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Welcome to First Christian Reformed Church!

Oct. 25, 2020

10:30 A.M. Worship Service

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

*“Behold, our God shall live with us
and be our steadfast light,”*

*** Prelude**

Welcome/Announcements

*** Sung Call to Worship: LUYH #551:1-4**

“All Creatures of Our God and King”

1. All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice with us and sing: alleluia, alleluia!
O burning sun with golden beam,
and shining moon with silver gleam,
O praise him, O praise him,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
2. O rushing wind so wild and strong,
White clouds that sail in heaven along,
Alleluia, alleluia! New rising dawn in praise rejoice;
You lights of evening find a voice:
O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
3. Cool flowing water, pure and clear,
make music for your Lord to hear; alleluia, alleluia!
Fierce fire, so masterful and bright,
providing us with warmth and light,
O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
4. Earth ever fertile, day by day
bring forth your blessings on our way,
alleluia, alleluia! All flowers and fruits that in you grow,
let them his glory also show:
O praise him, O praise him,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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*** God’s Greeting**

"And we shall e'er His people be:
All glory be to Christ."

* Opening Song of Praise: "Reckless Love"

1. Before I spoke a word, You were singing over me
You have been so, so good to me
Before I took a breath, You breathed Your life in me
You have been so, so kind to me

Chorus

O, the overwhelming, neverending
Reckless love of God
O, it chases me down, fights 'til I'm found
Leaves the ninety nine
I couldn't earn it, I don't deserve it
Still You give Yourself away
O, the overwhelming, neverending
Reckless love of God

2. When I was Your foe, still Your love fought for me
You have been so, so good to me
When I felt no worth, You paid it all for me
You have been so, so kind to me

Bridge 1

There's no shadow You won't light up
Mountain You won't climb up, coming after me
There's no wall You won't kick down
Lie You won't tear down, coming after me

Bridge 2

There's no shadow You won't light up
Mountain You won't climb up, coming after me
There's no wall You won't kick down
Lie You won't tear down, coming after me

Bridge 3

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Mountain You won't climb up, coming after me
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Prayer of Confession:

Glorious God, your creation sings of your might.
Yet, we ignore the song, deny the melody, and cry out our
dissonance. Forgive us, Great God, for our attempts to limit or
distract from the beauty of your power. Transpose our lives so
that every thought and deed becomes an endless song to you
through our Lord Jesus, Amen. -Carrie Steenwyk

Sung Confession: *"Wonderful, Merciful Savior"* : 1-2

1. Wonderful merciful, Savior,
Precious Redeemer and Friend;
Who would have thought that a Lamb
could rescue the souls of men?
Oh, You rescue the souls of men.

Chorus

- You are the One that we praise,
You are the One we adore,
You give the healing and grace
our hearts always hunger for,
Oh, our hearts always hunger for.
2. Counselor, Comforter, Keeper,
Spirit we long to embrace;
You offer hope when our hearts
have hopelessly lost the way,
Oh, we hopelessly lost the way.

Chorus

You are the One that we praise,
You are the One we adore,
You give the healing and grace
our hearts always hunger for,
Oh, our hearts always hunger for.

The Assurance of God's Pardon

Song of Assurance: *"Wonderful, Merciful Savior":v.3*

3. Almighty, infinite Father,
faithfully loving Your own;
Here in our weakness You find us
falling before Your throne,
Oh, we're falling before Your throne.

Chorus 2X

You are the One that we praise,
You are the One we adore,
You give the healing and grace
our hearts always hunger for,
Oh, our hearts always hunger for.

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"All glory be to Christ our king, all glory be to Christ!"

Scripture Readings: Greg Boon

Prayer of Illumination

Message: *"Psalm 23 for 2020 - Journeying Through the Valleys"*

Time of Prayer

*"His rule and reign we'll ever sing,
all glory be to Christ!"*

Song of Reflection: (Special Music): *"He Will Hold Me Fast"*

* We Proclaim God's Grace

Leader: For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith- and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God – not by works so that no can boast.
(Eph. 2:8-9)

People: For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. (Eph. 2:10)

Leader: What then is the purpose of our lives?

People: To glorify God, and to enjoy him forever. (Westminster Shorter Catechism A 1)

Leader: Let us, then, glorify God.

All: Let us glorify God for Scripture, for grace, for faith, for Jesus.

* God's Blessing

* Parting Praise: *"All Glory Be to Christ"* v. 1-3

1. Should nothing of our efforts stand, no legacy survive;
unless the Lord does raise the house,
In vain its builders strive.
To you who boast tomorrow's gain,
tell me what is your life? A mist that vanishes at dawn;
all glory be to Christ.

Chorus

*All glory be to Christ our king! All glory be to Christ!
His rule and reign we'll ever sing, all glory be to Christ!*

2. His will be done, His kingdom come,
on earth as is above, who is Himself our daily bread;
praise Him, the Lord of love.
Let living water satisfy the thirsty without price;
we'll take a cup of kindness yet; all glory be to Christ.

Chorus

*All glory be to Christ our king! All glory be to Christ!
His rule and reign we'll ever sing, all glory be to Christ!*

3. When on the day the great I Am, the faithful and the true,
 the Lamb who was for sinners slain,
 is making all things new.
 Behold our God shall live with us
 and be our steadfast light.
 And we shall e're his people be; all glory be to Christ.

Chorus

*All glory be to Christ our king! All glory be to Christ!
 His rule and reign we'll ever sing, all glory be to Christ!*

Chorus: Sing acapella

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Postlude

Welcome to the House of the Lord! We have come to bring our
 worship to our God. May we do so in our singing, praying, giving,
 preaching and listening. May God be glorified!

	<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

sermon notes:

Who is speaking?

Where in the Bible?

Book: _____
Chapter: _____
Verse: _____

Who is the passage talking about?

What happened?

My favorite song was: _____

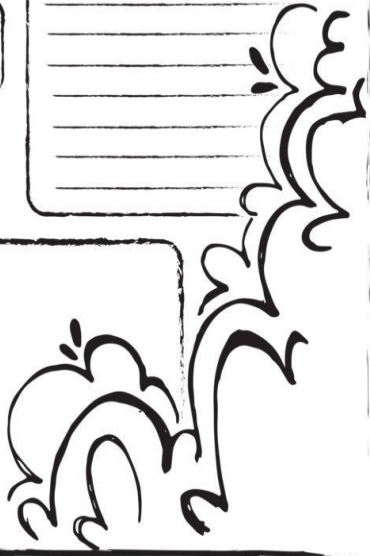
here you draw something:

Date: _____

I learned:

I didn't understand:

Words I don't know





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.

NEW REQUESTS:

Please keep **Chris Vander Wekken** in your prayers. Chris currently has a significant growth on the left side of his brain as well as some bleeding taking place around it. He is currently at Harborview Hospital in Seattle undergoing more scans and also taking medication to get the swelling down. Unfortunately, this is all we know at the present time, but I will update you again as soon as I hear more. Thanks in advance for taking the time to pray for Chris and his loved ones.

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.

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 25, 2020 - (World Renew: Lebanon) An explosion Aug. 4 in Beirut caused enormous damage and left more than 300,000 people homeless. This is a crisis on top of many other crises experienced in Lebanon, especially for the over 2 million refugees who live there. Economic troubles and the COVID-19 pandemic have left many vulnerable. Pray for strength and peace for all the communities recovering in Lebanon.

October 23, 2020 - (Resonate Global Mission: Healing) Give thanks for God's perfect timing. A woman in Oman participated in an online trauma healing workshop on suicide facilitated by Resonate missionary Melissa Bos. Less than 48 hours later, the woman received a call from another woman who was contemplating suicide, and she was able to counsel her. While the woman still faces challenges, she's doing much better now.

October 22, 2020 - (Indigenous Christian Fellowship: Hope) During this time of pandemic, fear and despair are haunting people who turn to addictions to cope with hopelessness. A local funeral home has provided funeral services for 40 persons this year due to drug overdoses, as compared with only two such cases last year. Ask the Spirit to help our staff provide hope and support for people overwhelmed by the current crisis.

October 21, 2020 - (World Renew: World Hunger Awareness) This month people around the globe participate in World Hunger Awareness in honor of the founding of the UN Food and Agriculture Organization in 1945. With the world on the brink of an acute food crisis, let's join with God in renewing the lives of over 800 million hungry people worldwide, praying that he may transform hunger into hope.

October 20, 2020 - (Resonate Global Mission: United States) A woman from Asia became a Christian after moving to the United States. Today she is part of a Bible study with Union with Christ Church, a Resonate partner church plant in California. Give thanks for the community that has formed through this Bible study. Please pray for its members as they continue to grow in faith and share about Christ with others.

October 19, 2020 - (Back to God Ministries International: Japan) Pray for Pastor Yasushi Kinki and other members of Inuyama Church. The church was recently featured in our Japanese video series, The Church in My Town. Pray with these brothers and sisters in Christ as they seek to share God's love with their community to address poverty and act justly in the coming months and years.