

Welcome to First Christian Reformed Church!

Pastor John Knoester

November 8, 2020

* Please stand in body or in spirit.

"Savior, like a shepherd lead us;"

Prelude

Welcome

* Sung Call to Worship: LUYH #581:1-3

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

1. Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
drive the gloom of doubt away;
giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day!
2. All thy works with joy surround thee,
earth and heaven reflect thy rays;
stars and angels sing around thee,
center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain
call us to rejoice in thee.
3. Thou art giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blest,
wellspring of the joy of living,
ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ, our brother,
all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other,
lift us to the joy divine.

Words: Henry Van Dyke (1852-1933), P.D.; Music: Ludwig van Beethoven
(1770-1827, 1824, adapt. Edward Hodges (1796-1867, alt. P.D. CCLI
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* Call to Worship:

Leader: Let us worship the eternal God, the source of love and life, who creates us.

People: Let us worship Jesus Christ, the risen one, who lives among us.

Leader: Let us worship the Spirit, the holy fire, who renews us.

People: To the one true God be praise in all times and places, through the grace of Jesus Christ.

* Opening Hymn of Praise: LUYH #330

"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

1. Savior, like a shepherd lead us;
much we need your tender care.
In your pleasant pastures feed us,
for our use your fold prepare.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
you have bought us, yours we are.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
you have bought us, yours we are.
2. We are yours; in love befriend us,
be the guardian of our way.
Keep your flock, from sin defend us,
seek us when we go astray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
hear your children when we pray.
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3. You have promised to receive us,
poor and sinful though we be;
you have mercy to relieve us,
grace to cleanse, and power to free.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
early let us turn to you.
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early let us turn to you.

4. Early let us seek your favor,
early let us do your will;
blessed Lord and only Savior,
with your love our spirits fill.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
you have loved us, love us still.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
you have loved us, love us still.

Words: Hymns for the Young, 1836; attr. Dorothy A. Thrupp, P.D.;
Music: William B. Bradbury, P.D. CCLI #678905

* God's Greeting

"Much we need your tender care."

Announcements

We Celebrate the Profession of Faith of Alyssa Ackermann

Introduction – GH pg. 964

Personal Testimony of Faith - Alyssa

Vows of Faith – GH pg. 964

* We Profess our Faith Together – 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.

* Prayer of Thanksgiving

* Hymn of Thanksgiving and 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.

Psalm 23; Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), 1719, alt., P.D.;
Music: W. Walker's *Southern Harmony*, 1835; harm. Dale Grotenhuis
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"In your pleasant pastures feed us,"

Scripture Readings: Psalm 23:1-5, Luke 7:36-50, and Matthew 9:35-38

Psalm 23:1-5: ¹The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not be in want. ²He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, ³he restores my soul. He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. ⁴Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil,

for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.⁵
You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.
You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Luke 7:36-50:³⁶ Now one of the Pharisees invited Jesus to have dinner with him, so he went to the Pharisee's house and reclined at the table.³⁷ When a woman who had lived a sinful life in that town learned that Jesus was eating at the Pharisee's house, she brought an alabaster jar of perfume,³⁸ and as she stood behind him at his feet weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears. Then she wiped them with her hair, kissed them and poured perfume on them.³⁹ When the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would know who is touching him and what kind of woman she is--that she is a sinner."⁴⁰ Jesus answered him, "Simon, I have something to tell you. Tell me, teacher," he said.⁴¹ "Two men owed money to a certain moneylender. One owed him five hundred denarii, and the other fifty.⁴² Neither of them had the money to pay him back, so he canceled the debts of both. Now which of them will love him more?"⁴³ Simon replied, "I suppose the one who had the bigger debt canceled. You have judged correctly," Jesus said.⁴⁴ Then he turned toward the woman and said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I came into your house. You did not give me any water for my feet, but she wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair.⁴⁵ You did not give me a kiss, but this woman, from the time I entered, has not stopped kissing my feet.⁴⁶ You did not put oil on my head, but she has poured perfume on my feet.⁴⁷ Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven--for she loved much. But he who has been forgiven little loves little."⁴⁸ Then Jesus said to her, "Your sins are forgiven."⁴⁹ The other guests began to say among themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?"⁵⁰ Jesus said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

Matthew 9:35-38:³⁵ Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness.³⁶ When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.³⁷ Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the

workers are few.³⁸ Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."

Prayer of Illumination

God of life, your Spirit raised Jesus from dead.
Your Spirit inspired the prophets and writers of Scripture.
Your Spirit draws us to Christ and helps us to acknowledge him as Lord. We ask that you will send your Spirit now to give us deeper insight, encouragement, faith, and hope through the proclamation of the Gospel. Amen.

Message: ***"Psalm 23 for 2020 – My Care Runs Over"***

Time of Prayer

"For our use your fold prepare"

* Song of Application: LUYH #824:1-3

"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

1. The King of love my Shepherd is,
whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his
and he is mine forever.
2. Where streams of living water flow
my ransomed soul he leadeth,
and where the verdant pastures grow,
with food celestial feedeth.
3. Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
but yet in love he sought me,
and on his shoulder gently laid,
and home, rejoicing, brought me.

* God's Blessing

* Parting Praise: LUYH #824 *"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"* v. 4-6

4. In death's dark vale I fear no ill
with thee, dear Lord, beside me;
thy rod and staff my comfort still,
thy cross before to guide me.

5. Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
thy unction grace bestoweth;
and, oh, what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth!

6. And so through all the length of days
thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house forever.

Psalm 23; Words: Henry Williams Baker, 1868, P.D.; Music:
Ancient Irish Melody, P.D. CCLI #678905

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	Carson Blom
Projection:	Devin Van Zanten	Josh Hammingh
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 by 9:00 am Thursday of each week with your prayer items.

NEW REQUESTS:

Adelaida Vega's cancer has become active again and unfortunately the new treatment is not as effective as was hoped for. A recent DNA blood test seems to indicate that this cancer may have also been with her since she was born. Adelaida is now currently taking some new medication pills with the hope that they can control the cancer in the weeks and months to come. Please continue to pray for her and her family.

Rinie Rouw: Recently Rinie met with his cardiologist. Following various fitness tests it was determined that his oxygen level and blood pressure remain in the normal level and the new medicine regime has stabilized his left ventricle disease. Rinie now has more endurance is less winded after exertion than he was before. His next appointment will be in approximately 3 months to see if an angioplasty is still advisable. Rinie and Jill are grateful for these results and continue to covet your prayers for the weeks and months to come.

CONTINUING REQUESTS:

Please keep **Chris Vander Wekken** in your prayers. He is currently quite weak and is not yet able to walk on his own, but he is slowly but surely regaining strength. His biggest struggle right now is with his loss of mobility/freedom and the need for 'patience' as he slowly recovers. He is thankful for all the many people who are currently praying and have personally reached out to him.

Please pray for **Aileen Meischke** who is home with **Hans** taking loving care of her. She is unable to talk or hear much at this time, and it has been very hard for Hans. Pray too for Hans and their children as they make decisions for the future.

In addition, please also pray for **Elaine Hammingh** who has recently been suffering from an infection in the incision where her original surgery took place. Please pray that she can experience full and complete healing in the near future!

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)

November 8, 2020 - (Back to God Ministries: International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church) Pray for our brothers and sisters who find themselves in situations where pressure and persecution from their government or family members become oppressive. Pray for strength and support for people like Imtiaz in India, who recently contacted our Hindi ministry team and shared that he is facing such pressures.

November 7, 2020 - (World Renew: Nicaragua) In Nicaragua, COVID-19 is spreading, but the government has issued no quarantines, shutdowns, or travel restrictions. World Renew and its local partner are working hard to bring life-saving prevention and hygiene information to rural areas where access to healthcare is especially difficult. As this new pandemic reality shows us how interconnected our world is, please pray for the vulnerable communities in Nicaragua.

November 6, 2020 - (Resonate Global Mission: Mexico) On university campuses in Mexico, students can face discrimination for their faith in Christ. Pray for Resonate missionary James Lee, serving with a local campus ministry in Queretaro, as he disciples university students. Ask the Holy Spirit to work through him to strengthen young adults in their walk with Christ.

November 4, 2020 - (Back to God Ministries International: Faithfulness) A family recently shared that a radio sermon helped a soldier named John Navis while he was fighting in the Vietnam War. As we commemorate Veteran's Day and Remembrance Day this month, thank God for his faithfulness despite the trauma of war.

November 3, 2020 - (Race Relations: Upcoming events) Psalm 23 reminds us, "The Lord is my shepherd... He leads me beside quiet waters, he refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake." Please pray with us for these upcoming antiracism events: Ideology of Whiteness; Living Room Conversation with CRCNA staff; Conversations with Race Relations and Friends; Racism: Looking Back, Moving Forward (U.S. workshop); Cultural Intelligence Workshop.

November 2, 2020 - (Resonate Global Mission: Cohorts) Pray for young adults preparing to serve with Resonate cohorts in Detroit, Central America, and the Middle East. Cohorts provide opportunities for young adults to serve with a local grassroots ministry, live in community, and engage in deep spiritual formation. Ask the Holy Spirit to prepare these young adults for this discipleship experience.