

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

***Pastor John Knoester***

***April 11, 2021***

\* Please stand in body or in spirit

*"Marvelous grace of our loving Lord,"*

Prelude

\* Sung Call to Worship: LUYH #551 v. 1,3,4,5,6

*"All Creatures of our God and King"*

***All, Piano only***

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!

***Women start, men join halfway, piano only***

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!

***Men start, women join halfway, piano only***

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!

**All, piano, organ softly**

5. All you who are of tender heart,  
Forgiving others, take your part;  
alleluia, alleluia!  
All you who pain and sorrow bear,  
Praise God and on him cast your care:  
O praise him, O praise him,  
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

**All, piano, organ loudly**

6. Let all things their Creator bless,  
and worship him in humbleness,  
alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,  
and praise the Spirit, Three in One:  
O praise him, O praise him,  
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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\* Welcome

\* Call to Worship: Psalm 30:4

<sup>4</sup>Sing to the LORD, you saints of his; praise his holy name.

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praise his holy name."*

\*God's Greeting:

Leader: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;

**People: his love endures forever.**

Leader: The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone;

**People: The LORD has done this; and it is marvelous in our eyes.**

Leader: This is the day the LORD has made;

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

— Based on Psalm 118

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader:        May the love of God the Father,  
                    and the grace of Jesus the Son,  
                    and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit  
                    be and abide with us all.

**People:        Amen!**

\* Hymn of Response: LUYH #538 v.1-4 *"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty"*

1.    Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!  
      Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;  
      Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and mighty!  
      God in Three Persons, blessed Trinity!
2.    Holy, Holy, Holy! All the saints adore Thee,  
      casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
      cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,  
      who wert and art and evermore shalt be.
3.    Holy, Holy, Holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,  
      though the eye made blind by sin Thy glory may not see,  
      only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,  
      perfect in power, in love, and purity.

***Sing acapella***

4.    Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!  
      All Thy works shall praise Thy Name,  
      in earth and sky and sea;  
      Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and Mighty!  
      God in Three Persons, blessed Trinity!

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*"Grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt,"*

Call to Confession:

Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance:

Leader: When you were dead in trespasses,  
God made you alive together with him,

**People: when he forgave us all our trespasses,  
erasing the record that stood against us with its legal  
demands.**

Leader: He set this aside, nailing it to the cross.

**People: He disarmed the rulers and authorities  
and made a public example of them,  
triumphing over them in it.**

—from Colossians 2:13-15, NRSV

Song of Thanksgiving and Preparation: *"All Praise to Him" – Sovereign Grace*

*(At this time children ages 3 – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade  
are excused for Children and Worship)*

*"Yonder on Calvary's mount out-poured,"*

Scripture Reading: John 21:1-19

<sup>1</sup>Afterward Jesus appeared again to his disciples, by the Sea of Tiberias. It happened this way: <sup>2</sup>Simon Peter, Thomas (called Didymus), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples were together.

<sup>3</sup>"I'm going out to fish," Simon Peter told them, and they said, "We'll go with you." So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

<sup>4</sup>Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus. <sup>5</sup>He called out to them, "Friends, haven't you any fish? No," they answered.

<sup>6</sup>He said, "Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some." When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish.

<sup>7</sup>Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" As soon as Simon Peter heard him say, "It is the Lord," he wrapped his outer garment around him (for he had taken it off) and jumped into the water. <sup>8</sup>The other disciples followed in the boat, towing the net full of fish, for they were not far from shore, about a hundred yards. <sup>9</sup>When they landed, they saw a fire of burning coals there with fish on it, and some bread.

<sup>10</sup>Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish you have just caught."

<sup>11</sup>Simon Peter climbed aboard and dragged the net ashore. It was full of large fish, 153, but even with so many the net was not torn.

<sup>12</sup>Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." None of the disciples dared ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord.

<sup>13</sup>Jesus came, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. <sup>14</sup>This was now the third time Jesus appeared to his disciples after he was raised from the dead. <sup>15</sup>When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you truly love me more than these? Yes, Lord," he said, "you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Feed my lambs."

<sup>16</sup>Again Jesus said, "Simon son of John, do you truly love me?" He answered, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Take care of my sheep."

<sup>17</sup>The third time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, "Do you love me?" He said, "Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you."

<sup>18</sup>Jesus said, "Feed my sheep. I tell you the truth, when you were younger you dressed yourself and went where you wanted; but when you are old you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go."

<sup>19</sup>Jesus said this to indicate the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God. Then he said to him, "Follow me!"

Prayer of Illumination

Message: ***"Growing with Peter – Back in Grace"***

Time of Prayer

Sung Prayer of Adoration: *"I Love You Lord"* (2x)

I love You, Lord,  
and I lift my voice  
to worship You,  
O my soul, rejoice.  
Take joy, my King,  
In what You hear,  
may it be a sweet,  
sweet sound in Your ear.

*Repeat*

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## "There where the blood of the Lamb was spilt."

\* Hymn of Application: LUYH #696 "Marvelous Grace" v. 1-3

1. Marvelous grace of our loving Lord,  
grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt,  
yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured,  
there where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.

*Refrain:*

*Grace, grace, God's grace,  
grace that will pardon and cleanse within;  
grace, grace, God's grace,  
grace that is greater than all our sin.*

2. Dark is the stain which we cannot hide,  
what can avail to wash it away!  
Look! there is flowing a crimson tide;  
whiter than snow you may be today.

*Refrain*

3. Marvelous, infinite, matchless grace,  
Freely bestowed on all who believe:  
You that are longing to see his face,  
Will you this moment his grace receive?

*Refrain*

*Words: Julia H. Johnston, P.D. Music (MOODY 9.9.9.9 refrain 4.9.4.9):  
Daniel B. Towner, P.D. CCLI #678905*

\* We Profess our Faith: Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 56 & 61

Leader Q. 56: What do you believe concerning "the forgiveness of sins?"

**People: A. I believe that God, because of Christ's atonement will never hold against me any of my sins nor my sinful nature which I need to struggle against all my life. Rather, in his grace God grants me the righteousness of Christ to free me forever from judgment.**

Leader Q. 61:           Why do you say that be faith alone you are right with God?

**People:                   A. It is not because of any value my faith has that God is pleased with me. Only Christ's satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness make me right with God. And I can receive this righteousness and make it mine in no other way than by faith alone.**

\* God's Blessing:

\* Parting Praise: LUYH #540 v. 1-4 *"Holy God, We Praise Your Name"*

1. Holy God, we praise your name;  
Lord of all, we bow before you.  
Saints on earth your rule acclaim;  
all in heaven above adore you.  
Infinite your vast domain;  
everlasting is your reign.
2. Hark, the glad celestial hymn  
angel choirs above are raising;  
cherubim and seraphim,  
in unceasing chorus praising,  
fill the heavens with sweet accord:  
"Holy, holy, holy Lord!"
3. Lo, the apostolic train  
joins your sacred name to hallow;  
prophets swell the glad refrain,  
and the white-robed martyrs follow;  
and from morn to set of sun,  
through the church the song goes on.
4. Holy Father, holy Son,  
Holy Spirit, three we name you,  
though in essence only one;  
undivided God, we claim you,  
and, adoring, bend the knee  
while we own the mystery.

Words: Te Deum, 4th c.; vers. Ignaz Franz, ca. 1774; tr. Clarence A. Walworth, 1853, alt., P.D. Music: *Katholisches Gesangbuch*, Vienna, 1774; desc. Emily R. Brink, 1986, ©1987 Faith Alive Christian Resources, 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 4/11</i>	<i>Next Week 4/18</i>
Sound:	Henry Hammingh	Henry Van Zanten
Video:	Josh Hammingh	Devin Van Zanten
Projection:	Carson Blom	Tim Hibma
Offering:	General Fund	General Fund



# First CRC Announcements

**April 11, 2021**

## OUR CHURCH FAMILY

**On behalf of Chris Vander Wekken's family** who were unable to attend his funeral, We would like to express our sincere thank you for all the extra care and work in making it possible for us to see his funeral via live stream. We are grateful!

God Bless, The Vander Wekken family and friends.

### **Future Dates to Note:**

**Worship Committee** - Wednesday, April 21 at 6:30 PM

**Evangelism Committee** - Wednesday, April 21 at 7:45 PM

**Men's Breakfast Bible Study** will be meeting Weds., April 21 at 7am at Shari's Restaurant. They are studying the book of Acts.

**Considering congregational singing:** As Christians, we want to be a blessing to those around us and also be good citizens. Therefore, we continue to encourage you to wear masks at all times in the church building and especially as we begin to sing together. Our prayer is that God will continue to lead and guide us during this unique and challenging time in the life of our church.

In His Grace, The Elders of First CRC

Dear Friends,

One of the more famous and outspoken disciples of Jesus is that of Simon Peter. Jesus' first words to him were, "*Come, follow me*" (Mark 1:17). His last words to him were, "*You must follow me*" (John 21:22). Peter certainly had many stumbles along the way. Yet, throughout his life, even in spite of his many shortcomings, Peter strived to be obedient to Christ's command. Can the same be said of us? ... May God bless us as we travel with the disciple Peter under the ministry of Jesus throughout this Lenten season. In His Grace, Pastor John Knoester

1. March 14 – Matt. 17:1-13, Luke 9:28-36 "*Growing with Peter – On the Mountain with Jesus*"

2. March 21 – Mark 14:32-42, Matt. 26:36-46 “Growing with Peter – No Longer on the Mountain”
3. March 28 – Matt. 16:13-23, Luke 9:18-22 “Growing with Peter – Bold Confession”
4. April 2 (Good Friday) – John 18:15-18, 25-27, Luke 22:54-62 “Growing with Peter – Fearful Silence”
5. April 4 (Easter) – John 20:1-18, Rev. 22:1-6 “Growing with Peter – Confusion at the Tomb”
6. April 11 or 18 - John 21:1-19 “Growing with Peter - Back in Grace”

**The elders met by Zoom** and with the spike of cases and the recent announcement of more restrictions we will be adding the link to the past week’s service to the bulletin announcements and as well to the announcements sent by email each week. **Last week's Sunday service link:** The link to watch last week's Sunday service online is as follows: Good Friday: <https://youtu.be/2BILLn5cnCU>; Easter Sunday: <https://youtu.be/wxXyLIYN8-s>

*To further aid simplifying giving when we can't all be at church, First CRC now provides options to give your tithes and offerings electronically. This means you are now able to donate using a credit or debit card, as well as give directly from a bank account. Check the church's website: <http://www.firstcrcmv.com> for more information on these and other giving options.*

### **REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Cascade Family Bible Camp and Warm Beach** will be having camp this summer, July 8-12. While they cannot anticipate the requirements in July, they are hopeful that all can have a great camp experience even with reduced indoor capacities, mask-wearing during group activities, and some adjustments to scheduled events.

Keynote Speaker: Aaron Baart; Life Track Speakers: Nicole Baart, Nick Rosas

Register now! Their mailing address is:

**Cascade Family Bible Camp**  
**5637 NW 200<sup>th</sup> Place**  
**Kenmore, WA 98028**

## **ORGANIZATIONS WE SUPPORT**

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***THE PRICE OF LIES*** - Check out this week's kids' devotion at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net). Have you ever told a fib? Believe it or not, lies that seem small can hurt others, and we eventually have to pay the cost for them. Listen now at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net) and subscribe to KC's weekly emails for all the new content.

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***At-home Faith Formation Tip*** - The Practice of Celebrating: In Following Jesus, Henri Nouwen wrote, "Celebrating life is not a party but an ongoing awareness that every moment is special and asks to be lifted up and recognized as a blessing from on high." How might you become more aware of the moment-by-moment blessings you receive each day? (For more on faith practices from Faith Formation Ministries, visit [crcna.org/FaithFormation/Practices](http://crcna.org/FaithFormation/Practices).)

**Career Exploration Opportunity** - Current high school students are invited to get a jump on their careers with Calvin University's Summer Career Explorations! Do a week-long dive into a career field, gain job skills with mock interviews and job site visits, and experience actual



college residential life! Visit [calvin.edu/go/explore-your-career](http://calvin.edu/go/explore-your-career) for more information and to register.

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**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 9:00 am Thursday of each week with your prayer items.**

**NEW REQUESTS:**

**Clarence Vander Griend** has recently moved to Home Place in Burlington - the same place where his wife Lona resides. Please pray that the transition goes smoothly. Congregational members are encouraged to send both of them cards/letters of encouragement throughout the days and weeks ahead. The address to Home Place is as follows: 210 N Skagit St, Burlington, WA 98233.

**CONTINUING REQUESTS:**

Please continue to pray **for Adelaida Vega**. Adelaida is taking some new medication pills with hope that they can control the cancer in days to come. Please continue to pray for her and her family.

Continue to pray for **Ryanne Vander Pol** as she continues with her IV therapy and some radiation treatments.

Praise and thanksgiving! **Jerry Ekkelkamp** has been released from the hospital to Birchview Memory Care center in Sedro-Woolley. **Jerry and Marion** are settling in well in at Birchview.

### **SHUT INS:**

**Nell Annema and Jerry & Marion Ekkelkamp** at Birchview Memory Care in Sedro-Woolley; 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)**

**April 11, 2021 - (World Renew: Gender justice)** Gender-based violence has increased 80 percent around the world during the COVID-19 pandemic. World Renew staff have intensified efforts to address root causes of domestic violence, and through a special giving campaign in partnership with UN Women the CRCNA raised over \$187,000 (USD)/ \$236,000 (CAD) to fund gender-justice programming in 16 countries during 2021. We praise God for this vital work!

**April 10, 2021 - (Chaplaincy and Care: Training)** We are currently providing information and support to 261 seminary students, church pastors, and lay leaders who are interested in becoming chaplains. Pray for these candidates who are seeking specialized training in pastoral care and for those who teach them. Pray too that our Development Fund will be able to keep up with this growing need for training grants.

**April 9, 2021 - (Indigenous Christian Fellowship: Hope)** As people around the world are hoping for the end of the COVID-19 pandemic, so too Indigenous peoples around the world look forward to that—as well as to the end of the evils of colonization so that they may be free from its injustices. Pray that the Holy Spirit will bring the pandemics of COVID-19 and colonialism to an end.

**April 8, 2021 - (ReFrame: Persecuted church)** Pray for people who are afraid for their lives because of their faith in Christ. Pray that they can find safe ways to access God's Word. Pray that in this Easter season the hope of Christ's resurrection will remind them of a community of believers who love them.

**April 7, 2021 - (Resonate: Worldwide)** Give thanks for the many Christian Reformed churches who partner with Resonate missionaries throughout the world through prayer, care, and support. Ask God to provide for and strengthen these congregations and that they will experience renewal through these ministry partnerships.