

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

## **Guest Pastor Jeff Bos**

**July 18, 2021**

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

*“Church of God, elect and glorious,  
holy nation, chosen race,”*

Prelude

Welcome

**\* Sung Call to Worship: “As the Deer” v. 1-3**

1. As the deer panteth for the water,  
so my soul longeth after Thee.  
You alone are my heart’s desire  
and I long to worship Thee.

*Chorus:*

*You alone are my Strength, my Shield,  
To You alone may my spirit yield.  
You alone are my heart’s desire  
and I long to worship Thee.*

2. You’re my friend and You are my brother  
even though You are a King.  
I love You more than any other,  
so much more than anything.

*Chorus:*

3. I want You more than gold or silver,  
only You can satisfy.  
You alone are the real joy-giver,  
and the apple of my eye.

*Chorus:*

\* Call to Worship:

Leader: All who thirst, come to the water.  
Come, all who are weary;  
Come, all who yearn for forgiveness.

**People: The Holy Spirit through Jesus Christ has washed over us, and our gracious and holy God beckons and blesses us.**

Leader: Drink deeply of these living waters.

**People: Glory to you, O Lord, glory to you.**

\* God's Greeting:

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: To the exiles who have been chosen  
by God the Father and sanctified by the Spirit  
to be obedient to Jesus Christ  
and to be sprinkled with his blood:  
May grace and peace be yours in abundance.

**People: Amen!**

\*Song of Response: "Living Waters" v. 1-4 (Getty's)

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

*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.*

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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*"Called as God's own special people,  
royal priests and heirs of grace;"*

Announcements

Ministry Report and Video – Melissa Bos

- \* Hymn of Preparation: LUYH #251 v. 1-4  
*"The Church's One Foundation"*

1. The church's one foundation  
is Jesus Christ, her Lord;  
she is his new creation  
by water and the Word.  
From heaven he came and sought her  
to be his holy bride;  
with his own blood he bought her,  
and for her life he died.

2. Elect from every nation,  
yet one o'er all the earth;  
her charter of salvation:  
one Lord, one faith, one birth.  
One holy name she blesses,  
partakes one holy food,  
and to one hope she presses,  
with every grace endued.
  
3. Though with a scornful wonder  
Men see her sore oppressed  
By schisms rent asunder  
By heresies distressed  
Yet saints their watch are keeping  
Their cry goes up how long  
And soon the night of weeping  
Shall be the morn of song
  
4. 'Mid toil and tribulation  
And tumult of her war  
She waits the consummation  
Of peace forevermore  
Till with the vision glorious  
Her longing eyes are blest  
And the great Church victorious  
Shall be the Church at rest

Words: Samuel J. Stone, 1866, P.D.; Music: Samuel S. Wesley, 1864, P.D.  
CCLI #67895

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

*“Know the purpose of your calling,  
show to all his mighty deeds,”*

Scripture Reading: Mark 7:1-37  
(Pew Bible page 997)

Prayer of Illumination

Message: ***“Elected into Exile: Making Our Way in the World”***

**Theme:** God scatters his chosen people in the world to gather a Holy people to Himself.

Time of Prayer

*“Tell of love that knows no limits,  
grace that meets all human needs.”*

\* Hymn of Application: LUYH #252 v. 1-4

*“Church of God, Elect and Glorious”*

1. Church of God, elect and glorious,  
holy nation, chosen race,  
called as God’s own special people,  
royal priests and heirs of grace;  
know the purpose of your calling,  
show to all his mighty deeds,  
tell of love that knows no limits,  
grace that meets all human needs.
2. God has called you out of darkness  
into his most marvelous light,  
brought his truth to life within you,  
turned your blindness into sight.  
Let your light so shine around you  
that God’s name is glorified  
and all find fresh hope and purpose  
in Christ Jesus crucified.
3. Once you were an alien people,  
strangers to God's heart of love,  
but he brought you home in mercy,  
citizens of heaven above.  
Let his love flow out to others,  
let them feel the Father’s care,  
that they too may know his welcome  
and his countless blessings share.

4. Church of God, elect and holy,  
be the people he intends,  
strong in faith and swift to answer  
each command your Master sends.  
Royal priests, fulfill your calling  
through your sacrifice and prayer;  
give your lives in joyful service,  
sing his praise, his love declare.

Words: based on 1 Peter 2:9-10, James E. Seddon © 1982 The Jubilate Group,  
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\* We Profess our Faith: The Immigrants' Creed

**People: I believe in Almighty God,**

Leader: who guided the people in exile and in exodus,  
the God of Joseph in Egypt and Daniel in Babylon,  
the God of foreigners and immigrants.

**People: I believe in Jesus Christ,**

Leader: a displaced Galilean,  
who was born away from his people and his home,  
who fled his country with his parents  
when his life was in danger,  
and returning to his own country  
suffered the oppression  
of the tyrant Pontius Pilate,  
the servant of a foreign power,  
who then was persecuted, beaten,  
and finally tortured,  
accused and condemned to death unjustly.  
But on the third day,  
this scorned Jesus rose from the dead,  
not as a foreigner but to offer us citizenship  
in heaven.

**People: I believe in the Holy Spirit,**

Leader: the eternal immigrant from God's kingdom  
among us, who speaks all languages,  
lives in all countries, and reunites all races.

**People:** I believe that the church is the secure home  
for the foreigner and for all believers  
who constitute it,

**Leader:** who speak the same language  
and have the same purpose.

**People:** I believe that the communion of the saints begins  
when we accept the diversity of the saints.

**I believe in the forgiveness of sin,  
which makes us all equal,**

**Leader:** and in reconciliation, which identifies us more  
than does race, language, or nationality.

**People:** I believe that in the resurrection  
God will unite us as one people

**Leader:** in which all are distinct  
and all are alike at the same time.

**People:** Beyond this world, I believe in life eternal  
in which no one will be an immigrant  
but all will be citizens of God's kingdom,  
which will never end. Amen.

*- The Book of Common Worship: 2018 Edition*

\* God's Blessing

\* Parting Praise: LUYH #261 v. 1,2,4,5

*"Shout, for the Blessed Jesus Reigns" v. 1,2,4,5*

1. Shout, for the blessed Jesus reigns;  
through distant lands his triumphs spread.  
And sinners freed from endless pains,  
own him their Savior and their Head.
2. He calls his chosen from afar;  
they all at Zion's gates arrive.  
Those who were dead in sin before  
by sovereign grace are made alive.

4. Oh, may his holy church increase,  
his Word and Spirit still prevail,  
while angels celebrate his praise  
and saints his growing glories hail.
  
5. Loud hallelujahs to the Lamb  
from all below and all above!  
In lofty songs exalt his name,  
in songs as lasting as his love.

Words: Benjamin Beddome, 1769, P.D.; Music: T. William's *Psalmodia Evangelica*, 1789, Public Domain

### Postlude

**Welcome!** Let us be glad and rejoice in God's salvation, poured out for us in Jesus Christ. Welcome, one and all!

	Today 7/18	Next Week 7/25
Sound:	Henry H	Mardy S.
Projection:	Josh H	Tim H.
Video	Henry VZ	Devin VZ
Offering:	General Fund	General Fund



# First CRC Announcements

*July 18, 2021*

## **OUR CHURCH FAMILY**

**THIS MORNING** Resonate missionaries Jeff and Melissa Bos will be leading us in our worship service. Melissa will share what God is doing through their work in Oman and Bangladesh and Jeff will bring God's Word to us. You are also strongly encouraged to take the time and visit with Jeff and Melissa after the service as we hope to build a strong partnership with them in the months and years ahead.

**Church Staff – Custodial Opening:** On August 15, 2021, our beloved custodians Clarence and Eleanor Klunder will be retiring from their work. We certainly plan to have a church event to celebrate their many years of service sometime in the fall. However, in the meantime, we also need to fill the position! The executive committee plans to have a **job description available by Tuesday, July 27** and then **hopefully begin doing interviews starting on Monday, August 2**. Interested applicants are encouraged to contact either the church office (Beth Boon), council president (Tim VH), or Pastor John as soon as possible. Priority will likely be given to current members of the church, but all interested individuals are encouraged to apply!

The Evangelism and Fellowship Committees present our **3rd Annual Summer Block Party. Saturday July 31st from Noon to 4 p.m.** A good old-fashioned afternoon of fun: Food, drink, games for kids and adults, water fun and a chance to meet and visit with friends and neighbors. A perfect opportunity for parents with young children to relax and watch your kids play. A celebration of our Church and our community. If you're interested in helping, please contact Darrel Lagerwey for details.

### **Skagit County Fair – Church Parking Lot:**

The Skagit County Fair organizers are anticipating a large number of attendees to the fair (Aug. 11-14) this year. As a result, they've reached out to us about using our parking lot for overflow parking. If possible, they would also like to have it 'supervised' and suggested charging a parking fee accordingly. **If there are any First CRC church groups interested in providing such supervision and fundraising accordingly – please let the church office or Pastor John know no later than this**

**coming Sunday, July 18.** Otherwise, we will likely allow an outside community group to do the supervision, or leave it open/free for public use.

**Alyssa Ackermann's current address is:** 16275 Niblick Place Burlington WA 98233.

**Committee Substitutes:** If you are on the schedule and are unable to be here – we all know how busy summers can be, especially – please find a replacement from your committee and let Beth know by Weds. so she can put it into the bulletin announcements. This way we cut out the middleman! Thank you so much.

**The new directory** will be coming out in the next month or so, so if you have any changes to your phone numbers or email addresses, please let Beth know in the next couple of weeks. Thank you!

*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.*

**Sunday service link for July 11, 2021:** <https://youtu.be/4QpYosQTbps>

**Birthdays for July:** **Wilma Paul** will be celebrating her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on July 5; **Grace Feddema** will celebrate her 98th birthday on July 6; **Henry Vander Veen** will celebrate his 94th on July 23.

**Anniversaries for July:** **Harm & Susan DeJong – 30 years; Clarence & Eleanor Klunder – 54 years; Clarence & Lona Vander Griend – 69 years; Larry & Margaret VanderPol – 52 years; Les & Joy Faber – 65 years; Dick and Linda Gudmunson – 41 years**

#### **DATES TO NOTE:**

**Men's Breakfast Bible Study** will meet on Wednesday, July 28, at 7:00 a.m. at Shari's Restaurant in Burlington. They are studying the book of Acts.

### **REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**AWAKE: is a ministry designed to gather Christian young adults** in the community for worship, Biblical learning, and socializing. The target audience is **late-teens (post-high) to early 30's**. They will be holding activities (like barbeque and outdoor game nights) this summer that would lead into monthly worship and speaker nights in the fall, while still continuing to have other fun and social events as well. They are hoping to meet twice a month, with worship on the 1st Friday of the month and a social gathering/event on the 3rd Friday of the month. This is a great opportunity to get people together in an environment where we can connect to peers and to God's Word. A flyer is posted on the bulletin board across from Beth's office and there are flyers available also on the shelf in the hallway.

### **ORGANIZATIONS WE SUPPORT**

**HOW DOES IT WORK?** - Check out this week's kids' devotion at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net). Do you wonder about creation? Do you ask yourself how it all works? Practice wondering and asking questions. Listen now at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net) and subscribe to KC's weekly emails for all the new content.

**GROUNDWORK: LOVE: THE GUIDING PRINCIPLE FOR CHRISTIAN LIVING** - The struggle for unity is not unique to the modern church. The Apostle Paul encouraged the Corinthian Christians to make Christ-like love their guiding principle and he taught them about spiritual gifts. Join Groundwork as we study 1 Corinthians 11-13 for guidance as we too seek to worship and live well together in community. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.



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](mailto:secretary@firstcrcmv.com) by 9:00 am Thursday of each week with your prayer items.

### **NEW REQUESTS:**

**Update for Adelaida Vega:** Apparently the current chemo is not working, and the cancer is growing. The doctor would like to try a different kind of chemo, but unfortunately the insurance is unwilling to cover it. As a result, they are currently reaching out to a foundation to hopefully cover it.

Please pray that Adelaida will have the opportunity to try this new chemo and also that it might be effective. Pray too for God's peace for all the family members in the midst of all the current uncertainty and anxiety. Michelle and her parents are so thankful for the prayers of their church family. Adelaida is Michelle Kuiper's mom and is currently residing with Darin and Michelle. When you have the opportunity, the family would be grateful if you would send a card/letter of encouragement to brighten up the long days. The following is the address to send them too:

Adelaida Vega  
1765 Hillcrest Loop  
Mount Vernon, WA 98274

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Please take the time this evening and the coming days to pray for the **Hamming family (Elaine, Henry & Jayne, Josh)** in the recent passing away of their grandson, nephew, and cousin Zach.

The following is the prayer request Zach's parents sent to their church family in Mill Creek:

“We are grieving the loss of our son Zach. He took his life while we were camping Sunday night at Warm Beach. He was staying at home on his own because he started a new summer job. Our oldest son Todd checked on him Sunday afternoon and he was fine. He has suffered from depression but there were no recent signs of trouble. Please pray for Julie and I and our sons Todd and Nate. “

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**Jerry Ekkelkamp's** health is rapidly declining, and he is no longer eating or getting out of bed. Likely, Jerry will likely experience his homegoing in the near future. In the meantime, please keep his entire family in your prayers as they begin to grieve the sting of earthly loss, but also are filled with gratitude for the life lived and the hope we have in Jesus Christ.

**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; **Adrianna Swanson**, and **Clarence 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)**

**July 18, 2021 - (Resonate: Mexico)** Resonate missionaries Abe and Elaine Lee ask you to pray for the leaders they are training to lead Bible studies and Coffee Break small groups. Ask God to equip these leaders for sharing the gospel and discipling believers.

**July 17, 2021 - (ReFrame: Japan)** Yamato recently wrote to ReFrame's Japanese ministry team, asking for prayer: "I ask the Holy Spirit to help me accept salvation with confidence. I trust the maker of the heavens and the earth." Pray for Yamato as he listens to our programs and grows in his faith.

**July 16, 2021 - (Disability Concerns: Training)** We are thankful that despite the pandemic we can plan for a time of connection and support for our advocates through our annual leadership training event. At the online event Aug. 11-12, our conversation will focus on "Who's Missing in My Church?" (see [bit.ly/whosmissinginmychurch](https://bit.ly/whosmissinginmychurch)). Pray for the ongoing growth and development of our disability community within all churches.

**July 15, 2021 - (World Renew: Israel-Palestine)** Please pray for a just and lasting end to the conflict in Israel-Palestine. We are grieved by recent increased violence and the loss of Palestinian and Israeli lives. Pray that godly wisdom may prevail amid leadership changes in Israel, and that people of differing ideologies and faiths may find peaceable ways to live together.

**July 14, 2021 - (Resonate: North America)** Pray for CRC congregations in Canada and the United States who are joining God on mission in their communities and throughout the world. Ask God for wisdom and guidance as congregations seek ways to serve and share the gospel.