

Welcome to First Christian Reformed Church!
Pastor John Knoester
July 11, 2021

* Please stand in body or in spirit

"Lead on, O King eternal; we follow not with fears,"

Prelude

* Sung Call to Worship: LUYH #323 v. 1-3

"With All My Heart I Thank You Lord"

1. With all my heart I thank you, LORD .
I worship you with song and praising.
Before the "gods" I bless your name
and praise you for your love unfailing.
Your steadfast love, your faithfulness, your name,
your word are high exalted.
The day I cried, you answered me.
Your strength has made my soul undaunted.
2. The kings of earth shall praise you, LORD .
They all have heard your wondrous story.
Now they will sing what they have heard:
"Great is the LORD and great his glory."
The LORD is high in majesty,
yet he respects the meek and lowly.
The LORD is high in majesty;
he keeps his distance from the haughty.
3. When I must walk a troubled way,
when I am weak, O LORD , revive me.
Stretch out your hand against all hate.
From sin and all things harmful save me.
Your right hand gives me victory.
Work in my life your full intention.
Your steadfast love can never die.
Bring what you started to perfection.

Words: Stanley Wiersma (1930-1986), 1981,
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* Welcome

* Call to Worship: Psalm 113:1-3

Leader: Hallelujah!
Servants of God, praise,
praise the name of the Lord.

**People: Bless the Lord's name now and always.
Praise the Lord's name here and in every place
from east to west.**

* God's Greeting:

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 #579 v. 1-4

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" v. 1-4

1. Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.
2. Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above,
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.
3. To all, life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,
then wither and perish, but naught changeth thee.
4. Thou reignest in glory, thou rulest in light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all praise we would render; O help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

Words: Walter C. Smith, 1867, alt., P.D.; Music: Roberts' Caniadau y
Cyssegr, 1839, P.D. CCLI #678905

"For gladness breaks like morning
where'er your face appears."

Announcements

Call to Confession:

Prayer of Confession:

Words of Assurance:

Leader: Righteousness from God comes
through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe.

**People: By faith I have a deep-rooted assurance,
created in me by the Holy Spirit
through the gospel,
that, out of sheer grace earned for us by Christ,
not only others, but I too,
have had my sins forgiven,
have been made forever right with God,
and have been granted salvation.**

—from Romans 3:22, NIV; Heidelberg
Catechism, Q&A 21

* Song of Thanksgiving: LUYH #615 v. 1-3

"Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling" v. 1-3

1. Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling,
calling for you and for me;
see, on the portals he's waiting and watching,
watching for you and for me.

Refrain

*Come home, come home,
you who are weary, come home;
earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,
calling, O sinner, come home!*

2. Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading,
pleading for you and for me?
Why should we linger and heed not his mercies,
mercies for you and for me?

Refrain

*Come home, come home,
you who are weary, come home;
earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,
calling, O sinner, come home!*

3. Oh! For the wonderful love he has promised,
promised for you and for me;
though we have sinned he has mercy and pardon,
pardon for you and for me.

Refrain

Words: Will L. Thompson (1847-1909), P.D.; Music: Will L. Thompson (1847-1909), P.D.

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

“Your cross is lifted o’er us, we journey in its light;”

Scripture Reading: I Peter 5:1-4
(Page 1203 in Pew Bible)

Prayer of Illumination

Message: **“Servant Leadership”**

Time of Prayer

*“The crown awaits the conquest;
lead on O God of might.”*

* Hymn of Application: LUYH #299 v. 1-4

“Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love”

Refrain

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love, show us how to serve
the neighbors we have from you.

1. Kneels at the feet of his friends,
silently washes their feet,
Master who acts as a slave to them.

Refrain

2. Neighbors are rich folk and poor,
neighbors are black, brown, and white,
neighbors are nearby and far away.

Refrain

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love, show us how to serve
the neighbors we have from you.

3. These are the ones we should serve,
these are the ones we should love;
all these are neighbors to us and you.

Refrain

4. Loving puts us on our knees,
serving as though we are slaves:
this is the way we should live with you.

Refrain

Words: Tom Colvin, 1963, © 1969 Hope Publishing Company

* We Profess our Faith: Our World Belongs to God, st. 31-33

Leader: Jesus stays with us in the Spirit,
who renews our hearts,
moves us to faith,
leads us in the truth,
stands by us in our need,
and makes our obedience fresh and vibrant.

**People: The Spirit thrusts God's people
into worldwide mission.
He impels young and old, men and women,
to go next door and far away into science and art,
media and marketplace with the good news
of God's grace.**

Leader: The Spirit goes before them and with them,
convincing the world of sin
and pleading the cause of Christ.
The Spirit's gifts are here to stay in rich variety—
fitting responses to timely needs.

**People: We thankfully see each other as gifted members
of the fellowship that delights
in the creative Spirit's work.
He gives more than enough to each believer
for God's praise and our neighbor's welfare.**

* God's Blessing:

* Parting Praise: LUYH #328 *"Lead On, O King Eternal" v. 1-3*

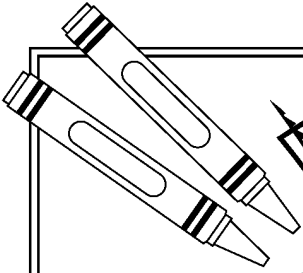
1. Lead on, O King eternal,
the day of march has come;
henceforth in fields of conquest
your tents will be our home.
Through days of preparation
your grace has made us strong;
and now, O King eternal,
we lift our battle song.
2. Lead on, O King eternal,
till sin's fierce war shall cease,
and holiness shall whisper
the sweet amen of peace.
For not with swords' loud clashing
or roll of stirring drums—
with deeds of love and mercy
the heavenly kingdom comes.
3. Lead on, O King eternal;
we follow, not with fears,
for gladness breaks like morning
where'er your face appears.
Your cross is lifted o'er us,
we journey in its light;
the crown awaits the conquest;
lead on, O God of might.

Words: Ernest W. Shurtleff, 1888, alt., P.D.; Music: Henry T. Smart, 1836,
P.D. CCLI #678905

Postlude

Welcome! The psalmist wrote: “I will exalt you, my God and King. I will praise your name forever and ever” (Psalm 145:1). With a similar attitude, let us praise God joyfully.

| | <i>Today 7/11</i> | <i>Next Week 7/18</i> |
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| Sound: | Henry Hammingh | Henry VZ |
| Projection: | Josh Hammingh | Devin VZ |
| Video | Carson Blom | |
| Offering: | General Fund | General Fund |



PUZZLE

FOLLOW GOD'S EXAMPLE

In a letter to the church in Colossae, the apostle Paul wrote about the importance of forgiveness.

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To complete Colossians 3:13 (NIV), use the smaller words to fill in the larger words.



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COLOSSIANS 3:13, NIV

Answers: "Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you." Colossians 3:13, NIV

First CRC Announcements

July 11, 2021

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Missionary Visit: On **Sunday, July 18** 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. Congregational members 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.

Please add the following telephone number to your current church directory: **Anjean VanderVeen's cell: 360-630-7086**. 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!

There are copies available of Today's Christian Living on the shelf in the hallway!

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.

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.

Dear Friends,

Around the world today many Christians still endure severe persecution. Here in the United States we are fortunate that physical persecution is rare. However, many of us are familiar with cultural pressure and/or oppression.

In the book of I Peter, the apostle Peter reminds us that Christians are *aliens* and *exiles* in an often-hostile empire. Yet, at the same time, we are also chosen by God and equipped by Jesus' work 'for' us and 'in' us to live faithfully in our dual identity.

In the weeks to come we will explore how the work of Christ enables us to live with hope, joy, and faithfulness in an often antagonistic world. Peter reminds us that the kind of life that pleases God is one that includes respect for authorities (even when they are unjust!); godly behavior in the home; and by God's grace – good deeds, courage, and a firm faith in the midst of life's trials.

Listed below is the tentative order of our study. More will be added in the weeks to come. May God bless us as we journey through I Peter together.

In His Grace, Pastor

John

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| 1. April 25 – <i>“Living Hope”</i> – I Peter 1:1-12 <i>“A Final Word on How to Endure Trials”</i> | 9. July 4 – |
| 2. May 2 – <i>“Craving Spiritual Milk”</i> – I Peter 1:22-2:10 Peter 4:12-19 | – I |
| 3. May 9 – <i>“Strangers in the World”</i> – I Peter 2:11-17 – <i>“Servant Leadership”</i> – I Peter 5:1-4 | 10. July 11 |
| 4. May 16 – <i>“Unjust Suffering – Christ and Us”</i> – I Peter 2:18-25 Peter 4:7-11 | – I |
| 5. May 23 – <i>“Attractive Christian Virtues”</i> – I Peter 3:8-12 – <i>“Clothing Ourselves with Humility”</i> | 11. July 25 |
| 6. May 30 – <i>“Godly Fear”</i> – I Peter 3:13-22 Peter 5:5-6 | – I |
| 7. June 6 – <i>“A Passage for Graduates”</i> – I Peter 4:1-6 1 – <i>“Final Instructions and Blessing”</i> | 12. August |
| 8. June 27 – <i>“Gifts Gracious Given to Faithfully Serve”</i> Peter 5:7-14 | – I |

Birthdays for July: *Wilma Paul* will be celebrating her 100th 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*

DATES TO NOTE:

Men's Breakfast Bible Study will meet on Wednesday, July 14, at 7:00 a.m. at Sheri's Restaurant in Burlington. They are studying the book of Acts.

ORGANIZATIONS WE SUPPORT

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

FAMILY FIRE - is an online community exploring Spirit-led family, marriage, parenting, in-laws, blended families, and intimacy. Find encouraging articles and devotions at familyfire.com. Subscribe for regular email updates and connect with our Family Fire community on Facebook.

WOW! CREATION! - Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. God loves when you enjoy his creation. He loves that you have a favorite color! How incredible is that? Listen now at kidscorner.net and subscribe to KC's weekly emails for all the new content.

Director of Disability Concerns Position Opening - The Christian Reformed Church in North America has an opening for Director of Disability Concerns, based in either the Grand Rapids, Michigan, or the Burlington, Ontario, offices OR applicants can reside anywhere in the United States or Canada. Visit <https://crcna.pinpointhq.com/en/jobs/16039> for details. Deadline to apply August 6, 2021.

Praise Ye The Lord - The Calvin Alumni Choir presents virtual concert "Praise Ye The Lord" featuring works of Alice Parker, Sean Ivory, Poulenc, F. Melius Christiansen, and more. Join us for the YouTube premiere on July 23 at 7:00 pm. Find us on YouTube or Facebook by searching "Calvin Alumni Choir". We look forward to sharing our music with you once again. Any questions can be emailed to alumnichoir@calvin.edu

Paul's Missionary Journeys in Turkey & the Seven Churches of Revelation - (May 23 - June 4, 2022): Walk in the footsteps of Paul and John during the day and study their New Testament writings at night! Join host Jeff Weima, professor of New Testament at Calvin Theological Seminary and leading biblical scholar, for this truly inspirational tour. Travel by deluxe motorcoach to sites connected with Paul's First, Second, and Third Missionary Journeys and the seven churches to whom John wrote the Book of Revelation. For more information, contact Dr. Weima at 616-328-3110 or weimje@calvinseminary.edu.

At-home Faith Formation Tip - The Practice of Remembering: Reading the Old Testament shows that even though God loved, protected, and provided for the people of Israel, time after time they forgot God. How might we become people who remember God? What might you add to your home or to your schedule to serve as a daily reminder to connect with God? (For more on faith practices from Faith Formation Ministries, visit crcna.org/FaithFormation/Practices.)



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

CONTINUING REQUESTS:

Please pray **for Adelaida Vega**. The new chemo pills that she was taking had the opposite effect of what was hoped so she is taking another chemo medication, again given through a port. They're hoping that this will help her shrink down her cancer. Her family is thankful for all the prayers from all of you.

Continue to pray for those recuperating from surgeries and going in for regular cancer treatments.

Continue to pray for those families who have recently lost loved ones.

PRAISE: We rejoice and give thanks to God with Rianne Vander Pol with being done with her cancer treatments this past week on June 24.

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 11, 2021 - (Raise Up: Global Coffee Break: Conferences) Pray that the body of Christ may be built up in leadership and small groups through our upcoming Global Coffee Break (GCB) Canadian conference, global Korean conference, and training in the Philippines. Pray also for plans for a national GCB Connect conference in November. May the life-giving power of God's Word be evident to all, for his glory.

July 10, 2021 - (Resonate: Cambodia) Resonate missionaries Navy Chann-Chhay and Ly Chhay in Cambodia ask you to pray for more opportunities for the church to share the hope of the gospel with people who are weary and burdened from the coronavirus pandemic.

July 9, 2021 - (ReFrame: India) Pray for Mr. Dar, who recently lost both of his parents and has been meeting with ReFrame's Hindi ministry team after hearing their radio programs. The team said, "We are in continuous touch with him so that he may not feel alone or abandoned. Kindly pray for him."

July 8, 2021 - (Pastor Church Resources: Leadership and discernment) At any given time, approximately 10 percent of all CRC churches are vacant—without a pastor. Vacancies can bring a number of opportunities and/or challenges. Ask God to guide vacant churches and their leaders as they search out what's next in their journey. May they experience a time of discernment, reflection, and hope.

July 7, 2021 - (World Renew: Mercy and justice) World Renew invites you to stand in solidarity and support of Indigenous families who have been mourning the loss of their children for many generations. We lament the history of tragedies involving killing, disease, starvation, forced relocation, and cultural genocide harming Indigenous peoples. May God grant us his mercy and heal these lands, for we are broken people.

July 6, 2021 - (Resonate: Michigan) Give thanks for Hesed Community Church, a Resonate-partner church plant in Detroit, Mich. “Our housing ministry continues to create space for dialogue and sharing of resources for neighbors regarding home ownership, foreclosure prevention, and home maintenance,” said pastors Nate Bull and Mark Van Anandel. Pray that through Hesed people will continue to experience Christ’s love in a faith-filled community.

July 5, 2021 - (Communications: Canada Day and Independence Day)

We have just celebrated national holidays marking milestones in our nations’ histories. Let us praise and thank God for all the blessings we enjoy. May we also seek mercy for the ways our nations have stumbled, and may we pray for wisdom for our leaders as they govern our countries going forward.