

Welcome to First Christian Reformed Church!
February 6, 2022
10:30 A.M. Worship Service

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

"I love you Lord, oh your mercy never fails me."

Prelude

Welcome

*** Sung Call to Worship: LUYH #598 "You Are Holy"**

You Are Holy You are holy, (echo)

You are mighty. (echo)

You are worthy, (echo)

worthy of praise. (echo)

I will follow. (echo) I will listen. (echo)

I will love you (echo) all of my days. (echo)

Men

I will sing to and worship the King who is worthy.

I will love and adore him; I will bow down before him.

I will sing to and worship the King who is worthy.

I will love and adore him; I will bow down before him.

Women

You are Lord of lords, you are King of kings,

You are mighty God, Lord of everything.

You're Emmanuel, you're the great I AM,

You're the Prince of Peace who is the Lamb.

You're the living God; you're my saving grace.

You will reign forever, you are Ancient of Days.

You are Alpha, Omega, beginning and end.

You're my Savior, Messiah, Redeemer, and Friend.

All together

You're my Prince of Peace, and I will live my life for you.

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* God's Greeting

* Songs of Praise: *"Raise a Hallelujah"*

I raise a hallelujah, in the presence of my enemies
I raise a hallelujah, louder than the unbelief
I raise a hallelujah, my weapon is a melody
I raise a hallelujah, heaven comes to fight for me

I'm gonna sing, in the middle of the storm
Louder and louder, you're gonna hear my praises roar
Up from the ashes, hope will arise
Death is defeated, the King is alive!

I raise a hallelujah, with everything inside of me
I raise a hallelujah, I will watch the darkness flee
I raise a hallelujah, in the middle of the mystery
I raise a hallelujah, fear you lost your hold on me!

I'm gonna sing, in the middle of the storm
Louder and louder, you're gonna hear my praises roar
Up from the ashes, hope will arise
Death is defeated, the King is alive!

Sing a little louder (Sing a little louder)
Sing a little louder (Sing a little louder)
Sing a little louder (Sing a little louder)
Sing a little louder (Sing a little louder)

Sing a little louder (In the presence of my enemies)
Sing a little louder (Louder than the unbelief)
Sing a little louder (My weapon is a melody)
Sing a little louder (Heaven comes to fight for me)
Sing a little louder (In the presence of my enemies)
Sing a little louder (Louder than the unbelief)
Sing a little louder (My weapon is a melody)
Sing a little louder (Heaven comes to fight for me)
Sing a little louder!

I'm gonna sing, in the middle of the storm
Louder and louder, you're gonna hear my praises roar
Up from the ashes, hope will arise
Death is defeated, the King is alive! (2x)

* LUYH # 559 v. 1-3 “Ten Thousand Reasons”

Refrain

*Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;
worship his holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul;
I'll worship your holy name.*

1. The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning;
it's time to sing your song again.
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me,
let me be singing when the evening comes.

Refrain

2. You're rich in love, and you're slow to anger.
Your name is great, and your heart is kind.
For all your goodness, I will keep on singing—
ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

Refrain

3. And on that day when my strength is failing,
the end draws near, and my time has come;
still, my soul will sing your praise unending—
ten thousand years and then forevermore!

Refrain

*Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;
worship his holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul;
I'll worship your holy name,
worship your holy name, worship your holy name.*

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One Parish One Prisoner Video

Ministry Update: One Parish One Prisoner

“All my days, I've been held in your hands.”

Song of Response: *"Goodness of God"*

1. I love You Lord
Oh Your mercy never fails me
All my days I've been held in your hands
From the moment that I wake up
Until I lay my head
I will sing of the goodness of God.

Chorus:

All my life You have been faithful
All my life You have been so good
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God.

2. I love Your voice
You have led me through the fire
In darkest night You are close like no other
I've known You as a father
I've known You as a friend
I have lived in the goodness of God.

Chorus

Bridge:

Your goodness is running after
It's running after me
Your goodness is running after
It's running after me
With my life laid down I'm surrendered
Now I give you everything
Your goodness is running after me
It's running after me

Chorus: (2x)

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*(Following the conclusion of this song the children
are invited forward for the children's message)*

Children's Message: Marjo Rouw

*(Following the conclusion of the children's message children
ages 3- 1st grade are dismissed for Children's Worship)*

"From the moment that I wake up,
until I lay my head"

Offering

Offertory: "It is Well" by Kristene DiMarco

1. Grander earth has quaked before,
Moved by the sound of His voice.
Seas that are shaken and stirred
Can be calmed and broken for my regard.

Chorus:

Through it all, through it all my eyes are on You.
Through it all, through it all it is well.
Through it all, through it all my eyes are on You,
and it is well with me.

2. Far be it for me to not believe,
Even when my eyes can't see.
And this mountain that's in front of me
Will be throw into the midst of the sea.

Chorus:

Through it all, through it all my eyes are on You.
Through it all, through it all it is well.
Through it all, through it all my eyes are on You,
and it is well with me.

Bridge:

So let go my soul and trust in Him.
The waves and wind still know His name. (3x)

It is well with my soul
It is well with my soul
It is well with my soul
It is well, it is well with my soul.

It is well with my soul
It is well with my soul
It is well with my soul
It is well, it is well with my soul. (5x)

Chorus:

Through it all, through it all my eyes are on You.
Through it all, through it all it is well.
Through it all, through it all my eyes are on You,
and it is well with me.

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Scripture Reading: John 2:1-11

Prayer of Illumination

Message:

"The Life and Ministry of Jesus - Turning Water into Wine"

Time of Prayer

"I will sing of the goodness of God."

* Song of Application: LUYH #603 v. 1-2 *"Shout to the Lord"*

My Jesus, my Savior,
Lord, there is none like you.
All of my days, I want to praise
the wonders of your mighty love.
My comfort, my shelter,
tower of refuge and strength,
let every breath, all that I am,
never cease to worship you.

Chorus:

*Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing
power and majesty, praise to the King.
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar
at the sound of your name.
I sing for joy at the work of your hands:
forever I'll love you, forever I'll stand.
Nothing compares to the promise I have in you.*

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* God's Blessing

* Parting Praise: *"The Blessing"*

The Lord bless you
and keep you,
Make his face shine upon you
and be gracious to you.
The Lord turn his face toward you
and give you peace. (2x)

Amen, amen, amen
Amen, amen, amen

May his favor be upon you
and a thousand generations
and your family and your children
and their children, and their children.(2x)

May His presence go before you
And behind you, and beside you
All around you, and within you
He is with you, he is with you

In the morning, in the evening
In your coming, and your going
In your weeping, and rejoicing
He is for you, He is for you

He is for you, He is for you
He is for you, He is for you
He is for you, He is for you

Amen, amen, amen
Amen, amen, amen

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Postlude

In *1 Timothy 1:17* we read: “Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever.” We welcome everyone and invite all to join in offering honor and glory to God. Worshiping with hearts and hands and voices, we can each experience inspiration today. After joining us in worship, join us in the fellowship hall next to the sanctuary for a cup of coffee or juice and continued fellowship.

<i>Tech Team</i>	<i>Today 2/6</i>	<i>Next Week 2/13</i>
Sound:	Henry VZ	Mardy S.
Projection:	Hannah VH	Beth B.
Video	Devin VZ	Brandon S.
Offering:	General Fund	General Fund

First CRC

Bulletin Announcements

February 6, 2022

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Welcome Baby Basket: It has been a few years since we have had the opportunity to welcome a new baby into our church family. Let's welcome our newest addition, **Mason Glen See!** There will be a basket in the church fellowship hall for the next few weeks. Join in on the fun of filling the basket with any kind of gift that will help the See family welcome and celebrate their precious little blessing. The link for their meal train is: <https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/rqyvkw> Again, if you aren't computer savvy or are unable to open the link, please call **Heather Van Hofwegen at (425) 923-6446.**

Thank you! "We are so grateful to belong to this wonderful family of God. Thank you for supporting us with thoughts and prayers, cards and delicious meals while we have been on this journey dealing with Dennis' health issues. We are so thankful for the love and encouragement shown to us." **Dennis and Melba De Kok and family.**

Ministry Need - Intern Pastor Housing: At the February 23, 2020 town hall meeting our congregation overwhelmingly approved the desire to become a CRC 'mentor church' to a current, or recently graduated, seminarian. Ideally it would be for someone who desires additional field education experience in the parish ministry. ... Unfortunately, less than a month later, COVID arrived and those plans were put on hold. Recently, we resubmitted our application. Our hope is that such an intern would begin sometime this summer (starting anywhere between June 1 – Sept. 1) and serve at least through May 31, 2023. We look forward to seeing where God leads. Part of our responsibility to the intern is to provide housing options. Such options could include living with a family in the church (or broader Mount Vernon community), house sitting, or renting. Congregational members who may be aware of any potential possibilities along these lines are encouraged to contact Pastor John, or any one of the elders, in the weeks ahead. Thank you in advance for keeping an ear out on this significant need!

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. 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](http://www.firstcrcmv.com) for more information on these and other giving options.

Worship Service YouTube Link: Jan. 30 Morning Service: <https://youtu.be/tvWsd-RAyOw>

CALENDAR:

Greeters: This morning – Shirley Boonstra, Elly Cuperus;

Next week – Randy & Peggy Burr

Coffee Hosts: This morning –Joe LeClair, Katie Jungquist, Elly Cuperus;

Next week – Larry & Maxine Greidanus

Children's Worship: This morning – Heather VH, Lauren VB;

Next week – Heather VH, Franchesca K.

Next week:

Worship Team: Eliot B., Julie S., Adriana S., Tessa S. Feb. 20 – Greg & Beth B., Franchesca K., Nellie VDH

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Get The Banner Straight to Your Inbox - The Banner, the magazine of the CRC, will send you news, features, and columns straight to your email inbox! Sign up for the weekly e-newsletter by visiting thebanner.org/signup. While you're there, you can sign up to receive The Banner print magazine straight to your door as well!
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At-home Faith Practice Reflection Tip - Reflection and Discussion Starter—the Practice of Justice and Mercy: Read Micah 6:8 and ponder or discuss the following questions. Do you typically think of doing justice as a “requirement” of the Christian life? What does that mean to you? What might it mean to “act justly and love mercy” in your various spheres of influence (home, work, school, church, community . . .)? (For more on faith practices from Faith Formation Ministries, visit bit.ly/FaithPracticesProject)

Putting the Pieces Together Workshop - Explore how to put the pieces together for a discovery Bible study! Zoom Thursday, February 10 & 17 from 1 - 3 pm EST. Register at GlobalCoffeeBreak.org/events

Groundwork: Spiritual Attacks and the Armor of God - In Ephesians, Paul is clear that the devil will try to attack our faith, but we are equipped with the armor of God. Join Groundwork as we study Ephesians 6:10-24 to better understand Paul's purpose and use of this armor imagery. Together we'll see how this armor and prayer continue to be our best defense against the devil's attacks in our lives of faith still today. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

God Made Us Different...On Purpose! - Check out the new kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. The Bible says that each of us—differences and all—is created in the image of God. God wants us to love one another and talk about how we can grow together with all our differences. Listen now at kidscorner.net and check out all the new content.

Inspire 2022: Early Bird Rate - Join believers from across the continent August 4-6 in the Chicago area for a time of encouragement, renewal, and fellowship. Registration is now open! Register now for early-bird pricing of only \$95 USD/CDN (\$110 after March 31) plus flexibility if your plans change. This year's theme, Inspired to Be One, focuses on celebrating our diversity in the CRCNA as a denomination, as well as the need for us to come together as one church. Inspire will connect people across generations, cultures, and missions, reorienting us in the hope of God's kingdom. Find information and registration at crcna.org/inspire



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.

NEW REQUESTS:

Sally Reehorn's daughter Sylvia's husband, John Van Regenmorter, passed away from Parkinson's this past week. Please keep Sylvia, Sally, and the entire family in your prayers in the days and weeks to come. Sally's address is in the church directory. For those interested in sending a sympathy card to Sylvia, here is her address:

**Sylvia Van Regenmorter
4517 Sunnyslope Dr.
Hudsonville, MI 49426**

CONTINUING REQUESTS:

Update on **Shirley Boonstra**. She had a CT Scan-Biopsy scheduled for this past Friday morning. Please pray that the doctors are able to discern how best to treat the mass in her abdomen in the days and weeks ahead. Shirley is also in the process of discerning a potential change in her living situation. Please pray for that discernment process and for God to provide clarity to her.

Update on **Joni Beezhold's brother Kevin Wigboldy**: Kevin finished his first round of chemo and is feeling very low this week. Blood and platelet transfusions are helping. He sent this sweet note: "Thank your church for their prayers and support for me. I feel very blessed that I have 'brothers' and 'sisters' in Washington supporting my fight against leukemia."

Dennis DeKok is continuing radiation therapy. If you would like to follow Dennis' progress on a regular basis one of the best ways to do so is through the family's Caring Bridge site. (Just make sure when you type in his name that you don't put in a space between the 'e' and the 'K' in the last name or it won't show up. ☹) An easier way to find it would be to simply click on the following link and sign in/up accordingly: <https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/dennisdekok>

Please pray for comfort for those who have lost loved ones.

Please continue to keep **Adelaida Vega** in your prayers.

SHUT INS:

Nell Annema and 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 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)

Monday January 31 - GEMS Girls' Clubs: Hope

It's not easy being a girl today. Girls are anxious, lonely, and fearful. But when a girl hears who God is and all that he says about her, everything changes. A girl's hope increases and her fear dissipates. Pray for GEMS Girls' Clubs and local leaders as they share God's love and truth with girls everywhere.

Tuesday February 1 - World Renew: Kenya

This past year, Kenya navigated extreme dry weather and ongoing COVID-19 challenges. We praise God that the World Renew team in Kenya was able to visit communities and partners again. Pray with us for the team's ongoing health and safety, and ask God to provide the resources needed by vulnerable Kenyan families to keep striving toward income security.

Wednesday February 2 - Resonate Global Mission: Relationships

As people move throughout the world, our neighborhoods are becoming more ethnically and religiously diverse. Resonate's Journeys into Friendship network is a community of believers committed to sharing Christ's love with newcomers in our communities. Please ask for the Holy Spirit's wisdom and guidance in these friendships.

Thursday February 3 - ReFrame Ministries: Latvia

Pray for our radio partners who broadcast our Russian-language ministry programs in Latvia and into neighboring Russia. New, much higher, electricity rates are being charged in 2022, and these partners are struggling to make ends meet. Please ask the Spirit to provide wisdom and the resources needed for continued broadcasting there.

Friday February 4 - Calvin Theological Seminary: Learning

The spring semester began on January 31. Pray for our faculty and students—residential, international, Spanish-language, and distance-learning—as they begin new courses. Pray for deep, lasting learning as the Lord forms students for ministry.

Saturday February 5 - Resonate: Campus ministry

Pray for International Campus Ministry, a Resonate partner at Western Michigan University, as they seek to provide a welcoming community for students studying from abroad. Pray that students will continue to experience the love of Christ through this ministry.

Sunday February 6 - Race Relations: Unity and support

Thank God for expressions of support, prayers, and financial gifts, and give thanks for leaders who take the initiative to dismantle racism in their churches and communities. Please pray against divisiveness, asking God that we Christians may be especially humble, gentle, and patient, "bearing with one another in love" and making every effort "to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace" (Eph. 4:2-3).