

Welcome to First Christian Reformed Church!
April 3, 2022 – 5th Sunday in Lent
10:30 A.M. Worship Service

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

*“Not what my hands have done
can save my guilty soul;”*

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

*** Call to Worship: Based on Hebrews 12:1-3**

Leader: “Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith.”

People: **We worship you, Lord.**

Leader: “For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.”

People: **We worship you, Lord.**

Leader: “Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.”

People: **Let us turn our eyes to Jesus and worship him.**

* Opening Hymn of Praise: LUYH #676 v.– 1-3 “*Oh, How I Love Jesus*”

1. There is a name I love to hear,
I love to sing its worth;
it sounds like music in my ear,
the sweetest name on earth.

Refrain

*Oh, how I love Jesus! Oh, how I love Jesus!
Oh, how I love Jesus, because he first loved me.*

2. It tells me of a Savior’s love,
who died to set me free;
it tells me of his precious blood,
the sinner’s perfect plea.

Refrain

3. It tells of one whose loving heart
can feel my deepest woe;
who in each sorrow bears a part
that none can bear below.

Refrain

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* God’s Greeting:

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: May grace and peace be yours in abundance
in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.

People: Amen!

* We Greet One Another

*“Not what my toiling flesh has borne
can make my spirit whole.”*

Invitation to Transformed Living

Leader: Friends, when we confess our sins,
we do so in recognition that Jesus has already
sacrificed and made forgiveness available to us.
Hebrews 4 says,

**People: Therefore, since we have a great high priest
Who has ascended into heaven,
Jesus the Son of God,
Let us hold firmly to the faith we profess.**

Leader: For we do not have a high priest who is unable
to empathize with our weaknesses,
But we have one who has been tempted
in every way, just as we are – yet he did not sin.

**People: Let us then approach God’s throne of grace
with confidence, so that we may receive mercy
and find grace to help us in our time of need.**

Leader: In confidence of God’s mercy and grace,
let us confess our sins together in a time of prayer.

Sung Prayer of Confession: LUYH #624 v. 1-3

“Not What My Hands Have Done”

1. Not what my hands have done
can save my guilty soul;
not what my toiling flesh has borne
can make my spirit whole.
Not what I feel or do
can give me peace with God;
not all my prayers and sighs and tears
can bear my awful load.
2. Your voice alone, O Lord,
can speak to me of grace;
your power alone, O Son of God,
can all my sin erase.
No other work but yours,
no other blood will do;
no strength but that which is divine
can bear me safely through.

3. I praise the Christ of God;
I rest on love divine;
and with unfaltering lip and heart
I call this Savior mine.
My Lord has saved my life
and freely pardon gives;
I love because he first loved me,
I live because he lives.

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Call to Holy Living (Based on Hebrews 10:19, 23-25)

* Hymn of Thanksgiving: LUYH #696 v. 1-3 “*Marvelous Grace*”

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

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Offering

Offertory

*(Following the offertory children of all ages are invited forward
for the Children's Message)*

Children's Message: Mrs. Marjo Rouw

*(Following the message children ages 3-3rd grade
are invited to go to Children in Worship)*

* Hymn of Preparation: LUYH #173 v. 1-4

"Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed"

1. Alas! And did my Savior bleed,
and did my Sovereign die?
Would he devote that sacred head
for sinners such as I?
2. Was it for sins that I have done
he groaned upon the tree?
Amazing pity, grace unknown,
and love beyond degree!
3. Well might the sun in darkness hide
and shut its glories in
when Christ, the mighty Maker, died
for his own creatures' sin.
4. Thus might I hide my blushing face
while his dear cross appears,
dissolve my heart in thankfulness,
and melt mine eyes to tears.

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"Not what I feel or do can give me peace with God;"

Scripture Reading: Hebrews 8:1-13, 9:11-15 (Pew Bible Page 1188)

Prayer of Illumination

Message: ***“Jesus is Greater than Our Sacrifices”***

Time of Prayer

*“Not all my prayers and sighs and tears
can bear my awful load.”*

* Hymn of Application: CH #337 v. 1-4 *“Nothing But the Blood of Jesus”*

1. What can wash away my sin?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
What can make me whole again?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Chorus

*O precious is the flow
that makes me white as snow;
no other fount I know,
nothing but the blood of Jesus.*

2. For my pardon this I see,
nothing but the blood of Jesus.
For my cleansing, this my plea,
nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Chorus

3. Nothing can for sin atone,
nothing but the blood of Jesus.
Naught of good that I have done,
nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Chorus

4. This is all my hope and peace,
nothing but the blood of Jesus.
This is all my righteousness,
nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Chorus

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* We Confess Our Faith: Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 70

Leader: What does it mean to be washed
with Christ's blood and Spirit?

**People: To be washed with Christ's blood means
that God, by grace, has forgiven our sins
because of Christ's blood poured out for us
in his sacrifice on the cross.**

**To be washed by Christ's Spirit means
that the Holy Spirit has renewed
and sanctified us to be members of Christ,
so that more and more we become dead to sin
and live holy and blameless lives.**

* Hymn of Response: LUYH #704 v. 1-2

"The Blood That Jesus Sheds for Me"

1. The blood that Jesus shed for me
'way back on Calvary,
the blood that gives me strength
from day to day-it will never lose its power.

Chorus

It reaches to the highest mountain.

It flows to the lowest valley.

*The blood that gives me strength from day to day-
it will never lose its power.*

2. It soothes my doubts and calms my fears,
and it dries all my tears;
the blood that gives me strength from day to day-
it will never lose its power.

Chorus

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* God's Blessing

* Parting Praise: LUYH #956 *"To God Be the Glory"*

To God be the glory,
to God be the glory,
to God be the glory for the things he has done!
With his blood he has saved me,
with his power he has raised me—
to God be the glory for the things he has done!

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Postlude

Welcome! Let us be glad and rejoice in God's salvation, poured out for us in Jesus Christ. Welcome, one and all! 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 4/3</i>	<i>Next Week 4/10</i>
Sound:	Mardick S.	Henry VZ
Projection:	Devin VZ	Hannah VH
Video	Brandon S.	Brandon S.
Offering:	General Fund	General Fund

First CRC Bulletin Announcements

April 3, 2022

Beth will be out of the office next Thursday and Friday. If you have any announcements or prayer chain additions please get them to her by 9:00 AM on Wednesday the 9th. Thank you!

Christian Education Fund: A reminder that all pledges for the school year 2021-2022 are due by May 31, 2022. For those who are a part of the CEF don't forget when you register for next school year to mark that you are a part of the First CRC CEF. If you have any questions regarding your pledges, please contact Katie Jungquist.

Would you like to purchase an *Easter Lily or Bible* in memory of a loved one? They will be placed at the front of the church on Easter Sunday. If you would like to order, please call or leave a message for Beth at the church office (336-2405) by Monday, April 11. **The cost of the lilies are \$10 apiece.** Bibles from the Gideons are \$5 apiece. Make checks payable to the First Christian Reformed Church and turn the money into the church office. Lilies may be taken home after the Easter services.

Instrumentalist Sunday! *Easter Sunday* will be our second "Instrumentalist Sunday" throughout 2022! If you like to play an instrument (trumpet, flute, clarinet, trombone, etc.) and would like to play along with beautiful Easter hymns please let Beth know as soon as possible. The instrumental music to 4 hymns will be placed in your church mailbox no later than Saturday, April 1.

Sunday PM Service Plans: With the lifting of recent restrictions the elders are currently considering restarting our Sunday evening service gatherings. This could mean meeting in the fellowship hall as we did before, but it could also mean potentially do something different. For the purpose of gathering information and gauging the level of potential participation - those interested (or have suggestions!) are encouraged to contact the church office and/or Pastor John accordingly sometime before the May 23 congregational meeting.

Save the Date! This year's **Good Friday Service (April 15)** will be a combined service at our sister church - **Faith Community Fellowship** (1427 Monte Vista Drive). On this evening we will take the time to remember the events of Jesus' death and what it means for the redemption of the world. The service will begin at **6:30 PM**.

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: March 27: <https://youtu.be/RyWjuFKJd6Y>

Dear Friends,

Both Christians and non-Christians alike often have a very small view of Jesus. Non-Christians often reduce Jesus to a good moral teacher or maybe even a zealot. Many Christians tend to view him only as a necessary sacrifice, or a helpful example.

Yet, Jesus is not only our Savior, but He is also our Lord. And in order to truly worship Jesus as Lord, we need to see him in his proper place as the Son of God. The author of Hebrews gives us an extended sermon on the superiority of Jesus. He shows us that Jesus is greater than everything and everyone. The pattern in which he does this is also the pattern that we will follow in the weeks ahead.

Listed below is a tentative outline of our series. May God bless us as we strive together to lift up high the name of Jesus Christ.

In His Grace, - Pastor John

1. March 6 - *"Jesus is the Greatest"* (Heb. 1:1-4)
2. March 13 - *"Jesus is Greater than the Angels"* (Hebrews 1:4-14)
3. March 20 - *"Jesus is Greater than Moses"* (Hebrews 3:1-19)
4. March 27 - *"Jesus is Greater than Priests"* (Hebrews 4:14-5:10)
5. April 3 - *"Jesus is Greater than our Sacrifice"* (Hebrews 8:1-13, 9:11-15)
6. April 10 - *"Jesus is Greater Than; Therefore, Have Faith"* (Hebrews 10:19-25, 11:1)
7. April 15 - Good Friday Service at Faith Community Fellowship
8. April 17 - *"Jesus is Greater Than; Therefore, Run!"* (Hebrews 12:1-3, John 20:1-10)
9. May 1 - *"Jesus is Greater Than; Therefore, Endure"* (Hebrews 12:4-13)

CALENDAR:

Greeters: This morning – **Keith & Jean Rasmussen**; Next week – **Marinus & Jill Rouw**

Coffee Hosts: This morning – Dennis & Melba DeKok; Next week – Joe LeClair, Karen Staat & Eilly Cuperus

Children's Worship: This morning – **Tim VH, Kiera L.**; Next week – **Tim VH, Caitlin VK**

Worship Team: This Morning – Greg & Beth B, Kayla VH, Ella VH

Next Week – Bob DG, Juli O., Kiera, Joel & Caleb L.

Upcoming Dates to Note:

Tues., April 12, 7:00am – Men’s Bible Study at Shari’s in Burlington

April 15, 6:30pm: Good Friday combined service at Faith Community Fellowship

ORGANIZATIONS WE SUPPORT

Registration for Cascade Family Bible Camp is now open. Join families from around the Pacific Northwest July 7-11 at Warm Beach for a weekend of worship, inspiring speakers, and outdoor fellowship. First time attenders will save 50%. For more information or to register, go to www.cascadefamilybiblecamp.org.

RECOMMENDED ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Banner Needs You! - The Banner is the CRC’s award-winning monthly magazine. It is delivered free in print and online to every household in the CRC, and their annual donation appeal makes it possible. Please support this journalistic ministry and keep the community conversation going. You can give online now at: TheBanner.org/Give

Jesus' Palm Sunday - Check out the new kids’ devotion at www.kidscorner.net. Jesus’ humble entry into Jerusalem shows that though you are small, you are important to God. In God’s kingdom, it doesn’t matter how much money you have, or how smart you are, or how important you look to others. Listen now at kidscorner.net and check out all the new content.

Family Fire - 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.

Groundwork: The Complete Sufficiency of the Cross - Christ’s sacrifice is completely sufficient to satisfy God’s wrath, and yet, sometimes we forget. Join Groundwork as we study Isaiah 53:6; Galatians 2:20-21, 3:1-3, 3:24-27, & 6:14-15; and Romans 5:9-11 & 6:1-4 to discuss the source of this truth, how we can keep our fears at bay, and how we can keep a right perspective about our salvation and our deeds. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork’s weekly emails for future episodes.

Give to Resonate Now and Double Your Impact - Don't miss out on an opportunity to double your gift to God's mission! Your gift will be matched dollar for dollar when you give to our special campaign at [www.resonateglobalmission.org/ MatchMyGift](http://www.resonateglobalmission.org/MatchMyGift). The work of God's mission has changed a lot in the past 2 years but you can help the CRC respond and adapt through Resonate Global Mission.

Today is World Renew Sunday! - Today, we are having an offering to support the work of World Renew. World Renew has the plans, the systems, the partners, and the people to come alongside communities experiencing poverty, hunger, injustice, and violence and to build long-term pathways towards flourishing. We are excited to join in this work as a faithful response to the God who can accomplish abundantly more than all we ask or imagine. Thank you for giving as you are able to help end global poverty.

At-Home Faith Practices Reflection Tip - Reflection and Discussion Starter—the Practice of Celebrating: Read Psalm 103:1-5 and ponder or discuss the following questions. When you look at your “inmost being,” how often do you find yourself in “celebration mode”? What might you do to celebrate every day? Can you picture yourself “crowned with love and compassion”? Try that during your next prayer time. (For more on faith practices from Faith Formation Ministries, visit bit.ly/FaithPracticesProject)

Join us at Inspire 2022 - Come to Chicago August 4-6 for a time of togetherness, worship, and learning. Not sure about making travel plans? We get that. That's why we've got a generous refund policy, and we've extended the early-bird rate! Also, gather five or more people from your church to get the group rate. We'd love to see you there. Learn more and register at crcna.org/inspire

Join us in Praying for Synod 2022 - Synodical delegates, church leaders, and CRCNA members across the continent are praying for Synod 2022. Please join us! Prayer gatherings for synodical delegates are scheduled for April 27, May 11, and May 25. We will post prayer guides on the Network each time so that you can pray with us at a time that works for you as families, individuals, church councils, small groups, and others. Need some prayer points to pray through now? Find the March 30 prayer guide at network.crcna.org/prayer/prayer-guide-synod-philippians-44-9



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:

Please pray for **Elaine Hammingh**, who will be having a procedure Friday and covets your prayer for a successful surgery and quick recovery. She hopes to be in and out the same day of surgery.

Please pray for Beth Boon's sister **Sara Viss**, as she searches for answers to racing/irregular heart beats.

CONTINUING REQUESTS:

Please keep **Kevin Wigboldy** (Joni B.'s brother) in your prayers Kevin was readmitted to Kaiser to receive additional chemotherapy. He continues to remain cancer free (Praise the Lord!), the purpose of this round of treatment is to prevent the Leukemia from coming back. The current plan is to continue intermittent treatment until a Bone Marrow Transplant match is found. Kevin is in good spirits. We ask for prayers for a smooth and comfortable chemo treatment. We pray for strength, and health (physically, mentally, emotionally and spiritually). We also pray that there will be a donor match soon so that we can move forward with the Bone Marrow Transplant.

Please pray for **Shirley Boonstra** as she begins treatment and adjust to her new home.

Pray for **Dennis DeKok**, that his fight against cancer will continue to go well and he can be restored to good health. His Caring Bridge page is: <https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/dennisdekok>

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

SHUT INS: *Nell Annema and Marion Ekkelkamp* at Birchview Memory Care in Sedro-Woolley; *Marcella DeVries* at Bethany Lutheran in Everett, and *Mary Koopmans* at Where the Heart is in Burlington; *Wilma Paul* at Life Care Center in Sedro-Woolley; *Adrianna Swanson*, and *Clarence Vander Griend* at Home Place in Burlington; *Marjean DeGroot* at *Mountain View*; *Sally Reehoorn* at Creekside in Burlington; *Bev Van Slageren* at family in Grandview, WA.

OTHER REQUESTS: (CRC Communications)

Monday March 28 - *Calvin University: Leadership*

Join with us in praying that our Presidential Search Committee may have clarity and consensus as they make final decisions and announce the next university president. Pray for President Michael K. Le Roy and his wife as they prepare to depart Calvin and move into their next season of life.

Tuesday March 29 - *ReFrame: India*

A young woman named Neetu has been learning more about the Christian faith after joining a social media group led by our Hindi ministry partners in India. The group has been discipling her, and she recently joined a church in her community. Praise God for using media to reach people like Neetu. Pray that she'll continue to grow in faith.

Wednesday March 30 - *World Renew: Afghanistan*

As Afghanistan continues to plunge into a humanitarian crisis, our prayers are with Afghan families—particularly girls and women whose lives may be very difficult under Taliban rule. Please pray for the well-being and safety of countless people who have been displaced by violence and insecurity, that they may find hope and strength in God's unfailing love.

Thursday March 31 - *Resonate: Michigan*

Strong Tower Ministries, a Resonate partner church plant in Michigan, has provided a faith community for many people who have come to the United States as refugees. Ask the Holy Spirit to continue to draw newcomers into this faith community.

Friday April 1 - *Raise Up: Global Coffee Break: Growth*

Global Coffee Break is growing internationally. Many of our partners are eager to have Bible studies in their language. Pray for funding, wisdom for the translators, and training and equipping, that people all over the globe may gain Bible study skills, discover the truths of God's Word, and connect with churches and Christians.

Saturday April 2 - *ReFrame Ministries: China*

Pray for religious freedoms in China. China has enacted new laws that restrict access to religious content on the internet. Pray for safety for Christian leaders who could be punished under these new laws.

Sunday April 3 - *World Renew: Refugee resettlement*

When refugee families are welcomed into churches and communities, they become our families. As we share our blessings with them, we learn and grow from walking alongside them in their struggles and joys. Pray for these refugee families as they journey to a new home and find hope.