

Welcome to First Christian Reformed Church!
April 10, 2022 – Palm Sunday Morning
10:30 A.M. Worship Service

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

*“May I never lose the wonder,
the wonder of the cross.”*

Prelude

* Sung Call to Worship: LUYH#145 v. 1-3
“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

1. Hosanna, loud hosanna
the little children sang;
through pillared court and temple
the lovely anthem rang.
To Jesus, who had blessed them,
close folded to his breast,
the children sang their praises,
the simplest and the best.
2. From Olivet they followed
mid an exultant crowd,
the victory palm branch waving,
and chanting clear and loud.
The Lord of earth and heaven
rode on in lowly state,
nor scorned that little children
should on his bidding wait.
3. “Hosanna in the highest!”
That ancient song we sing,
for Christ is our Redeemer,
the Lord of heaven, our King.
O may we ever praise him
with heart and life and voice,
and in his blissful presence eternally rejoice.

*Words: Jennette Threlfall, 1873, P.D.; Music: Gesangbuch der Herzogl, Hofkapelle,
Württemberg, 1784, P.D.; CCLI #678905*

Special Music: Sunday School Kids

Welcome

* God's Greeting/We Greet Each Other

*"May I see it like the first time standing
as a sinner lost."*

* Opening 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 (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)
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Sing a little louder (Heaven comes to fight for me)
Sing a little louder!

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Up from the ashes, hope will arise
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"Reckless Love"

Verse 1

Before I spoke a word, You were singing over me
You have been so, so good to me
Before I took a breath, You breathed Your life in me
You have been so, so kind to me

Chorus

*O, the overwhelming, neverending
Reckless love of God
O, it chases me down, fights 'til I'm found
Leaves the ninety nine
I couldn't earn it, I don't deserve it
Still You give Yourself away
O, the overwhelming, neverending
Reckless love of God*

Verse 2

When I was Your foe, still Your love fought for me
You have been so, so good to me
When I felt no worth, You paid it all for me
You have been so, so kind to me

Bridge 1

There's no shadow You won't light up
Mountain You won't climb up, coming after me
There's no wall You won't kick down
Lie You won't tear down, coming after me

Bridge 2

There's no shadow You won't light up
Mountain You won't climb up, coming after me
There's no wall You won't kick down
Lie You won't tear down, coming after me

Bridge 3

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Ministry Report: One Prisoner, One Parish (OPOP)

Offering

Offertory: *"The Wonder of the Cross"* -Sheri Link

*(Following the offertory 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)*

*"Undone by mercy and left speechless,
watching wide eyed at the cost."*

* Song of preparation: *"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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Scripture Readings Hebrews 10:19-25 (Pew Bible Pg. 1191)

Prayer of Illumination

Message: **"Jesus is Greater, Therefore"**

Time of Prayer

*"May I never lose the wonder,
the wonder of the cross."*

* Song of Application: LUYH#146 v. 1,3,4,5 *"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"*

Refrain

*All glory, laud, and honor
to you, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring.*

1. You are the King of Israel
and David's royal Son,
now in the Lord's name coming,
the King and Blessed One.

Refrain

3. The people of the Hebrews
with palms before you went;
our praise and prayer and anthems
before you we present.

Refrain

4. To you before your passion
they sang their hymns of praise;
to you, now high exalted,
our melody we raise.

Refrain

5. As you received their praises,
accept the prayers we bring,
for you delight in goodness,
O good and gracious King!

Words: Theodulph of Orleans, ca. 820; tr. John M. Neale, 1851, alt., P.D.; Music:
Melchoir Teschner, 1615; harm. William H. Monk, 1861, P.D.

* God's Blessing

* Parting Praise: *"The Blessing"*

Postlude

Welcome to this Palm Sunday service. Let us unite our minds and hearts in praising Christ the King. "Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!" After the worship service, we invite you to join us in the fellowship hall next to the sanctuary for a cup of coffee or juice and continued fellowship.

Tech Team	Today 4/10	Next Week 4/17
Sound:	Henry VZ	Tim H.
Projection:	Hannah VH	Beth B.
Video	Brandon S.	Dick G.
Offering:	General Fund	General Fund

First CRC

Bulletin Announcements

April 10, 2022

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

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.

Last chance 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.

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> for more information on these and other giving options.

Worship Service YouTube Link: April 3: <https://youtu.be/7bWaQBAs8gl>

CALENDAR:

Greeters: This morning – **Marinus & Jill Rouw**; Next week – **Tim & Heather Van Hofwegen**

Coffee Hosts: This morning – Joe LeClair, Karen Staat & Eilly Cuperus; Next week – Dick & Linda Gudmunson

Children's Worship: This morning – **Tim VH, Caitlin VK**; Next week – **Heather VH; Lauren VB**

Worship Team: This Morning – Bob DG, Juli O., Kiera, Joel & Caleb L.

Next Week – Henry, Pam, Sylvia, Devin VZ

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

Heather Village, a Christian retirement community in Mount Vernon, has an opening for a Maintenance Supervisor. This position is responsible for the day-to-day maintenance operations of the buildings and grounds in the community. To qualify, a candidate must be a Christian and have good interpersonal skills. An ideal candidate would have a working knowledge of electrical and plumbing systems, carpentry and painting skills, and would be expected to be available for on-call emergencies. This is a full-time position that could be shared between two people; pay is dependent on experience. For more information or to submit a resume or list of qualifications, please contact the Property Manager by mail at Heather Village, 925 Heather Circle, Mount Vernon WA 98273 or by email at HVoffice2021@gmail.com prior to May 2, 2022.

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:

Resurrection People - Check out the new kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. Early on a Sunday morning, Mary Magdalene felt very sad; in fact, she felt hopeless. Her teacher and friend had been crucified on Friday, and now, mysteriously, his tomb was empty. Read what happens next! 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 Crucifixion of Jesus Christ - Examining the story of Jesus' crucifixion in each of the four gospels reveals a beautiful tapestry of perspectives. Join our Groundwork conversation as we study Matthew 27:45-53, Mark 15:40-41, Luke 23:13-25, and John 19:28-37 to witness the fulfillment of Scripture and remember the significance of what Jesus accomplished on the cross. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

World Renew DRS 50th Anniversary Tour - At World Renew, we are grateful to celebrate 50 years of Disaster Response Services! Our work with churches and volunteers is how Christ's hope and love is shared through disaster response, home repairs, and more. Join us on our anniversary tour in 2022 to reconnect, join in fellowship with a meal, and more in Ripon, California on May 24th at Calvary Reformed Church - 741 2nd St, Ripon, CA, 95366. Let us know if you're coming at forms.gle/Q75gN7Vi1sCzWm627

At-home Faith Practices Reflection Tip - Reflection and Discussion Starter—the Practice of Celebrating: Read John 2:1-11 and ponder or discuss the following questions. Can you picture Jesus celebrating and being joyful just as easily as you can picture Jesus preaching and being serious? Why or why not? How might we invite Jesus to be at the center of significant celebrations today? (For more on faith practices from Faith Formation Ministries, visit bit.ly/FaithPracticesProject)

Spread the Gospel. Double Your Gift. - Resonate Global Mission is working to help your church spread the gospel in your community. You can help provide hope and transform lives—and double your gift—by giving to our special campaign at www.resonateglobalmission.org/MatchMyGift Any amount you give will be matched dollar for dollar!

Get Inspired This Summer - Join us August 4-6 in Tinley Park, near Chicago for Inspire 2022. Be refreshed by three days of speakers, worship, workshops, prayer, and fellowship with CRC members from across the continent. Register now for the early bird rate, and gather five or more from one church to get the group rate! Learn more at crcna.org/inspire

April 14, 2022: Free Webinar Event - Join the CRC Office of Race Relations at noon (EDT) on Thursday, April 14, for an engaging panel discussion on “How a Workshop Can Help to Heal Historical Racism.” Together we will learn about how one workshop brought about healing after the 1994 Rwandan Genocide, and how it is helping to heal racial trauma in North America today. Find more info online: crcna.org/Race/Events

Thank You for Supporting World Renew Sunday! - Thank you to everyone who made a donation to last week's World Renew Sunday collection to help build pathways out of poverty. Together, we are coming alongside families so they can put food on their tables, build stable sources of income, access clean water and find long-term flourishing. Your gift makes a big difference in achieving that goal.



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 keep **Hank Van Zanten** in your prayers. His prostate gland is still very enlarged and he is in need of having a Urodynamics test as soon as possible to see how well the bladder is functioning. The good news is that the doctors don't believe that it is cancer, but the bad news is that the needed test may still be a few weeks out. Pray that Hank might be able to have that test soon and for clarity as to what the 'next steps' are afterwards.

Please also pray for **Martha Haarsma**. Martha was taken to the ER Tuesday and the initial tests seem to indicate that she may have a urinary tract infection. She hopes to get answers soon.

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 **Elaine Hammingh**, as she recovers from last week's surgery.

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

Please continue to keep **Dennis De Kok** in your prayers. Yesterday's meeting with the oncologist did not generate good news as his PSA number went back to 100 again. The next step now is to get a port put in on Friday, April 8 and to start IV chemo on April 14. The chemo will take place every three weeks. ... In the meantime, please continue to uphold Dennis, Melba, and the entire De Kok family in your prayers.

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 April 4 - *Women's Leadership Development: Strength and courage*
Please pray for the matriarchs of refugee families. Women typically carry the weight of caring for their families during intense times of dislocation and transition. They are often unable to tend to their own grief and loss as they focus on helping their children to adjust. Ask the Holy Spirit to comfort, strengthen, and encourage them for the journey.

Tuesday April 5 - *Resonate Global Mission: Cambodia*

Pastor Lohn is a pastor whom Resonate missionaries Ly Chhay and Navy Chann-Chhay work with in Cambodia. At first, Pastor Lohn and his family were the only believers in their community. But for three years, they prayed for more people to come to faith in Christ. Now they are a church with 150 members! Praise God!

Wednesday April 6 - *Chaplaincy and Care: Military chaplains*

Please pray for overseas military chaplains. John Averill (Army), Kyu Hahn (Army), Richard Hill (Army), and Raidel Leon Martinez (Air Force) serve in Europe. Pray for protection, strength, and resiliency as they attend to the spiritual needs of many service members during this volatile time in Eastern Europe.

Thursday April 7 - *ReFrame: Russian ministry*

Pray that people will continue to have access to ReFrame's online gospel programs—in Russia, Ukraine, and Belarus—despite restrictions to social media platforms in the region. Pray also for the safety of ReFrame's ministry partners in the region.

Friday April 8 - *Resonate: Michigan*

Many refugees from the Democratic Republic of Congo have found a church home at Strong Tower Ministries, a Resonate partner in Michigan. Pray for this church as they continue to meet the various needs in their community, grow as disciples of Christ, and share the gospel.

Saturday April 9 - *World Renew: Ukraine crisis*

The violence in Ukraine has forced millions of people from their homes, displacing them within and outside the country. We are working to respond to the emergency needs of vulnerable families affected by this crisis. We ask for God's mercy for refugees, and we pray for an end to this conflict and all other conflicts around the world.

Sunday April 10 - *Worship Ministries: Palm Sunday*

Jesus, as Holy Week begins, we are easily overwhelmed and stressed. Amid the busyness of this season, help us to trust in you with all our hearts and not to rely on our own abilities. We submit all our planning to you, Lord, and we look forward to the amazing ways you will work.