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is  
Risen

MATTHEW 28:6

Easter Morning Service ♦ April 17, 2022

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**Welcome to**  
**First Christian Reformed Church!**  
**April 17, 2022 – Easter Morning**

\* Please stand in body or in spirit

*“Christ the Lord is risen today! Alleluia!”*

Prelude

Gathering Song: *“Roll, Roll That Stone Away”* - Octet

Easter Story (from Balcony): Matthew 28:1-10

\* Easter Hymn: LUYH #182 v. 1-5 *“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”*

1. Christ the Lord is risen today! Alleluia!  
All creation, join to say: Alleluia!  
Raise your joys and triumphs high; Alleluia!  
Sing, O heavens, and earth, reply: Alleluia!
2. Love’s redeeming work is done, Alleluia!  
Fought the fight, the battle won; Alleluia!  
Death in vain forbids him rise; Alleluia!  
Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!
3. Lives again our glorious King; Alleluia!  
Where, O death, is now your sting? Alleluia!  
Once he died, our souls to save; Alleluia!  
Where your victory, O grave? Alleluia!
4. Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!  
Following our exalted Head; Alleluia!  
Made like him, like him we rise; Alleluia!  
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies. Alleluia!
5. Hail the Lord of earth and heaven! Alleluia!  
Praise to you by both be given; Alleluia!  
Risen Christ, triumphant now; Alleluia!  
Every knee to you shall bow. Alleluia!

Words: Charles Wesley, 1739, alt., P.D.; Music: Lyra Davidica, 1708, P.D.;  
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\* Call to Worship and Easter Greetings:

Leader: Christ is risen!

**Congregation: The Lord is risen indeed!**

Leader: Glory and honor, dominion and power,  
be to our God forever and ever!

**Congregation: Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

Leader: God has made us alive with Christ!

**Congregation: Death has been swallowed up in victory!**

Leader: Grace and peace to you from him who is,  
and who was, and who is to come,  
and from the seven spirits before his throne,  
and from Jesus Christ,  
who is the faithful witness,  
the firstborn from the dead,  
and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

**Congregation: Amen!**

—Revelation 1:4–5

\* Mutual Greetings with the Historic Christian Testimony:

(Congregation members are encouraged to greet one another with the following words: *“The Lord is risen! .... The Lord is risen indeed!”*)

\* Easter Songs of Praise:

LUYH #186 v. 1-3 *“Low in the Grave He Lay”*

1. Low in the grave he lay—  
Jesus, my Savior;  
waiting the coming day—  
Jesus, my Lord.

*Refrain*

*Up from the grave he arose,  
with a mighty triumph o’er his foes.  
He arose a victor from the dark domain,  
and he lives forever with his saints to reign!  
He arose! He arose!  
Hallelujah! Christ arose!*

2. Vainly they watch his bed—  
Jesus, my Savior;  
vainly they seal the dead—  
Jesus, my Lord.

*Refrain*

*Up from the grave he arose,  
with a mighty triumph o'er his foes.  
He arose a victor from the dark domain,  
and he lives forever with his saints to reign!  
He arose! He arose!  
Hallelujah! Christ arose!*

3. Death cannot keep its prey—  
Jesus, my Savior;  
he tore the bars away—  
Jesus, my Lord.

*Refrain*

*Words and Music: Robert Lowry, 1874, alt, P.D.; CCLI #678905*

LUYH #192 *"Oh, How Good Is Christ the Lord"* (2x)

Oh, how good is Christ the Lord!  
On the cross he died for me.  
He has pardoned all my sin.  
Glory be to Jesus.  
Glory be to Jesus!  
Glory be to Jesus!  
In three days he rose again.  
Glory be to Jesus.

*Words: Puerto Rican folk hymn, P.D.; Music Puerto Rican folk hymn; harm. Dale Grotenhuis (1931-2012), 1985, ©1987 Faith Alive Christian Resources; CCLI #678905*

*"All Creation Join to Say; Alleluia!"*

Announcements

We Give of Our Gifts

Offertory

*(Following the offertory the children are invited forward  
for the children's message)*

## Children's Message – Marjo Rouw

*(Following the children's message children ages 3-3<sup>rd</sup> grade  
are invited to attend Children and Worship)*

### \* Song of Preparation: LUYH #181 v. 1-3 *"See, What a Morning"*

1. See, what a morning, gloriously bright,  
with the dawning of hope in Jerusalem;  
folded the grave-clothes, tomb filled with light,  
as the angels announce, "Christ is risen!"  
See God's salvation plan,  
wrought in love, borne in pain, paid in sacrifice,  
fulfilled in Christ the Man,  
for he lives: Christ is risen from the dead.
2. See Mary weeping, "Where is he laid?" —  
as in sorrow she turns from the empty tomb.  
Hears a voice speaking, calling her name;  
it's the Master, the Lord, raised to life again!  
The voice that spans the years,  
speaking life, stirring hope, bringing peace to us,  
will sound 'til he appears  
for he lives: Christ is risen from the dead.
3. One with the Father, Ancient of Days,  
through the Spirit who clothes faith with certainty.  
Honor and blessing, glory and praise  
to the King crowned with power and authority.  
And we are raised with him;  
death is dead, love has won, Christ has conquered.  
And we shall reign with him,  
for he lives: Christ is risen from the dead.

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*"Raise your Joys and Triumphs High; Alleluia!"*

Scripture Readings: John 20:1-10 and Hebrews 12:1-3

Prayer of Illumination .

Easter Message: ***“Jesus is Greater; Therefore, Run!”***

Easter Morning prayer concluded with the Lord’s Prayer

***Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
Your kingdom come, your will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our debts as we also have forgiven our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from the evil one.  
For yours is the kingdom and the power  
and the glory forever. Amen.***

***“Sing, O Heavens, and Earth Reply: Alleluia!”***

\* Song of Response: LUYH #365 v. 1-3 ***“I Serve a Risen Savior”***

1. I serve a risen Savior,  
he’s in the world today;  
I know that he is living,  
whatever people say;  
I see his hand of mercy,  
I hear his voice of cheer,  
and every time I need him  
he’s always near.

***Refrain***

***He lives, he lives, Christ Jesus lives today!  
He walks with me and talks with me  
along life’s narrow way.  
He lives, he lives, salvation to impart!  
You ask me how I know he lives?  
He lives within my heart.***

2. In all the world around me  
I see his loving care,  
and though my heart grows weary,  
I never will despair;  
I know that he is leading  
through all the stormy blast;  
the day of his appearing  
will come at last.

***Refrain***

3. Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian,  
lift up your voice and sing  
eternal hallelujahs  
to Jesus Christ the King!  
The hope of all who seek him,  
the help of all who find;  
no other is so loving,  
so good and kind.

*Refrain*

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\* We Profess our Faith: Apostles Creed

Leader: Let us join together in love,  
and with one heart and one voice  
profess the faith of the church  
at all times and in all place.  
Saying together,

**All: I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to hell.  
The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended to heaven  
and is seated at the right hand  
of God the Father almighty.  
From there he will come to judge  
the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

\* God's Parting Blessing

\* Closing Song:

*"Benediction Song (May the Peace of God our Heavenly Father)"*

1. May the peace of God our heav'nly Father,  
and the grace of Christ the risen Son,  
and the fellowship of God the Spirit  
keep our hearts and minds within His love.

*Chorus*

*And to Him be praise for His glorious reign,  
from the depths of earth to the heights of heav'n.  
We declare the name of the Lamb once slain:  
Christ eternal the King of kings.*

2. May this peace which passes understanding,  
and this grace which makes us what we are,  
and this fellowship of His communion  
make us one in spirit and in heart.

*Chorus (2x)*

*Final Ending:*

*Christ eternal the King of kings.*

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Postlude

***Easter Welcome!*** **He is risen!** In the mighty name of our living Lord, we welcome you to this Easter service celebration. May you feel Christ's presence. Hear His Word proclaimed and be blessed and renewed. 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.

<i>Tech Team</i>	<i>Today 4/17</i>	<i>Next Week 4/24</i>
Sound:	Tim H.	Henry H.
Projection:	Beth B.	Hannah VH
Video	Dick G.	Tim H.
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# First CRC

## Bulletin Announcements

### April 17, 2022

#### **OUR CHURCH FAMILY**

**NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 24 IS GEMS**

**SUNDAY.** We are looking forward to sharing what God has been doing in GEMS this year. The girls will be participating in the service which will include special songs, a GEMS report, and a slide show. There will also be a **SPECIAL OFFERING** for the GEMS program (our first since 2019). Will you prayerfully consider how you can help support this incredible ministry to young girls in our Valley? We do indeed serve an **UNSHAKEABLE** God!



**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.

*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:** April 10: [https://youtu.be/DNXfrj50\\_Hw](https://youtu.be/DNXfrj50_Hw)

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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 – **Tim & Heather Van Hofwegen**; Next week – **GEMS**

**Coffee Hosts:** This morning – Dick & Linda Gudmunson; Next week – Clarence & Eleanor Klunder

**Children's Worship:** This morning – **Heather VH; Lauren VB**; Next week – **Heather VH, Franchesca K.**

**Worship Team: This Morning** – Henry, Pam, Sylvia, Devin VZ

**Next Week** – Bob DG, Juli O., Kierra, Joel, Caleb Link

### **Upcoming Dates to Note:**

**Tues., April 19, 7:00am: Men's Bible Study at Shari's**

**Weds., April 20, 6:30pm: GEMS**

**April 24: GEMS Sunday**

## **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](mailto: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](http://www.cascadefamilybiblecamp.org).

**RECOMMENDED ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Earth Day: God's Gift of Trees** - Check out the new kids' devotion at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net). Let's think about trees. How many types of trees can you name in 30 seconds? Trees fill an important role in keeping God's creation clean and bright. In Psalms 65:9, God reminds us how he takes care of the land and all things that grow. Have you thought about how you can help God care for trees? Listen now at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net) and check out all the new content.

**Scriptoria: An Interfaith Writing Workshop** - Morning workshops. Afternoon instruction. One-on-ones with editors. Deep faith conversations. Think boot camp for your writing—whether it's fiction, nonfiction, or poetry—on June 20-24, 2022 in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Scriptoria: An Interfaith Writing Workshop with Gary Schmidt, Hugh Cook, Patrice Gopo, L. S. Klatt, Robert Hudson, Nikki Grimes, Vinita Hampton Wright, and more. Visit [scriptoriaworkshop.org](http://scriptoriaworkshop.org)

**Faith Practice Reflection Tip** - Read Revelation 7:9-13 and ponder or discuss the following questions. Easter Sunday is the most important celebration of the Christian year, and this passage paints the ultimate picture of Christian celebration. Have you ever imagined what that day will be like? Give it a try. (For more on faith practices from Faith Formation Ministries, visit [bit.ly/FaithPracticesProject](http://bit.ly/FaithPracticesProject))

**Groundwork: Crucified and Raise to Life with Christ** - Good Friday and Easter mark the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Join Groundwork as we study Philippians 3:10-11, Galatians 2:20, Romans 6:1-14, and 1 Corinthians 15:12-23 to examine what the Apostle Paul teaches us about this gift of salvation by faith and our participate in both Christ's death and resurrection. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.



items.

People to be remembered with prayers, cards, letters & words of encouragement. Call the church office at (336-2405) or e-mail: [secretary@firstcrmv.com](mailto:secretary@firstcrmv.com) by 9:00 am Thursday of each week with your prayer

**CONTINUING REQUESTS:**

**Hank Van Zanten** was able to have the Urodynamics test earlier than expected this past Monday. He is currently waiting for the results. Please pray that the results will not only come soon, but will also be both favorable and clear on what the 'next steps' will be afterwards.

Please also pray for **Martha Haarsma**. Martha is currently in the hospital, but she is getting stronger and feeling better each day.

Please keep **Kevin Wigboldy** in prayer as he returned to the hospital on Wednesday. His blood counts are very low due to his last chemo treatment. Continue to pray for a bone marrow match.

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. His surgery to put in a port went well and he has started his first round of chemo. Next week he will meet with a cardiologist for treatment for an irregular heartbeat. Please pray for the chemo to do the job it's intended to do and for strength and good spirits for Dennis and the whole DeKok family.

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

**SHUT INS:** ***Nell Annema and Marion Ekkelkamp*** at Birchview Memory Care in Sedro-Woolley; ***Margella 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 11 - *Resonate: British Columbia*

The COVID-19 pandemic has paused a lot of connections that Tapestry Marpole Church, a Resonate church plant in Vancouver, had with their community. Pray for them as they seek to “get back out there and take steps to meet their neighbors.”

Tuesday April 12 - *World Renew: Asia*

In many communities we serve, livelihoods have been lost as a result of the pandemic. Families are working hard to regain what’s been lost—all while navigating the many challenges of inflation. Pray that World Renew Asia staff and partners may soon begin to increase field visits and resume workshops in these communities.

Wednesday April 13 - *ReFrame: North America*

Pray for strength and healing for Kendra, who is part of ReFrame’s prayer ministry team. In a recent request she shared, “I am struggling a lot. I have lost six people since the beginning of December. The hardest for me is my friend that took her life. I’m so crushed, shattered, heartbroken, and hurting.”

Thursday April 14 - *Resonate: Michigan*

Kevin Edlefson, a campus minister at Resonate partner International Campus Ministry at Western Michigan University, asks you to pray for opportunities to make new connections with students. Pray for “opportunities to share the gospel and build up believers.”

Friday April 15 - *Communications: Good Friday*

In troubled times it’s easy to see the brokenness of the world. As we remember the crucifixion of Jesus today, pray that God helps us to trust that Jesus, by his death and resurrection, has redeemed the world and will one day fully restore it.

Saturday April 16 - *Indigenous Christian Fellowship: Thanks and blessings*

Give thanks to the triune Creator for his faithfulness in blessing our ministry work since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic. May the staff and volunteers be blessed with grace, wisdom, creativity, and courage as they adjust to ongoing changes in both public health guidelines and community expectations.

Sunday April 17 - *Resonate: Easter Sunday*

As we celebrate Easter, please pray for churches and faith communities throughout the world who are seeking to be the hands and feet of Christ in their neighborhoods. Pray that the gospel may spread and that people will experience the unconditional love and saving grace of Jesus.