

Apr. 24, 2022– GEMS Sunday Morning Service – 10:30 AM

*“My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus’ blood and righteousness;”*

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

Call to Worship

Gem 1: “O Magnify the Lord with me.
Let us exalt God’s name together!

Gem 2: We will give thanks to you, O Lord,
with our whole heart;

Gem 1: We will tell of all your wonderful deeds.

Gem 2: We will be glad and exult in you;

Gem 1: We will sing praise to your name, O Most High.”

* Opening Hymn of Praise:

“All Creatures of Our God & King”

1. All Creatures of our God and King
Lift up your voice and with us sing
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Thou, burning sun with golden beam
Thou, silver moon with softer gleam
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
2. Let all things their Creator bless
And worship Him in humbleness
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son
Praise, praise the Spirit, Three in One!
O praise Him ! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

3. All the Redeemed washed by His blood
Come and rejoice in His great love
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Christ has defeated every sin
Cast all your burdens now on Him
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

4. He shall return in pow'r to reign
Heaven and earth will join to say
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Then who shall fall on bended knee?
All creatures of our God and King
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

* God's Greeting/We Greet Each Other

* Opening Song of Praise: 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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*"I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
but wholly lean on Jesus' name."*

GEM'S Theme Video: *"Unshakeable"*

GEM'S Report - Marjo Rouw

GEM's Litany:

Leader: In John 16:33 Jesus said, "In this world you will have trouble." We don't have to look very far for very long to see the troubles that are shaking our world. But when we turn our eyes from our troubles to the Truth of who God is and His unbreakable promises, everything changes. God is who He says He is. It's His unbreakable promise to us.

Gems: God is unshakeable. Truly he is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I will never be shaken (Psalm 62:2).

**ALL: We are who God says we are.
It's His unbreakable promise to us.**

Leader: God promises you are loved.

**ALL: See what great love the Father has lavished on us,
that we should be called children of God
(1 John 3:1).**

Leader: God promises you are not alone.

ALL: **Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you (Deuteronomy 31:6).**

Leader: God promises you are strong.

ALL: **In our concerns, circumstances, and contentment in this shaking world, we can do all things through God who gives us strength (Philippians 4:13).**

Leader: God promises you are forgiven.

ALL: **If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness (1 John 1:9).**

Leader: God promises you are a world changer.

ALL: **He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God (Micah 6:8).**

GEMS: *Thanks be to God for all His unbreakable, unshakeable promises to each one of us.*

ALL: **Go tell a girl and go tell the world. In Christ, we will not be shaken.**

GEM'S Theme Song: *"Firm Foundation"*

Offering

Offertory - GEM'S Slide Show

(Following the conclusion of the GEMS theme song children ages 3-1st grade are dismissed for Children and Worship)

* Song of Preparation: *"My Soul Finds Rest"* (Psalm 62)

1. O my God, hear my cry
from the depths I call out to You.
You give your mercy and light
in the dark and the wilderness

CHORUS:

My soul finds rest in God alone,
my salvation comes from Him.
My soul finds rest, God is my hope
I will not be shaken, I will not be shaken.

2. You are my shield and my strength,
train my feet for this battle.
Our God is mighty to save.
I will wait I will wait for Him

CHORUS

3. O my strength, I sing praise to You.
O my strength, I sing praise to You.
In joy or pain, I sing praise to You.
Night or day, I sing praise to You.

CHORUS

"On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;"

Scripture Reading: Psalm 62

Message: ***"Unshakeable"***

Time of Prayer

* Hymn of Application: LUYH#772 v. 1,2,4

"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

1. My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Chorus:

*On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand,
all other ground is sinking sand.*

2. When darkness veils His lovely face,
I rest on His unchanging grace;
in ev'ry high and stormy gale,
my anchor holds within the veil.

Chorus

4. When He shall come with trumpet sound,
O may I then in Him be found,
dressed in His righteousness alone,
faultless to stand before the throne.

Chorus

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*"All other ground is sinking sand,
all other ground is sinking sand."*

* God's Blessing

* Doxology: LUYH #770 v. 1-4 *"In Christ Alone"*

1. In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song;
this cornerstone, this solid ground,
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
My comforter, my all in all,
here in the love of Christ I stand.
2. In Christ alone, who took on flesh,
fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
scorned by the ones He came to save.
'Til on the cross as Jesus died,
the wrath of God was satisfied.
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid;
here in the death of Christ I live.

3. There in the ground His body lay,
light of the world by darkness slain;
then, bursting forth in glorious day,
up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory,
sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
for I am His and He is mine,
bought with the precious blood of Christ.

4. No guilt in life, no fear in death,
this is the power of Christ in me;
from life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no human plan,
can ever pluck me from His hand;
'til He returns or calls me home,
here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!
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* Postlude

Psalm 81 encourages worshipers to “Sing for joy to God...shout aloud to...God.” With great joy let us approach our loving Creator. With heart, soul, strength and mind let us dedicate ourselves to God. Welcome to all who have come! 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.

Tech Team	Today 4/24	Next Week May 1
Sound:	Henry H.	Mardick S.
Projection:	Hannah VH	Tim H./Maddy D.
Video	Tim H.	Devin VZ
Offering:	General Fund/GEMS	General Fund

First CRC

Bulletin Announcements

April 24, 2022

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Wednesday (4/27), Sally Reehoorn turns 98! It would be wonderful to have an outpouring of calls and cards to her to celebrate this monumental birthday! Her address is:

**c/o Creekside Retirement Community
400 Gilkey Road, Room #117
Burlington, WA 98233**

Beth will be out of the office Thursday, April 28 to set up for the MVC Auction. If you have any bulletin announcements or prayer guide updates, please get them to me by 9 am Wednesday morning. Thank you!

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 17: <https://youtu.be/USHGFSFekVY>

CALENDAR:

Greeters: This morning – **GEMS**; Next week – **Hank & Sylvia Van Zanten**

Coffee Hosts: This morning – Clarence & Eleanor Klunder; Next week – Henry & Sharon Kuipers

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

Worship Team: This Morning – Bob DG, Juli O., Kierra, Joel, Caleb Link; **Next Week** – Greg & Beth., Mandi D., Kayla & Ella VH

Upcoming Dates to Note:

Tues., April 26, 7:00am: Men's Bible Study at Shari's

Congregational Meeting: May 23, 7:00pm

ORGANIZATIONS WE SUPPORT

Register now for Camp Calvin 2022, June 27-July 1. Register by May 31 for early bird rate: \$245; June registration: \$295; Junior counselors: \$75. For more registration and more details go to www.campcalvinw.com

Camp volunteers needed: Camp counselors, Camp cooks, life guard. We would love to hear from you if you or someone in your faith circle might be interested in more info about volunteering at Camp Calvin.

COVID questions? Camp Calvin will be following Washington state and Yakima county regulations. As these regulations are constantly changing, we are relying on our facility partner, Cedar Springs Camps to keep us up to date.

If you have any specific questions or concerns regarding COVID, please reach out to me at stephenjansons@gmail.com or check out our COVID FAQ page at www.campcalvinw.com.

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:

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.

Your Smallest and Biggest Teachers - Check out the new kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. The Bible says that everything in nature, no matter how big, small, or even slimy, can teach us something about God. That's because he made everything with a purpose and he made a plan for all things. Listen now at kidscorner.net and check out all the new content.

Graduate Programs in Counseling - Northwestern College, IA, has started two online graduate programs that are distinctly Christ-centered to equip school or clinical mental health counselors who are called to serve Christ, people, and society in diverse settings. An M.A. in Clinical Mental Health or School Counseling can prepare you for a rewarding, high-need career as a professional counselor. For more information visit: www.nwciowa.edu/counseling

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

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

Together We Can Help Foster Moms of Hope - In many communities around the world, women are denied opportunities to earn income and to thrive. In two weeks, learn how, through our gifts to World Renew's Free A Family® program, we can help share God's love and equip women with the tools and training needed to become Moms of Hope—women who help their families to journey away from hunger and poverty. For more information, go to: worldrenew.net/momsofhope

Faith Practice Reflection Tip - Reflection and Discussion Starter—the Practice of Celebrating: Read Luke 15:20-24 and ponder or discuss the following questions. How would you feel if a child of yours whom you thought was dead appeared on your doorstep, seeking your forgiveness? If you were the father in this story, what would your celebration look like in today's world? What does this story tell you about God's character? (For more on faith practices from Faith Formation Ministries, visit bit.ly/FaithPracticesProject)

40 Days of Prayer - Sign Up Today! - As part of the CRCNA's year-long prayer initiative, Together Seeking God's Face, you are invited into a 40-day season of intentional, guided prayer leading up to Synod 2022. Learn more and sign up for daily Scripture and prayer prompts to be sent to your email for 40 days: network.crcna.org/prayer/seeking-gods-face-forty-days-prayer



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 keep **Kevin Wigboldy** in your prayers. His blood counts are very low due to his last chemo treatment. Continue to pray for a bone marrow match.

Please pray for **Shirley Boonstra** as she continues treatment and adjusts to her new home.

Please continue to keep **Dennis De Kok** in your prayers. 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; *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 18 - *Calvin Theological Seminary: Handlon Prison*

The seminary teaches and works with the men in the Handlon correctional facility in Michigan through partnerships with the Celebration Fellowship congregation and Calvin University in the Calvin Prison Initiative. Pray for the students as they learn and minister in their context.

Tuesday April 19 - *ReFrame: Japan*

Pray for a married couple who is currently living in a long-distance relationship. While the husband is in China for business, his wife is currently too sick to travel and is living at home in Japan. Meanwhile, praise God that they are connecting every day to do devotions together using ReFrame's Japanese ministry materials.

Wednesday April 20 - *World Renew: Malawi*

Tropical Storm Ana hit Malawi at the end of January, affecting nearly a million people. More than 190,000 people were displaced, and several main roads washed away. Please pray for strength, resilience, and healing for all affected families. Pray also for disaster responders as many work around the clock in challenging conditions.

Thursday April 21 - *Resonate: Japan*

Resonate missionary Jeong Gho is training six pastors and elders in Japan. Please pray for these leaders as they grow in their relationship with God and in their leadership skills.

Friday April 22 - *Climate Witness Project: Earth Day*

People who are poor and vulnerable tend to be the ones most directly affected by climate change. Pray that all who are more privileged will take action. Ask God for creative solutions to be developed so that people and places across the earth can flourish.

Saturday April 23 - *Safe Church: Volunteer appreciation*

Next week, Apr. 24-30, is volunteer appreciation week in Canada. Our ministry depends on the ongoing support of many volunteers across North America. Volunteer Canada notes that empathy "can build our capacity to work collectively and contribute to a vibrant, inclusive society." Pray for our volunteer teams and coordinators as they continue to connect and support people in our church communities.

Sunday April 24 - *GEMS Girls' Clubs: GEMS Sunday*

Thank God for using GEMS to build up girls and leaders for over 60 years. They are loved by God, and their call is to act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with God (Micah 6:8). Ask God to continue to strengthen leaders on their mission to help bring girls into a living, dynamic relationship with Jesus Christ.