

***Welcome to First Christian Reformed Church!***  
***May 1, 2022***  
**10:30 A.M. Worship Service**

\* Please stand in body or in spirit.

*"Ahead of us, a race to run;  
we fix our eyes on God the Son—"*

Prelude

Opening Video: *"Running the Race with Perseverance"*

\* Opening Hymn of Praise: LUYH #553 v. 1-4 *"How Great Thou Art"*

1. O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder  
consider all the works thy hand hath made,  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,  
thy power throughout the universe displayed;

*Refrain*

*Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:  
how great thou art, how great thou art!  
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how great thou art, how great thou art!*

2. When through the woods and forest glades I wander,  
I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;  
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur  
and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze;

*Refrain*

3. But when I think that God, his Son not sparing,  
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,  
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,  
he bled and died to take away my sin;

*Refrain*

4. When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation,  
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration  
and there proclaim, "My God, how great thou art!"

*Refrain*

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\* 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 Song of Praise: LUYH #254 v. 1,2,4 *"For All the Saints*

1. For all the saints who from their labors rest,  
who thee by faith before the world confessed,  
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.  
Alleluia, alleluia!

2. Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;  
thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;  
thou in the darkness drear their one true light.  
Alleluia, alleluia!
  
4. And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,  
steals on the ear the distant triumph song,  
and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.  
Alleluia, alleluia!

Words: William W. How, 1864, alt., P.D. CCLI #678905

\* 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

*"So looking at the past no more,  
forgetting what has gone before,"*

Welcome/Announcements

\* 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 sing together a communal hymn of faith.

Sung Prayer: LUYH #426 v. 1-4 *“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”*

1.   My faith looks up to thee,  
      thou Lamb of Calvary,  
      Savior divine!  
      Now hear me while I pray,  
      take all my guilt away.  
      O let me from this day  
      be wholly thine!
2.   May thy rich grace impart  
      strength to my fainting heart,  
      my zeal inspire.  
      As thou hast died for me,  
      O may my love to thee,  
      pure, warm, and changeless be,  
      a living fire!
3.   While life’s dark maze I tread  
      and griefs around me spread,  
      be thou my guide.  
      Bid darkness turn to day,  
      wipe sorrow’s tears away,  
      nor let me ever stray  
      from thee aside.
4.   When life’s swift race is run,  
      death’s cold work almost done,  
      be near to me.  
      Blest Savior, then in love  
      fear and distrust remove.  
      O bear me safe above,  
      redeemed and free!

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

“Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus ... let us hold unwaveringly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another – and all the more as you see the Day approaching.”

\* Hymn of Thanksgiving: LUYH #334 v. 1-5

*“May the Mind of Christ, My Savior”*

1. May the mind of Christ, my Savior,  
live in me from day to day,  
by his love and power controlling  
all I do and say.
2. May the word of God dwell richly  
in my heart from hour to hour,  
so that all may see I triumph  
only through his power.
3. May the peace of God, my Father,  
rule my life in everything,  
that I may be calm to comfort  
sick and sorrowing.
4. May the love of Jesus fill me  
as the waters fill the sea.  
Him exalting, self abasing:  
this is victory.
5. May we run the race before us,  
strong and brave to face the foe,  
looking only unto Jesus  
as we onward go.

Offering:

Offertory:

*(Following the offertory children ages 3-3<sup>rd</sup> grade  
are invited to go to Children in Worship)*

\* Hymn of Preparation: LUYH #427 v. 1,2,4,5 *“How Firm a Foundation”*

1. How firm a foundation you saints of the Lord,  
is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!  
What more can he say than to you he has said,  
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?
2. “Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed,  
for I am your God and will still give you aid;  
I’ll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.
4. “When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,  
my grace all-sufficient shall be your supply;  
the flame shall not hurt you; I only design  
your dross to consume and your gold to refine.
5. “The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose  
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;  
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,  
I’ll never, no never, no never forsake!”

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*“With eager diligence we train  
as for the prize ahead we strain,”*

Scripture Reading: Hebrews 12:4-13

Prayer of Illumination

Message: ***“Jesus is Greater than; Therefore, Endure”***

Time of Prayer

*“Until at last our course is done.”*

\* Hymn of Application: LUYH #427 v. 3 *"How Firm a Foundation"*

3. "When through the deep waters I call you to go,  
the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow,  
for I will be with you in trouble to bless,  
and sanctify to you your deepest distress.

LUYH #428 v. 1,3 *"O Lord, Be Our Refuge"*

1. O Lord, be our refuge; when evils assail,  
your justice is sure, and your strength will prevail.  
Yet wicked ones rise, and the good are laid low.  
Our mercy reveal and your righteousness show.
3. How firm a foundation we find in God's Word!  
We fashion our lives in the way of the Lord.  
When all else gives way, God's salvation remains;  
and even in death, God's great glory sustains.

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\* We Confess Our Faith: Psalm 46

Leader: God is our refuge and strength,  
a very present help in trouble.

**People: Therefore we will not fear,  
though the earth should change,  
though the mountains shake  
in the heart of the sea;  
though its waters roar and foam,  
though the mountains tremble with its tumult.**

Leader: There is a river whose streams make glad  
the city of God,  
the holy habitation of the Most High.

**People: God is in the midst of the city;  
it shall not be moved;  
God will help it when the morning dawns.**

Leader: The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter;  
he utters his voice, the earth melts.

**People: The LORD of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our refuge.**

Leader: Come, behold the works of the LORD;  
see what desolations he has brought on the earth.

**People: He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;  
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear;  
he burns the shields with fire.**

Leader: “Be still, and know that I am God!  
I am exalted among the nations,  
I am exalted in the earth.”

**People: The LORD of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our refuge.**

—Psalm 46, NRSV

\* God’s Blessing:

\* Parting Praise: LUYH #870 v. 1-2 *“Ahead of Us, a Race to Run”*

1. Ahead of us, a race to run;  
we fix our eyes on God the Son—  
so looking at the past no more,  
forgetting what has gone before,  
with eager diligence we train  
as for the prize ahead we strain,  
until at last our course is done.
2. He calls us now to run the race,  
the path we tread, the way of grace—  
discarding every weight and load  
to speed our way along the road;  
and though the journey may be long,  
the grace of God will keep us strong  
until we stand before his face.

Words: based on Philippians 3:12-14, Martin E. Leckebusch ©1999 Kevin Mayhew, Ltd.

Postlude

**Welcome!** As we unite in worship today, we extend a warm welcome to each one present. May we together experience the presence of God. 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 5/1	Next Week 5/8
Sound:	Mardick	Mardy S.
Projection:	Tim H./Maddy D.	Beth B.
Video	Devin VZ	Tim H/France K.
Offering:	General Fund	General Fund

# First CRC Bulletin Announcements

## *May 1, 2022*

**OUR CHURCH FAMILY**

**Congregational Meeting:** Save the date! **Monday, May 23 at 7pm** is the date for our annual Congregational Meeting. Our annual church budget will be presented for approval and informational reports from various church committees will be presented. Meeting packets will be available to pick up in person in the fellowship hall following our morning service on Sunday, May 8. All packets not picked up that day will be sent out in the mail on Monday, May 9.

The Council presents the following three nominees for the office of elder (2 open spots): Eliot Blom, Darrel Lagerwey, and Dave Visser. The Council presents the following four nominees for the office of deacon (3 open spots, 1 spot for only a one year term): Brad De Kok, Cody See, Mardick Stevens, and Jon Vander Kooy.

If you have any questions about any items on the agenda, please contact your district Elder prior to the Congregational Meeting. Absentee ballots can be placed in Beth's mailbox by her office door.

**Church Night at the Mariners Game!** Congregational members are invited to go see the Seattle Mariners take on the Los Angeles Angels on **Friday, June 17 at 7:10 PM!** The game itself will be followed by a Fireworks show approximately fifteen minutes after the game. A sign-up sheet will be available in the Fellowship Hall beginning on Sunday, May 8. **The cost of the tickets is \$12 a piece** and can be paid for and picked up in person at the church office beginning in early June. Please note that you will be responsible for your own transportation to and from the game itself, but you are encouraged to make arrangements to ride together. Looking forward to a fun night together as a church family!

*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 17: [https://youtu.be/\\_fKntJEurz0](https://youtu.be/_fKntJEurz0)

**CALENDAR:**

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

**Coffee Hosts:** This morning – Henry & Sharon Kuipers; Next week – Keith & Jean Rasmussen

**Children's Worship:** This morning –Next week –

**Worship Team: This Morning** – Greg & Beth., Mandi D., Kayla & Ella VH;

**Next Week** – Stan B., Julie B, Adriana & Tessa B.

**Upcoming Dates to Note:**

**Congregational Meeting: May 23, 7pm**

**Mariners Game: Friday, June 17, 7:10pm**

**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.campcalvinnw.com](http://www.campcalvinnw.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](mailto:stephenjansons@gmail.com) or check out our COVID FAQ page at [www.campcalvinnw.com](http://www.campcalvinnw.com).

**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:**

**Get the Denomination's Award-winning Magazine for FREE** - The Banner, the magazine of the Christian Reformed Church, is free! Sign up for free print delivery and a weekly e-newsletter by visiting the-[banner.org/signup](http://banner.org/signup). Given the Award of Excellence (2020) for best denominational magazine by the Evangelical Press Association, The Banner offers CRC news; thoughtful articles; and reviews of books, movies, and music. [TheBanner.org/signup](http://TheBanner.org/signup)

**Join Together for 40 Days of Prayer Before Synod 2022** - 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. Sign up for daily Scripture and prayer prompts to be sent to your email for 40 days at [crcna.org/pray](http://crcna.org/pray)

**World Renew DRS 50th Anniversary Tour** - For 50 years, disaster survivors have been met with God's mercy through church and volunteer partnership with World Renew Disaster Response Services. Come and celebrate all God has done at our 50th Anniversary Tour in Ripon, California at Calvary Reformed Church - 741 2nd St, Ripon, CA, 95366! If you're interested in attending, go to [forms.gle/Q75gN7Vi1sCzWm62](https://forms.gle/Q75gN7Vi1sCzWm62)

**Wonderful Creation, from Lions to Leviathans** - Check out the new kids' devotion at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net). If you are like the author of Psalm 104, you have learned about many of the plants and animals that God created. But why did God make so many different environments, each with more plants and animals than we could ever imagine? Listen now at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net) and check out all the new content.

**Groundwork: Understand: Jesus on the Road** - On the road to Emmaus, two of Jesus' followers listened as their companion explained the Scriptures to them. As their understanding of Scripture grew, so did their faith. Join Groundwork as we study this story in Luke 24:13-35 and discuss how we too cultivate our faith yet today as we develop a greater understanding of God and his ways through Scripture. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

**Faith Practice Reflection Tip** - Reflection and Discussion Starter—the Practice of Prayer: Read Matthew 6:9-13 and ponder or discuss the following question. In *Whistling in the Dark*, Frederick Buechner writes, “‘Thy kingdom come . . . on earth’ is what we are saying. And if that were suddenly to happen, what then? What would stand and what would fall? . . . To speak those words is to invite the tiger out of the cage, to unleash a power that makes atomic power look like a warm breeze.” What are we asking when we pray for God’s kingdom to come on earth? (For more on faith practices from Faith Formation Ministries, visit [bit.ly/FaithPracticesProject](http://bit.ly/FaithPracticesProject))

**Stand Against Racism Webinar - Friday, May 6** - Join the CRC Office of Race Relations at noon (EDT) on Friday, May 6, for a free webinar event in observance of the YWCA's national ‘Stand Against Racism’ campaign. Listen in on an engaging talk between a multiracial team of Christian antiracism educators as they discuss Critical Race Theory and the fear behind it. Find more info and register here: [crcna.org/Race/Events](http://crcna.org/Race/Events)

## Share the Gift of Christ's Hope with Vulnerable Families on May 8th -

A child should look into their mother's eyes and see hope for the future. But too many children around the world see fear—the fear that comes with food insecurity. Next week, through your gift to World Renew's Free A Family® program, you can help provide women in vulnerable communities with training in income-generating activities, proper health and nutrition practices, and more, so they are equipped to become Moms of Hope. Please share Christ's hope. To learn more, go to: [worldrenew.net/momsofhope](http://worldrenew.net/momsofhope)



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 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 25 - *ReFrame: India***

Anju works for a local health department in India, and she recently shared with our Hindi ministry team that she has been using their devotions as a source of spiritual encouragement during the pandemic. Pray that these devotions, titled Dainik Bhojan (Daily Bread), will continue to reach believers and seekers in India.

### **Tuesday April 26- *Resonate: Ontario***

Campus ministers at Geneva House, a Resonate partner at Queens University, have submitted the following request: "Pray that students exploring Christianity will make the decision to follow Jesus."

### **Wednesday April 27 -*Disability Concerns: Volunteers***

This is National Volunteer Week in Canada. Volunteer Canada notes, "Volunteering can help us develop empathy, to see the world through the eyes of others. It can connect people from diverse backgrounds and life experiences, expanding our views." We thank the many volunteers who allow our ministry to flourish. Give thanks with us for the time, effort, and empathy they give so generously.

### **Thursday April 28 -*World Renew: Nicaragua***

Our team in Nicaragua is partnering with 120 families in Tamarindo to build a water system to bring drinking water to each home. We are also working with churches in Leon to create long-term Emotional Health Ministries for survivors of violence, suicide, depression, and trauma, and to raise awareness toward doing more holistic ministry. Ask God to bless these new efforts.

### **Friday April 29 - *ReFrame: Worldwide***

Pray for ReFrame's ministry partners around the world as they record, write, and film new programs for Easter. Pray also for churches and their leaders around the world as they prepare for Easter services and celebrations. May these Easter messages reach new people with the good news of Jesus.

### **Saturday April 30 - *Resonate: Haiti***

Give thanks for the ways God is working through IMPACT clubs in Haiti to give young people hope for the future. Pray for students as they plan and implement community service projects—from fixing potholes in roads to building cisterns to catch drinking water.

**Sunday May 1 - *Diaconal Ministries Canada: NewGround Sunday***

NewGround (formerly Operation Manna) helps churches love their community! Please pray for our expanded program, which includes a youth justice initiative and deacon scholarships. Ask God to multiply the offerings collected for NewGround today so that even more churches across Canada can be a healing presence and a doorway of hope in their local communities.