

**Welcome to Mount Vernon  
First Christian Reformed Church!**

**Pastor John Knoester**

**May 08, 2022 Morning Service – 10:30 AM**

*"Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;"*

**\* Please stand in body or in spirit**

Prelude

Opening Video: Mother's Day Video

**\* Opening Hymn of Praise: LUYH #775 v. 1-3 "Across the Land"**

1. You're the Word of God the Father  
from before the world began;  
every star and every planet  
has been fashioned by your hand.  
All creation holds together  
by the power of your voice.  
Let the skies declare your glory;  
let the land and seas rejoice.

*Refrain*

*You're the author of creation,  
you're the Lord of everyone,  
and your cry of love rings out across the lands.*

2. Yet you left the gaze of angels,  
came to seek and save the lost  
and exchanged the joy of heaven  
for the anguish of a cross.  
With a prayer you fed the hungry,  
with a word you calmed the sea;  
yet how silently you suffered,  
that the guilty may go free.

*Refrain*

3. With a shout you rose victorious,  
wresting victory from the grave,  
and ascended into heaven,  
leading captives in your way.  
Now you stand before the Father,  
interceding for your own;  
from each tribe and tongue and nation  
you are leading sinners home.

*Refrain*

*You're the author of creation,  
you're the Lord of everyone,  
and your cry of love rings out across the lands.*

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\* Mother's Day Prayer

\* Hymn of Thanksgiving: LUYH #348 v. 1-3 *"Great is Thy Faithfulness"*

1. Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;  
there is no shadow of turning with thee;  
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;  
as thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

*Refrain*

*Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
all I have needed thy hand hath provided.  
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

2. Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,  
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
join with all nature in manifold witness  
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

*Refrain*

3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide,  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow—  
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

*Refrain*

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Company; Music: William M. Runyan, 1923, ©1923, ren. 1951 Hope Publishing Company, CCLI#678905

\* God's Greeting/We Greet Each Other

*"There is no shadow of turning with thee;"*

Welcome/Announcements (Pastor John)

Call to Confession: Psalm 139:1-12

Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance: Psalm 139: 13-17

Hymn of Thanksgiving: LUYH #17 v. 1-4 *"Beautiful Savior"*

1. Beautiful Savior! King of creation!  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Truly I'd love thee, truly I'd serve thee,  
Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
2. Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands,  
robed in flowers of blooming spring;  
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer;  
he makes our sorrowing spirit sing.
3. Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight,  
bright the sparkling stars on high;  
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer  
than all the angels in the sky.

#### **Acapella**

4. Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations!  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,  
now and forevermore be thine!

Words: Gesangbuch, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1873, P.D;  
Music: Schleissche Volkslieder, 1842, P.D.; CCLI# 678905

Offering:

Offertory Video

*(Following the conclusion of this video the children  
are invited forward for the Children's Message)*

Children's Message – Mrs. Marjo Rouw

*(Following the conclusion of the message children ages 3-3rd<sup>d</sup> grade  
are dismissed for Children and Worship)*

\* Song of Preparation: LUYH #899 v. 1-3 *"Seek Ye First"*

1. Seek ye first the kingdom of God  
and his righteousness,  
and all these things shall be added unto you.  
Allelu, alleluia.
2. Ask and it shall be given unto you;  
seek and you shall find;  
knock and the door shall be opened unto you.  
Allelu, alleluia.

### **Acapella**

3. We do not live by bread alone,  
but by every word  
that proceeds from the mouth of God.  
Allelu, alleluia.

Words and Music: Matthew 6:33, 7:7, 4:4; para. Karen Lafferty, 1972,  
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*"Thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not;"*

Scripture Reading: Proverbs 1:1-9, 31:10-31

Prayer of Illumination

Message: *"Pursuing Godly Wisdom"*

Time of Prayer

\* Hymn of Application: LUYH #859 v. 1-4 *"Be Thou My Vision"*

1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
naught be all else to me, save that thou art-  
thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.
2. Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.  
Thou my great Father; thine own may I be,  
thou in me dwelling and I one with thee.
3. Riches I heed not, nor vain empty praise;  
thou mine inheritance, now and always:  
thou and thou only first in my heart,  
high king of heaven, my treasure thou art.

4. High King of heaven, my victory won,  
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Words: Irish hymn, 8<sup>th</sup> c; tr. Mary E. Byrne; vers. Eleanor H. Hull, Music: Irish melody; arr. Jack Schrader; © 1989 Hope Publishing Company. CCLI#678905

*"As thou has been thou forever wilt be."*

- \* We Confess our Faith: Apostles Creed

**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 Blessing

- \* Parting Praise: LUYH #302 v. 1-2 *"Hear Our Praises"*

1. May our homes be filled with dancing,  
may our streets be filled with joy.  
May injustice bow to Jesus  
as the people turn and pray.

*Refrain*

*From the mountain to the valley,  
hear our praises rise to you.*

*From the heavens to the nations,  
hear our singing fill the air.*

2. May your light shine in the darkness  
as we walk before the cross.  
May your glory fill the whole earth  
as the water over the seas.

*Refrain x2*

*From the mountain to the valley,  
hear our praises rise to you.  
From the heavens to the nations,  
hear our singing fill the air.*

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\* Postlude

**Welcome!** We invite all of you to praise God with hearts and hands and voices. Let us be mindful of the wonders God has given us. Come rejoice in God and together sing praises to His name. Reach out in warmth to all who have gathered in the house of the Lord. 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 5/8</i>	<i>Next Week 5/15</i>
Sound:	Mardy S.	Tim H.
Projection:	Beth B.	Devin VZ
Video	Tim H./France K.	Brandon S.
Offering:	General Fund	General Fund

# First CRC Bulletin Announcements

**May 8, 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 today, 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.

**New Members Sunday!** On Sunday, May 15 we will have the opportunity to officially welcome and celebrate two new families as members to our church! At your convenience, please take the time to warmly welcome **Derek & Heidi Blanken** and their children, Jacob, Landon, Nolan, and Sadie. Please also welcome **Terry & Mandi Dykstra** and their children Maddie and Isaac. Welcome to the First CRC church family and we look forward to partnering in ministry with you in the months and years ahead!

**Worship Service YouTube Link:** May 1:

<https://youtu.be/RRmAbbyQNU>

**BAKERS NEEDED:** About six desserts for our GEMS Mother/Daughter night on Wednesday, May 18. Baker's choice! Please contact Marjo if you are able to help us out or if you have questions. We're planning an exciting GEMS Cruise as we bring our year to a close.

*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.*

**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!

### **CALENDAR:**

**Greeters:** This morning – **Henry & Pam Van Zanten;**

Next week – **Greg & Tish Ackermann**

**Coffee Hosts:** This morning – Keith & Jean Rasmussen;

Next week – Mardick & Jill Stevens

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

**Worship Team: This Morning** – Stan B., Julie S., Adriana & Tessa S.;

**Next Week** – Eliot B., Heidi B., France K., Nellie VDH

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

**GEMS Mother/Daughter Evening: May 18, 6:30pm**

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

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

### **ORGANIZATIONS WE SUPPORT**

We are pleased to announce that **Keepers of the Faith**, a gospel singing music group will be returning to Whatcom County. This group of believers has been faithfully proclaiming the word of God through their testimony of music for a number of years and has been an encouragement to so many. The live concert will be at **Nooksack Valley Reformed Church**, Sunday night, **May 15** at 6:30pm. Doors open at 5:30pm. The church is located at 602 East 2<sup>nd</sup> St, Nooksack, Wa. 98276.



Free admission/freewill offering. Refreshments following. For more information call Donna at 360-966-6165

Also please mark your calendars for Liberty Gospel Concert, October 15, 6:00pm at Faith Community Church, Lynden. Details to follow. More info...360-224-4815

**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:**

**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 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 April 27 prayer guide at <https://network.crcna.org/prayer/prayer-guide-synod-psalm-13>

**God is Our Protector** - Check out the new kids' devotion at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net). Psalm 121 tells how God is our ultimate protector. The psalmist reminds us that "He will not let your foot slip" (v. 3) and that God "is your shade at your right hand" (v. 5). This means that if we reach for help, God will be there. Listen now at [kidscorner.net](http://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](http://familyfire.com). Subscribe for regular email updates and connect with our Family Fire community on Facebook.

**Faith Practice Reflection** - Reflection and Discussion Starter—the Practice of Prayer: Read Psalm 145 and ponder or discuss the following questions. Of the four components of the ACTS model for prayer (adoration, confession, thanksgiving, supplication), adoration seems to

be the part of prayer that is difficult for many people in the Reformed tradition. Is that true for you? If so, why do you think that is? (For more on faith practices from Faith Formation Ministries, visit [bit.ly/FaithPracticesProject](http://bit.ly/FaithPracticesProject))

**May 2022 Safe Church Webinar: Step 2 Making and Revising Policy-** Join us May 18 at 12pm (Eastern) for Webinar 2 of our Safe Church Basics Series. In this webinar, Safe Church Ministry staff will highlight common myths hidden within many abuse prevention policies, share a new model policy, and hear from other leaders about ways they have navigated the tedious task of revising and making policies. Register at: <https://bit.ly/SCwebinarMay22>



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](mailto:secretary@firstcrmv.com) by 9:00 am Thursday of each week with your prayer items.

**NEW REQUESTS:**

**Jack and Trudy Van Klaveren's** son **Gerrit** and his wife **Karissa** are expecting a baby May 16. They just found out the baby has a heart problem and will need open heart surgery right after being born. The Van Klaveren's are asking for your prayers as they navigate this difficult time in their lives.

**Larry Greidanus'** sister Hilda recently passed away. In addition, **Maxine** was taken to the and it was determined that she has a malignant tumor in the right lung. Biopsy results are being awaited with a plan for treatment to be made shortly afterward. Please keep Maxine and Larry in your prayers during these challenging times

**CONTINUING REQUESTS:**

**Kevin Wigboldy** had another round of chemo and his energy and blood counts have stabilized. This week he will start another round and hopefully return home that week. Wonderful news that TWO bone perfect marrow matches have been found! Please pray that the transplant can move ahead rapidly!

**Shirley Boonstra's** latest CT scan shows much improvement! She will require only one more chemo treatment and then start hormone therapy on May 25. Praise God for this good news!

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 May 2 - Canadian Indigenous Ministry Committee: Reconciliation**

Participants in the 2021-22 season of Hearts Exchanged are wrapping up the reconciliation stage of their learning this month. Hearts Exchanged is a reconciliation learning and action journey. Please pray for participants as they consider how best to use their learning in their local churches in further dialogue and action.

#### **Tuesday May 3 - World Renew: Leadership**

Delegates at World Renew's annual board meeting in April celebrated many things, including ministry impact, strong fundraising results, the chance to be together after two years of virtual meetings, the new U.S. headquarters, and the 60th anniversary of World Renew! Praise God with us for this time of business, worship, relationship building, learning, strategic planning, and celebration.

#### **Wednesday May 4 - Resonate Global Mission: Europe**

Many Resonate missionaries serving throughout Europe are caring for refugees fleeing Ukraine. Ask the Holy Spirit for wisdom and guidance in this work. Pray for safety, protection, and provision for people who have been displaced from their homes.

#### **Thursday May 5 - Communications: National Day of Prayer (U.S.)**

Join Christians across the United States in praying for the nation and the world. May God's will and wisdom guide leaders at all levels for the good of all communities and families.

**Friday May 6 - *ReFrame Ministries: Russia***

ReFrame's Russian ministry partners are publishing a new Christian devotional guide in partnership with a large church in Russia. Pray that the new devotions will be able to be distributed as planned and will encourage the 3,000 readers of the magazine in which they will be published.

**Saturday May 7 - *Disability Concerns: Children and youth***

May 7 in Canada is Child and Youth Mental Health Day. As we have learned from navigating the pandemic, the mental health of the next generation has been greatly affected. Please join us in praying for the mental health of children and youth and for those who provide mental health care.

**Sunday May 8 - *World Renew: Mother's Day***

Around the world, women are often denied basic human rights and opportunities. Genesis 1:26–27 teaches that men and women are created equally in the image of God. World Renew sees women as capable and strong, resilient and essential to God's plan to restore creation. Please join us in praying for women's rights worldwide so that they can make positive changes for their families and communities.