

Welcome to First Christian Reformed Church!

May 29, 2022

Pastor: John Knoester

10:30 A.M. Worship Service

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

"Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus"

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements:

*** Call to Worship: Psalm 95:1-2**

*"Come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.
Let us come before him with thanksgiving
And extol him with music and song."*

*** Opening Song of Praise: LUYH #567 v. 1-2**

"Here I Am to Worship"

1. Light of the world, you stepped down into darkness,
opened my eyes, let me see.
Beauty that made this heart adore you,
hope of a life spent with you.

Refrain

*Here I am to worship; here I am to bow down;
here I am to say that you're my God.
You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy,
altogether wonderful to me.*

2. King of all days, oh so highly exalted,
glorious in heaven above.
Humbly you came to the earth you created,
all for love's sake became poor.

Refrain

Bridge

*I'll never know how much it cost
to see my sin upon that cross.
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to see my sin upon that cross.*

Refrain

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* God's Greeting

* We Greet Each Other

*"To reach out and touch Him,
and say that we love Him"*

Call to Confession: Psalm 24:3-5

*"Who may ascend the hill of the Lord?
Who may stand in his holy place?
He who has clean hands and a pure heart,
Who does not lift up his soul to an idol,
or swear by what is false.
He will receive a blessing from the Lord
and vindication from God his Savior."*

Sung Prayer of Confession: *"Lord I Need You"*

*Lord, I come, I confess.
Bowing here, I find my rest.
And without You, I fall apart.
You're the one that guides my heart.*

*Lord, I need You, oh, I need You.
Ev'ry hour I need You.
My one defense, my righteousness;
Oh, God, how I need You.*

*Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more
Where grace is found is where You are.
And where You are, Lord, I am free.
Holiness is Christ in me.
Where You are, Lord I am free.
Holiness is Christ in me.*

*Lord, I need You, oh, I need You.
Ev'ry hour I need You.
My one defense, my righteousness;
Oh, God, how I need You.*

So teach my song to rise to You
when temptation comes my way.
And when I cannot stand, I'll fall on You.
Jesus, You're my hope and stay.
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God's Will for our Lives: Ephesians 3:16-19

"I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge - that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God."

* Song of Assurance: *"Wonderful, Merciful, Savior"* v. 1-3

1. Wonderful merciful, Savior,
precious Redeemer and Friend;
Who would have thought that a Lamb
could rescue the souls of men?
Oh, You rescue the souls of men.

Chorus

*You are the One that we praise,
You are the One we adore,
You give the healing and grace
our hearts always hunger for,
Oh, our hearts always hunger for.*

2. Counselor, Comforter, Keeper,
Spirit we long to embrace;
You offer hope when our hearts
have hopelessly lost the way,
Oh, we hopelessly lost the way.

Chorus

3. Almighty, infinite Father,
faithfully loving Your own;
Here in our weakness You find us
falling before Your throne,
Oh, we're falling before Your throne.

Chorus

Offering:

Offertory:

* Song of Preparation: *"Open Our Eyes"*

Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus,
to reach out and touch Him, and say that we love Him.
Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen,
open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.

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*(Following the conclusion of this song children ages 3-1st grade
are dismissed for Children's Worship)*

"Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen"

Scripture Readings: Proverbs 10:7 and John 8:31-32

Prayer of Illumination

Message: ***"Titles or Testimonies"***

Time of Prayer

* Hymn of Application: LUYH #562 v. 1-4

"We Will Extol You, God and King."

1. We will extol you, God and King,
and bless your holy name.
Day after day we'll sing your praise,
forever and forever.

Refrain

*One generation will call to the next:
"Our God is good, and his hand is strong!"
All of the world sings his marvelous acts,
and our voice will join with theirs in the song.*

2. Great is the Lord! In all his ways
he's greatly to be praised.
Were we to search for endless days,
his greatness none could fathom.

Refrain

3. We contemplate the splendor of
the world your hand has made.
Far greater still the majesty
we see in the Creator!

Refrain

*One generation will call to the next:
“Our God is good, and his hand is strong!”
All of the world sings his marvelous acts,
and our voice will join with theirs in the song.*

4. Now may your name be sung in every
tongue, in every place.
Singing the fame of your great love
in every generation.

Refrain

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“Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus”

* God’s Blessing

* Parting Praise: GH #634 v. 1-3 *“Father, We Love You”*

1. Father, we love you,
we worship, we adore you,
glorify your name in all the earth.
glorify your name, glorify your name,
glorify your name in all the earth.
2. Jesus, we love you,
we worship, we adore you,
glorify your name in all the earth.
glorify your name, glorify your name,
glorify your name in all the earth.
3. Spirit, we love you,
we worship, we adore you,
glorify your name in all the earth.
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glorify your name in all the earth.

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Postlude

Welcome! The prophet Isaiah proclaimed: “With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation” (Isaiah 12:3). We welcome all who are present today and invite everyone to drink of Christ’s “living water,” which can quench our spiritual thirstiness forever. 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 5/29</i> | <i>Next Week 6/5</i> |
|------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| Sound: | Henry VZ | Tim H. |
| Projection: | Tim H./France K. | Beth B. |
| Video | Devin VZ | Brandon S. |
| Offering: | General Fund | General Fund |

First CRC

Bulletin Announcements

May 29, 2022



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MANY GRADUATES!! From the 8th grade we congratulate Landon Blanken, Charlie Droog, Julissa Oostra, Adriana Speck, Owen Vander Kooy and Justus Visser. From High School we congratulate Kennedy Donaldson, Emma Droog and Devin Van Zanten. Our college graduates are Kendall Van Zanten and Kourtney McIntyre (Mardick & Jill's granddaughter).

If any names have been accidentally left off this list, please let Beth know so she can add any additional graduates.

Save the Date - Summer Block Party! Are your children ready to experience Mr. Lagerwey's latest water toy purchases? Are you looking for a nice afternoon of fellowship, games, and conversation with neighbors and friends? If so, make sure to mark **Saturday, July 23** on your calendar accordingly for our annual summer block party! Hamburgers, hot dogs, corn hole, water fun, other lawn games, etc. will all be provided. Congregational members are encouraged to invite their neighbors and friends. We're looking forward to a great afternoon together and we hope to see you there!

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 bank account. Check the church's website: <http://www.firstcrcmv.com> for more information on these and other giving options.

Worship Service YouTube Link: May 22: N/A

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION FUND: The cost of the school year for 2022-2023 is \$127,755.00. In order for the fund to continue for another year we are still in need of \$19,573.00 to meet the total cost by May 31, 2022. Please submit your pledges in mailbox #85. If you have any questions, please contact Katie Jungquist at 428-3818.

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 – Shirley Boonstra & Elly Cuperus;

Next week – Randy & Peggy Burr

Coffee Hosts: This morning – Dennis & Melba DeKok;

Next week – Joe LC, Elly C., Katie J.

Children's Worship: This morning –Next week –

Worship Team: This Morning – Bob DG, Juli O., Kiera L.;

Next Week –Kevin & Glenda K., Mandi D.

Upcoming Dates to Note:

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

RECOMMENDED ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Banner Delayed - Due to worldwide paper shortages, delivery of the June issue of The Banner will be delayed by up to two weeks. In the meantime, visit TheBanner.org for new features, columns, news, and more. All reporting leading up to and during Synod 2022 can be found at thebanner.org/synod

The Great Commission: Reflecting God - Check out the new kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. We have the opportunity every day to proclaim God's love in our actions and words. In Matthew 28, God commanded us to share our faith with others: to share our stories of God's love for us. That's a big responsibility! Listen now at kidscorner.net and check out all the new content.

Groundwork: Sharing Your Faith Tells God's Story - As we continue our look at biblical evangelism, we explore scriptures that help us better understand the content of our message. Join Groundwork as we study John 14:25-27, 15:26-27, 16:7-15, 1 Peter 3:13-16, Matthew 5:13-16, and Ephesians 2:8-10 to better understand how sharing our faith through our life and our words tells God's story. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Send Us Your Church Life Photos - Send us your photos of the church at work or at worship! If you attend a CRC church and like taking photos, we'd love to see photos of your church in action: worshiping, engaging with the neighborhood, gardening...anything that brings church members together. We hope to share these photos on our Facebook page, on the homepage of the CRCNA website, on the Deacons' Offering Calendar, and in other ways that showcase some of the many faces of the CRC. (For that reason, please ensure that you have permission from the people in the photo to share it.) Send your photos to Communications@crcna.org



People to be remembered with prayers, cards, letters & words of encouragement. Email the office at secretary@firstcrcmv.com or call the church office at (336-2405) by 9:00 am Thursday of each week with your prayer items.

NEW REQUESTS:

Please keep **Martha Haarsma** in your prayers, as she was taken to the hospital and diagnosed with a UTI, pneumonia, and cold. She will remain there for at least a few days. Please pray that her recovery will be swift and that she will be able to return home in the days to come.

Dave Visser's melanoma surgery has been scheduled for June 2. Thanks be to God for a quick surgery date!

CONTINUING REQUESTS:

Madeline Grace Van Klaveren was born to Gerrett & Karissa Van Klaveren on May 19, weighing in at 7 lbs., 5.8 oz. The heard problem they expected is less severe than previously thought; major surgery is not needed. Praise God!

Maxine Greidanus had various tests done and is awaiting results. Please keep Maxine and Larry in your prayers during these challenging times.

Kevin Wigboldy was admitted to the hospital this week with a fever and headache. With treatment he is starting to improve. Please pray his blood count improves so he can go home. Kevin will begin the transplant process June 22 with a 100 percent bone marrow donor, but he will require intense chemo beforehand. Please keep him in your prayers as he goes through this whole process.

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 23 - *Faith Formation Ministries: Building relationships*
Along with our partners in the RCA's Next Generation Engagement, we give thanks for the church communities investing in intergenerational

relationships through the Generation Spark process. Pray that churches may continue to grow in strengthening intergenerational relationships that lead to thriving congregations and communities.

Tuesday May 24 - Resonate: Mexico

Pray for people who are studying the Bible with Resonate missionaries Abe and Elaine Lee in Mexico. Ask the Holy Spirit to help participants grow closer in relationship with Christ. Pray that they may also share the gospel with family, friends, and neighbors.

Wednesday May 25 - Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations: Unity

Pray that, through ecumenical relationships and dialogue, Christ's followers in diverse denominations will be drawn closer together and more nearly fulfill his prayer: "May [all who believe in me] be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me" (John 17:21).

Thursday May 26 - ReFrame: Ascension Day

Today, on Ascension Day, we begin a season of longing for Jesus' return and of preparation in the meantime. Pray that God's people around the world will continue forward with the Great Commission, serving as Jesus' witnesses "to the ends of the earth" (Acts 1:8).

Friday May 27 - World Renew: East Africa

Please pray for the programming in Kenya, Tanzania, and Uganda as our East Africa ministry team manages large institutional grants. Please pray that more institutions may be inspired to support World Renew programming in communities facing extreme drought, food insecurity, and poverty in this region.

Saturday May 28 - Redeemer University: Graduation

Pray ask God to continue to lead graduating students as they start the next stage of their life journey, to guide Redeemer in shaping students in the Reformed Christian worldview, and to provide Redeemer with the right faculty and staff needed for open positions in the year ahead.