

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

Pastor John Knoester

June 5, 2022 – Pentecost Sunday

Morning Service – 10:30 AM

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

“Spirit of God, unleashed on earth”

Prelude

Opening Video: *“Come Holy Spirit”*

*** Opening Hymn of Praise: LUYH #237 v. 1-3**

“Spirit of God, Unleashed on Earth”

1. Spirit of God, unleashed on earth
with rush of wind and roar of flame!
With tongues of fire saints spread good news;
earth, kindling, blazed its loud acclaim.
2. You came in power, the church was born;
O Holy Spirit, come again!
From living waters raise new saints,
let new tongues hail the risen Lord.
3. With burning words of victory won
inspire our hearts grown cold with fear,
revive in us baptismal grace,
and fan our smoldering lives to flame.

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*** Call to Worship: (Based on Acts 2:17-21)**

Reader #1: God will pour out the Spirit on all flesh,
and our daughters and sons shall prophesy.

Reader #2: Our old ones shall dream dreams,

Reader #3: and our young ones shall see visions;

Reader #4: and all who call upon the name of the Lord
shall be delivered.

People: **Come, let us call upon the name of the Lord!**

Reader #1: The God of the whirlwind and fire sweeps
into our presence in this hour.

People: **Glory be to God, who strengthens us
and blesses all people with peace.**

Reader #2: God, who called all the world into being,
calls forth new life in us today.

People: **Glory be to God, in whose creative purpose
we are claimed and empowered.**

Reader #3: God, whose Spirit unites all people
in a common language of love,

Reader #4: and confirms God's gifts in us as we gather
here.

People: **Glory be to God, who created light in which
we can walk in confident expectation.**

* Song of Response: LUYH #238 v. 1-4 "*Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness*"

Refrain

*Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,
blow through the wilderness,
calling and free;
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness.
Wind, Wind on the sea.*

1. You moved on the waters,
you called to the deep;
then you coaxed up the mountains
from the valleys of sleep,
and over the eons
you called to each thing,
"Awake from your slumbers
and rise on your wings."

Refrain

2. You swept through the desert,
you stung with the sand,
and you gifted your people
with a law and a land;
and when they were blinded
with idols and lies,
then you spoke through your prophets
to open their eyes.

Refrain

3. You sang in a stable,
you cried from a hill;
then you whispered in silence
when the whole world was still.
And down in the city
you called once again,
when you blew through your people
on the rush of the wind.

Refrain

4. You call from tomorrow,
you break ancient schemes;
from the bondage of sorrow
all the captives dream dreams;
our women see visions;
our men clear their eyes.
With bold new decisions
your people arise.

Refrain

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* God's Greeting/We Greet Each Other

"With rush of wind and roar of flame!"

Announcements

Call to Confession (Based on John 14:15-17,21)

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will obey what I command, and I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever—the Spirit of truth. Whoever has my commands and obeys them, he is the one who loves me. He who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love him and show myself to him."
Let us confess our sin to God in communal prayer.

Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance: (Based on Ezekiel 36:24-28)

"I will take you out of the nations;
I will gather you from all the countries.
I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean.
I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you;
I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees.
You will be my people, and I will be your God."
Friends in Christ: by the power of the Spirit,
we are united with Christ and given a new spirit.
Live in the joy and peace of that assurance.

Song of Thanksgiving: LUYH #437 v. 1-3 *"Day by Day"*

1. Day by day and with each passing moment,
strength I find to meet my trials here;
trusting in my Father's wise bestowment,
I've no cause for worry or for fear.
He whose heart is kind beyond all measure
gives unto each day what he deems best—
lovingly, its part of pain and pleasure,
mingling toil with peace and rest.
2. Every day the Lord himself is near me,
with a special mercy for each hour;
all my cares he gladly bears and cheers me,
he whose name is Counselor and Power.
The protection of his child and treasure
is a charge that on himself he laid:
"As your days, your strength shall be in measure"—
this the pledge to me he made.

3. Help me then in every tribulation
so to trust your promises, O Lord,
that I lose not faith's sweet consolation
offered me within your holy Word.
Help me, Lord, when toil and trouble meeting,
e'er to take, as from a father's hand,
one by one, the days, the moments fleeting,
till I reach the promised land.

Words: Carolina Sandell Berg (1865); tr. Andrew L. Skoog, 1931, alt. P.D

Offering:

Offertory: Brett and Angela Nicholson – Missionaries in Uganda

*(Following the conclusion of this video children ages 3-3rd grade are dismissed for
Children and Worship)*

* Song of Preparation: LUYH #746 v. 1-3 "Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God"

1. Holy Spirit, living Breath of God,
breathe new life into my willing soul.
Bring the presence of the risen Lord
to renew my heart and make me whole.
Cause your Word to come alive in me;
give me faith for what I cannot see;
give me passion for your purity;
Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.
2. Holy Spirit, come abide within,
may your joy be seen in all I do.
Love enough to cover every sin,
in each thought and deed and attitude.
Kindness to the greatest and the least,
gentleness that sows the path of peace.
Turn my striving into works of grace;
Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.
3. Holy Spirit, from creation's birth,
giving life to all that God has made,
show your power once again on earth,
cause your church to hunger for your ways.
Let the fragrance of our prayers arise;
lead us on the road of sacrifice,
that in unity the face of Christ
may be clear for all the world to see.

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“With tongues of fire saints spread good news;”

Scripture Reading: Ruth 2

Prayer of Illumination

Message: ***“Refuge from the Storm”***

Time of Prayer

* Hymn of Application: LUYH #690 v. 1-4

“I Know Not Why God’s Wondrous Grace”

1. I know not why God’s wondrous grace
to me he has made known,
nor why, unworthy, Christ in love
redeemed me for his own.

Refrain

*But “I know whom I have believed,
and am persuaded that he is able
to keep that which I’ve committed
unto him against that day.”*

2. I know not how this saving faith
to me he did impart,
nor how believing in his Word
wrought peace within my heart.

Refrain

3. I know not how the Spirit moves,
convincing us of sin,
revealing Jesus through the Word,
creating faith in him.

Refrain

4. I know not what of good or ill
may be reserved for me,
of weary ways or golden days,
before his face I see.

Refrain

Words: based on 2 Timothy 1:12, Daniel W. Whittle, 1883; P.D.;

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(During the singing of this hymn the children will be returning to the sanctuary and the elders serving communion are invited to come forward)

"Earth, kindling, blazed it's loud acclaim."

We Celebrate Communion Together

Declaration of God's Invitation and Promises

(Based on Luke 13:29, 24:30-31)

Friends, this is the joyful feast of the people of God!
People will come from east and west, from north and south,
and sit at the kingdom of God.

When our risen Lord was at the table with his disciples,
he took the bread, and blessed and broke it,
and gave it to them.

Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him.
This is the Lord's table. Our Savior invites those
who trust him to share the feast that he has prepared.

Summary of Scriptural Teaching: (Based on HC Q&A 79)

Leader: Christ calls the bread his body and the cup
his blood, or the new covenant in his blood.

People: **Christ has good reasons for these words.
He wants to teach us that as bread and wine
nourish our temporal life, so too his crucified
body and poured-out blood truly nourish
our souls for eternal life.**

Leader: But more important, he wants to assure us,
by this visible sign and pledge, that we,
through the Holy Spirit's work,
share in his true body and blood as surely as our
mouths receive these holy signs
in his remembrance,

People: **and that all of his suffering and obedience are as
definitely ours as if we personally had suffered
and paid for our sins.**

Preparing the Bread and the Cup:

Prayer of Thanksgiving:

Invitation:

Distribution: LUYH #833 v. 1-3 *"There is a Redeemer"*

1. There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son;
precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.

Chorus:

*Thank You, O my Father, for giving us Your Son;
and leaving Your Spirit 'til the work on earth is done.*

2. Jesus, my Redeemer, name above all names;
precious Lamb of God, Messiah, hope for sinners slain.

Chorus

3. When I stand in glory, I will see His face;
there I'll serve my King forever, in that holy place.

Chorus

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LYUH #568 "I Will Sing of My Redeemer" v. 1-4

1. I will sing of my Redeemer
and his wondrous love to me;
on the cruel cross he suffered,
from the curse to set me free.

Refrain

*Sing, oh, sing of my Redeemer,
with his blood he purchased me;
on the cross he sealed my pardon,
paid the debt, and made me free.*

2. I will tell the wondrous story,
how my lost estate to save,
in his boundless love and mercy
he the ransom freely gave.

Refrain

3. I will praise my dear Redeemer,
his triumphant power I'll tell,
how the victory he giveth
over sin and death and hell.

Refrain

4. I will sing of my Redeemer
and his heavenly love to me;
He from death to life has brought me,
Son of God, with him to be.

Refrain

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LUYH #840 *"Behold the Lamb" v. 1*

1. Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away,
slain for us- and we remember
the promise made that all who come in faith
find forgiveness at the cross.
So we share in this Bread of Life,
and we drink of His sacrifice
as a sign of our bonds of peace
around the table of the King.

Sharing of the Bread and Cup:

Take, eat, remember and believe that the body of our Lord
Jesus Christ was given for the complete forgiveness of all our sins.

"Behold the Lamb" v. 2

2. The body of our Savior, Jesus Christ,
torn for you- eat and remember
the wounds that heal; the death that brings us life
paid the price to make us one.
So we share in this Bread of Life,
and we drink of His sacrifice
as a sign of our bonds of love
around the table of the King.

Take, drink, remember and believe the precious blood of our Lord
Jesus Christ was shed for the complete forgiveness of all our sins.

"Behold the Lamb" v. 3

3. The blood that cleanses every stain of sin,
shed for you- drink and remember
He drained death's cup, that all may enter in
to receive the life of God.
So we share in this Bread of Life,
and we drink of His sacrifice
as a sign of our bonds of grace
around the table of the King.

Response of Praise and Prayer

Worthy is the lamb, who was slain, to receive power
and wealth and wisdom and strength,
and honor and glory and praise!

* *“Behold the Lamb” v. 4- All*

4. And so with thankfulness and faith we rise
to respond - and to remember
our call to follow in the steps of Christ
as His body here on earth.
And as we share in His suffering,
we proclaim Christ will come again!
And we’ll join in the feast of heaven
around the table of the King.

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* Benediction

* Parting Praise: LUYH #741 *“Take, O Take Me as I Am” 2x*

Take, O take me as I am;
summon out what I shall be;
set your seal upon my heart
and live in me.

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* Postlude

Welcome to everyone! We are so glad you chose to worship with us
this Lord's Day. Today, we are having Holy Communion. Please reflect
in reverence as we symbolize the body of Christ and His redemption
for us. 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 6/5	Next Week 6/12
Sound:	Tim H.	Mardy S.
Projection:	Beth B.	Devin VZ
Video	Brandon S.	Tim H./France K.
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OUR CHURCH FAMILY

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 Courtney 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. ☒

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](http://www.firstcrcmv.com) for more information on these and other giving options.

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!

Worship Service YouTube Link: May 29: <https://youtu.be/oPx7M1vCjKM>

GET YOUR TICKETS NOW FOR 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 this coming Monday. **We have a**

lot of tickets left, so invite your friends!! 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 – **Randy & Peggy Burr;**

Next week – **Dennis & Melba DeKok**

Coffee Hosts: This morning – Joe LC, Elly C., Katie J.;

Next week – TBD

Worship Team: This Morning – Kevin & Glenda K., Mandi D.; **Next Week** – Greg & Beth B., Kayla & Ella VH

Upcoming Dates to Note:

Men's Bible Study: June 7, 7am at Shari's Restaurant

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

Summer Block Party! – July 23

RECOMMENDED ANNOUNCEMENTS:

World Renew DRS 50th Anniversary Tour - At World Renew Disaster Response Services, we are grateful to celebrate 50 years of DRS! Our work with churches and volunteers is how Christ's hope and love is shared through disaster response, home repairs, and more. Join us on our anniversary tour for an open house style celebration from 4-7 PM on July 19th at Third Christian Reformed Church (514 Liberty St., Lynden, WA) to reconnect, join in fellowship with a meal, and more.

Inspire 2022 - Gather with Reformed believers from across the continent August 4-6 at Tinley Park, near Chicago, for Inspire 2022. Worship, learn, find fellowship, and be refreshed! Learn more and register at www.crcna.org/inspire

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Understanding Pentecost - Check out the new kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. The Spirit came in a powerful way and filled the people. That's because we serve a powerful God! The wind and fire are symbols for God's presence. Listen now at kidscorner.net and check out all the new content.

Sharing Your Faith Relies on the Holy Spirit - The events of Pentecost are significant for our ability to share our faith still today. Join Groundwork as we study this story in Luke 24:45-49, John 15:26-27, Acts 1:4-5, Acts 2:1-41, and Acts 10:44-48 and discover the power the Holy Spirit provides us to follow Jesus command to share our faith and make disciples for him. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Faith Practice Reflection Tip - Reflection and Discussion Starter—the Practice of Wonder: Read Acts 2:1-21 and ponder or discuss the following questions. On this Pentecost Sunday, what do you wonder about the Acts 2 story? What surprises you or fills you with awe? How might you have reacted if you were part of the international crowd in Jerusalem and you heard the Gospel message for the first time in your own language? (For more on faith practices from Faith Formation Ministries, visit bit.ly/FaithPracticesProject)





How can
we
PRAY
for you?

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

CONTINUING REQUESTS:

Please keep **Martha Haarsma** in your prayers. She has been able to return home this week.

Please keep **Dave Visser** in your prayers as he had surgery for melanoma June 2.

Please keep Agnes Bollema in your prayers, as she suffered a fall last week and had surgery to repair her shoulder this past Tuesday. She will be staying with her daughter while she recuperates. If you would like to send her a note, the address is:

**Agnes Bollema
c/o Marie Costello
1908 Twin Sisters Ct.
Lynden, WA 98264**

Please keep **Maxine Greidanus** in your prayers as she awaits treatment.

Please pray **Kevin Wigboldy's** 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 30 - *Chaplaincy and Care Ministry: Memorial Day (U.S.)*

On this day we remember all service people who gave up their lives while serving their country. We remember lives that ended too soon. We pray too for friends and family who grieve the loss of those lives, often feeling abandoned and unknown in their grief. We continue to live in the hope that one day all wars will cease at the coming of Jesus Christ.

Tuesday May 31 - *ReFrame: Burkina Faso*

Khadijatou is a young woman from Burkina Faso's capital city who listens to ReFrame's radio programs. She recently connected with our staff, sharing that the programs are very helpful to her. Pray for healing for Khadijatou as she suffers from a chronic disease and has had to drop out of school because of her health concerns.

Wednesday June 1 - *World Renew: Refugees and displaced people*

We entered 2022 with 84 million people forcibly displaced worldwide, 27 million of them as refugees. As the war in Ukraine battles on, the number of displaced people has risen by 10 million since February. We have nearly 100 million neighbors in need of shelter and safety. Please join us in asking God to keep these vulnerable people safe and to provide for their needs.

Thursday June 2 - *Resonate Global Mission: Cambodia*

Resonate missionaries Ly Chhay and Navy Chann Chhay give thanks for 18 new believers in the villages where they serve in Cambodia! Please pray for these new believers as they continue to grow as disciples of Christ.

Friday June 3 - *Safe Church Ministry: Policies and teams*

This past month Safe Church hosted a webinar on making and revising safe church policies. In a time when we are hearing so often about sexual abuse and misconduct in the church, we are thankful for safe church teams throughout the CRCNA that continue to work toward creating spaces free of abuse. Please continue to pray for our safe church teams as they provide ongoing training and support to congregations in abuse awareness, prevention, and response.

Saturday June 4 - *ReFrame Ministries: United States*

Pray for Gail, who reads ReFrame's Today devotions and recently shared, "I have spent many years being a single mom, and I really don't have anyone to help me. I am so lonely."

Sunday June 5 - *Resonate: Pentecost*

As we celebrate Pentecost today, please pray for Resonate missionaries, church planters, campus ministers, and other ministry leaders who share the gospel in communities throughout the world. May they be in step with the Holy Spirit, and may God open doors, guide conversations, and make his love, grace, and power evident in people's lives everywhere.