

**Welcome to Mount Vernon
First Christian Reformed Church!
Pastor John Knoester
June 12, 2022, Morning Service – 10:30 AM**

* Please stand in body or in spirit

“Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.”

Prelude

Opening Song Video: *“Here is Love” – Sovereign Grace*

Welcome

* Opening Hymn of Praise: Celebration Hymnal #156 v. 1-3
“The Love of God”

1. The love of God is greater far
than tongue or pen can ever tell;
It goes beyond the highest star,
and reaches to the lowest hell;
The guilty pair, bowed down with care,
God gave His Son to win;
His erring child He reconciled,
and pardoned from his sin.

Refrain

*O love of God, how rich and pure!
How measureless and strong!
It shall forevermore endure
the saints' and angels' song!*

2. When years of time shall pass away,
and earthly thrones and kingdoms fall,
when men who here refuse to pray,
on rocks and hills and mountains call,
God's love so sure shall still endure,
all measureless and strong;
redeeming grace to Adam's race—
the saints' and angels' song.

Refrain

3. Could we with ink the ocean fill,
and were the skies of parchment made,
were every stalk on earth a quill,
and every man a scribe by trade,
to write the love of God above
would drain the ocean dry;
nor could the scroll contain the whole,
tho' stretched from sky to sky.

Refrain

*O love of God, how rich and pure!
How measureless and strong!
It shall forevermore endure
the saints' and angels' song!*

Text: Frederick M. Lehman; Meir Ben Isaac Nehorai, stanza 3; Music: Frederick M. Lehman; Public Domain; CCLI #678905

* Call to Worship (Based on Psalm 98)

Leader: Sing a new to the Lord,
who has worked wonders,
whose right hand and holy arm
have brought salvation.

**People: The Lord has made known salvation;
has shown justice to the nations;
has remembered truth and love
for the house of Israel.**

Leader: All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation
of our God.

People: Shout to the Lord, all the earth, sing out your joy.

Leader: Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp,
with the sound of music.

**People: With trumpets and the sound of the horn
acclaim the King, the Lord.**

* Hymn of Praise: LUYH #206 v. 1,3,4,5

“Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing”

1. Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
The cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.
3. In every insult, rift and war,
where color, scorn, or wealth divide,
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more,
and lives, where even hope has died.
4. Women and men, in age and youth,
can feel the Spirit, hear the call,
and find the way, the life, the truth,
revealed in Jesus, freed for all.
5. Christ is alive, and comes to bring
good news to this and every age,
till earth and sky and ocean ring
with joy, with justice, love and praise.

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T. Williams’ Psalmodia Evangelica, 1789, P.D.; CCLI #678905

* God’s Greeting/We Greet Each Other

“The cross stands empty to the sky.”

Announcements

Offering: General Fund

Offertory Video: *“Practicing Resurrection”*

Ministry Update – One Parish, One Prisoner

Time of Prayer

* Song of Preparation: LUYH #754 v. 1,3,4,5

“Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak” v. 1,3,4,5

1. Lord, speak to me that I may speak
in living echoes of your tone.
As you have sought, so let me seek
your erring children, lost and lone.

3. O teach me, Lord, that I may teach
the precious truths which you impart.
And wing my words that they may reach
the hidden depths of many a heart.
4. O fill me with Thy fullness, Lord,
until my very heart o'erflows
in kindling thought and glowing word,
your love to tell, Thy praise to show.
5. O use me, Lord, use even me,
just as you will, and when, and where
until your blessed face I see,
your rest, your joy, your glory share.

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(During the singing of this hymn, children ages 3-3rd^t grade
are dismissed for Children and Worship)

“Let streets and homes with praises ring.”

Scripture Reading: Ruth 3

Prayer of Illumination

Message: ***“Not Your Typical Hollywood Love Story!”***

Time of Prayer

* Hymn of Application: LUYH #695 v. 1,2,4 *“And Can it Be”*

1. And can it be that I should gain
an interest in the Savior’s blood?
Died he for me, who caused his pain—
for me, who caused his bitter death?
Amazing love! How can it be
that you, my Lord, should die for me?

Refrain

*Amazing love! How can it be
that you, my Lord, should die for me?*

2. He left his Father's throne above—
so free, so infinite his grace—
emptied himself of all but love,
and bled for Adam's helpless race!
What mercy this, immense and free,
for, O my God, it found out me!

Refrain

4. No condemnation now I dread,
for Christ, and all in him, is mine!
Alive in him, my living Head,
and clothed in righteousness divine,
bold I approach the eternal throne
and claim the crown, through Christ, my own.

Refrain

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"Love drowned in death, shall never die."

* We Confess our Faith: Our World Belongs to God

Leader: At Pentecost, promises old and new are fulfilled.
The ascended Jesus becomes the baptizer,
drenching his followers with his Spirit,
creating a new community where Father, Son,
and Holy Spirit make their home.
Revived and filled with the breath of God,
women and men, young and old,
dream dreams and see visions.

**People: The Spirit renews our hearts and moves us to faith,
leads us into truth, and helps us to pray,
stands by us in our need,
and makes our obedience fresh and vibrant.**

Leader: God the Spirit lavishes gifts on the church
in astonishing variety—
prophecy, encouragement, healing,
teaching, service, tongues, discernment—
equipping each member
to build up the body of Christ
and to serve our neighbors.

**People: The Spirit gathers people
from every tongue, tribe, and nation
into the unity of the body of Christ.
Anointed and sent by the Spirit,
the church is thrust into the world,
ambassadors of God's peace,
announcing forgiveness and reconciliation,
proclaiming the good news of grace.**

* God's Blessing

*Parting Praise: LUYH #604 v. 1-3 *"To God Be the Glory"*

1. To God be the glory, great things he has done;
so loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Refrain

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord;
let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord;
let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory; great things he has done.*

2. O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
to every believer the promise of God;
the vilest offender who truly believes,
that moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Refrain

3. Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
but purer and higher and greater will be
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

Refrain

Words: Fanny J. Crosby, 1875, alt., P.D.; Music: William H. Doane, 1875, PD.;

* Postlude

Welcome! This is the day that the Lord has made. Worship is our opportunity to be glad and rejoice in the Lord's house on the Lord's Day. We come as the children of God, knowing that we are welcomed here where all are meant to be one in the Lord. Let us lay down our burdens and rejoice in the Lord for the Lord is good, the Source of love. 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 6/12</i>	<i>Next Week 6/19</i>
Sound:	Mardy S.	Mardick S
Projection:	Devin VZ	Hannah VH
Video	Tim H./France K.	Devin VZ
Offering:	General Fund	General Fund

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Bulletin Announcements

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OUR CHURCH FAMILY

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

There is an update from **Amy from NER Recovery** up on the Missionary Bulletin Board and additional copies on the shelf as well.

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: June 5: https://youtu.be/YY10cWjhx_Q

THANK YOU to all those who fulfilled their pledges for the past school year and to those who made pledges for next school year for the Christian Education Fund. All obligations were met so the CEF will continue for another year.

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!

CALENDAR:

Greeters: This morning – **Dennis & Melba DK**; Next week – **Greg & Beth B.**

Coffee Hosts: This morning – Mardick & Jill S.; Next week – Dick & Linda Gudmunson

Worship Team: This Morning – Greg & Beth B., Kayla & Ella VH; **Next Week** – Stan B., Julie S., Adriana & Tessa S.

Upcoming Dates to Note:

Men's Bible Study: June 21, 7am at Shari's Restaurant

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

Summer Block Party! – July 23

RECOMMENDED ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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.

I'm a Part of God's Story - Check out the new kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. The Bible is like a telescope that helps us zoom in on God's plan; it reminds us that God works all things together for good. God gave us his Word to be the lens through which we can look at our lives. Ask him to make his promises clear and to help you trust in his plan. Listen now at kidscorner.net and check out all the new content.

Groundwork: Biblical Steps for Sharing Your Faith - We've studied what evangelism is, why every believer is called to witness, and the role and power of the Holy Spirit. Now we consider how we share our faith. Join Groundwork as we study Matthew 9:35-10:7, Acts 4:23-31, Acts 8:26-40, and Revelation 12:11 to glean simple, practical steps that every believer can follow to confidently share their faith. 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 Psalm 139 and ponder or discuss the following questions. This song is an amazing expression of wonder. Read the first 18 verses. What wonderings does this passage prompt in you? Do you often go through your day with this kind of wonder and awe? If not, what do you think hinders you? What practices might help you recapture a sense of childlike wonder more regularly? What aspect of God's character fills you with awe? (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.

NEW REQUESTS:

Please pray for **Aileen Meishke**, who has been bedridden with a bad bed sore. She has been dealing with quite a lot of pain. Pray for God's healing mercies.

Please pray for Rich Knight's friend **Witt Olson**, who was in a bad motorcycle accident this past week. Pray for healing for him in the days and weeks to come.

Pray for the **Paul** family, as they laid Wilma to rest this past Friday.

CONTINUING REQUESTS:

Please keep **Martha Haarsma** in your prayers for complete healing.

Please keep Agnes Bollema in your prayers as she recuperates from shoulder surgery. 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**

Kevin Wigboldy's underwent a diagnostic procedure called a Bronchoscopy this past week. Please keep him in your prayers as he goes through this whole process towards a bone marrow transplant.

Continue to pray for **Shirley Boonstra, Maxine Greidanus, Dennis De Kok** and **Adelaida Vega** as they continue to fight their cancer.

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; **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 June 6 *World Renew: New U.S. building*

On April 30, World Renew held a dedication ceremony for its new U.S. office located in Byron Center, Mich. In attendance were guests, family members, friends, volunteers, and supporters of World Renew. We praise God for his abundant faithfulness and provision, and we pray for his

continued blessing on the partner ministries and communities we work with worldwide.

Tuesday June 7 - *ReFrame: Japan*

Keiko is not able to attend church, but she listens to ReFrame's Japanese ministry programs and is thankful for the opportunity to hear God's Word each day. "Thank you very much," she writes. "I'm an elderly person, I'm physically disabled, I'm sick, and I'm taking care of my husband." Pray for Keiko and her husband as they care for one another, both spiritually and physically.

Wednesday June 8 - *Chaplaincy and Care: Workplaces*

In industrial and corporate settings, our workplace chaplains serve the needs of employees who are affected by crises at home or at work and who may not have a spiritual support network to engage with. In the past year our workplace chaplains have often been called upon to care for employees experiencing grief, trauma, and crisis. Please pray for these chaplains and the people they serve.

Thursday June 9 - *Disability Concerns: Training*

Planning is well under way for our next Disability Concerns online training event, scheduled for Aug. 11-12. This year our focus will be on dismantling ableism in our churches. Please pray for our ministry as we plan this event and learn from one another. May this conference lead to reduced discrimination of people with disabilities and a greater sense of belonging in our churches.

Friday June 10 - *Communications: Synod 2022*

The annual decision-making assembly of the Christian Reformed Church begins in person today in Grand Rapids, Mich. Please pray for leaders and delegates as they pray, discuss, and make decisions. May God's will be done in all things.

Saturday June 11 - *Resonate: Ukraine*

Please continue to pray for everyone affected by the war in Ukraine. Pray for Resonate missionaries and ministry partners who are supporting and caring for refugees. Ask God for protection and provision, and may the peace of Christ reign.

Sunday June 12 - *Worship Ministries: Trinity Sunday*

Praise be to our triune God: eternal Father, saving Christ, life-giving Spirit. We dwell in the mystery of the Trinity, acknowledging that God is far beyond anything we can understand. The Lord pursues relationship with us and calls us to dwell in unity with God and with one another. May we be one as our triune God is one.