

Dear Friends,

The book of Ruth is a fascinating story about a young Moabite woman who also happens to be an ancestor of Jesus. In addition, it also teaches us about God's dealings with His people, and with the world itself.

Throughout the book God shows His perfect love to an embittered Naomi and her foreign daughter-in-law, Ruth. His grace brings home a disobedient prodigal daughter with empty hands, so that he can astonish her with unexpected favor. In doing so, God points us ahead to Jesus Christ as the One in whom that grace will fully and finally come to both aliens and strangers. In Jesus, God redeems rebellious sinners such as us and makes us into new people. May God bless us as we study this short little book with a life-changing message.

In His Grace,

Pastor John Knoester

1. May 15 – Ruth 1:1-7 – *“The Road Going to Nowhere”*
2. May 22 – Ruth 1:6-22 – *“Bottom of the Barrel Grace”*
3. June 5 – Ruth 2 – *“Refuge From the Storm”*
4. June 12 – Ruth 3 - *“Not a Typical Hollywood Love Story!”*
5. June 19 – Ruth 4:1-12 – *“Pledge Fulfilled”*
6. June 26 – Ruth 4:13-22 – *“The Bigger Picture”*

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

Pastor John Knoester

June 19, 2022

Morning Service – 10:30 AM

* Please stand in body or in spirit

“Children of the heavenly Father,”

Prelude

Opening Video: Father’s Day

Welcome

* Opening Hymn of Praise: LUYH #23 v. 1-4

“Children of the Heavenly Father”

1. Children of the heavenly Father
safely in his bosom gather,
nestling bird nor star in heaven
such a refuge e’er was given.
2. God his own shall tend and nourish,
in his holy courts they flourish.
From all evil powers he spares them;
in his mighty arms he bears them.
3. Neither life nor death shall ever
from the Lord his children sever;
for to them his grace revealing,
he turns sorrow into healing.
4. God has given, he has taken,
but his children ne’er forsaken;
his the loving purpose solely
to preserve them pure and holy.

* Call to Worship (Based on Psalm 98)

Leader: The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it,
the world, and all who live in it;

**People: For he founded it upon the seas
and established it upon the waters.**

Leader: Who may ascend the hill of the Lord?
Who may stand in his holy place?

**People: Those who have clean hands and pure hearts,
who do not lift up their souls to what is false,
and do not swear deceitfully.**

Leader: Lift up your heads, O you gates,
be lifted up, you ancient doors.

People: That the king of glory may come in,

Leader: Who is he, this King of glory?

People: The Lord Almighty, he is the King of glory.

* Hymn of Praise: LUYH #21 v. 1-3 *"This is My Father's World"*

1. This is my Father's world,
and to my listening ears
all nature sings, and round me rings
the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world;
I rest me in the thought
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;
his hand the wonders wrought.
2. This is my Father's world;
the birds their carols raise;
the morning light, the lily white,
declare their Maker's praise.
This is my Father's world;
he shines in all that's fair.
In the rustling grass I hear him pass;
he speaks to me everywhere.

3. This is my Father's world;
oh, let me not forget
that, though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the Ruler yet.
This is my Father's world;
why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is King, let the heavens ring!
God reigns; let the earth be glad.

Words: Maltbie D. Babcock (1858-1901), P.D CCLI #678905

* God's Greeting/We Greet Each Other

"Safely in his bosom gather;"

Announcements

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance: (Based on Psalm 103:8-13)

The LORD is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
He will not always accuse, nor will he keep his anger forever.
He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.
For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;
as far as the east is from the west,
so far he removes our transgressions from us.
As a father has compassion for his children,
so the LORD has compassion for those who fear him.

—Psalm 103:8-13, NRSV

God's Will for our Lives

Leader: What is the great and first commandment?

**People: Love the Lord your God with all your heart
and with all your soul and with all your mind.**

Leader: What is the second commandment like it?

People: Love your neighbor as yourself.

Leader: What does this mean?

People: Love is the fulfilling of the law.

Leader: To what does this call us?

People: To a life of faith working through love.

* Hymn of Thanksgiving: LUYH #175 v. 1-4 *“When I Survey”*

1. When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.
2. Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
save in the death of Christ, my God!
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them through his blood.
3. See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Acapella

4. Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were a present far too small.
Love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.

Words: Isaac Watts, 1707, P.D.; Music: Lowell Mason, 1824, P.D. CCLI #678905

Offering: General Fund

Offertory: A Father's Day Prayer

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

* Hymn of Preparation: 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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“Nestling bird or star in heaven”

Scripture Reading: Ruth 4:1-12

Prayer of Illumination

Message: ***“Pledge Fulfilled”***

Time of Prayer

* Hymn of Application: 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

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

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"Such a refuge e'er was given."

- * We Confess our Faith: LUYH #24 - Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 26-27

Leader: What do you believe when you say, "I believe in God,
the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth"?

People: **That the eternal Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who out of nothing created heaven and earth
and everything in them, who still upholds
and rules them by his eternal counsel and
providence, is my God and Father
because of Christ the Son. I trust God so much
that I do not doubt he will provide whatever I need
for body and soul, and will turn to my good whatever
adversity he sends upon me in this sad world.
God is able to do this because he is almighty God
and desires to do it because he is a faithful Father.**

Leader: What do you understand by the providence of God?

People: **The almighty and ever present power of God
by which God upholds, as with his hand,
heaven and earth and all creatures, and so rules them
that leaf and blade, rain and drought,
fruitful and lean years, food and drink,
health and sickness, prosperity and poverty—
all things, in fact, come to us not by chance
but by his fatherly hand.**

- * God's Blessing

* Parting Praise: LUYH #943 v. 1-4

"God Be with You Till We Meet Again"

1. God be with you till we meet again;
by his counsels guide, uphold you,
with his sheep securely fold you:
God be with you till we meet again.
2. God be with you till we meet again;
'neath his wings protecting hide you,
daily manna still provide you:
God be with you till we meet again.
3. God be with you till we meet again;
when life's perils thick confound you,
put his arms unfailing round you:
God be with you till we meet again.
4. God be with you till we meet again;
keep love's banner floating over you,
smite death's threatening wave before you:
God be with you till we meet again.

Words: Jeremiah E. Rankin, 1880, P.D.; Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906, P.D.

*Postlude

Welcome! Let all who take refuge in you be glad; let them ever sing for joy." Those are the words of the psalmist in Psalm 5:11. Whoever you are, wherever you are from, we welcome you and we invite you to "be glad" with us about God's goodness and mercy. Let us "ever sing for joy" and praise God with profoundly grateful hearts. 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 6/19	Next Week 6/26
Sound:	Mardick S	Tim H.
Projection:	Hannah VH	Tim/Maddie D.
Video	Devin VZ	Dick G.
Offering:	General Fund	General Fund

First CRC

Bulletin Announcements

June 19, 2022

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Membership

Transfer: At its June 13, 2022 meeting the council warmly received the membership transfers of



Adam and Katie Faber and their children Lila, Henry, and Amelia from the First Evangelical Lutheran Church them to the congregation during an upcoming Sunday service, but in the meantime please take the opportunity to welcome the Fabers to our church family. We look forward to partnering with them in ministry together for many years to come!

New office bearers: The new office bearers for the upcoming church year are as follows: Council and Elder President - Greg Ackermann; Council and Elder Clerk - Dick Gudmunson; Council and Elder Vicar - Joe LeClair; Deacon President - Mardick Stevens; Council and Deacon Treasurer - Jon Vander Kooy; Deacon Secretary - Hank Van Zanten; Deacon Vicar & Usher Liaison - Cody See; Deacon Benevolence & Neighbors in Need - Simon LeClair; Deacon Helping Hands & Transportation Coordinator - Fred Folkertsma. Please take the time to both encourage and thank these individuals for their service!

There is an update from our missionaries to Oman (the Bos family) on the bulletin board in the hallway and extra copies for you to take if you so wish.

Worship Service YouTube Link:

June 12: <https://youtu.be/GxxtzJsDt94>

“Thank you to those of you who have visited Wilma over many years, sent cards to encourage her, and especially for remembering her in your prayers. You have been her faithful church family for many years. God bless you!” – The Paul Family

*thank
you*

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, Devin Van Zanten and Rafe Zastoupil. Our college graduates are Kendall Van Zanten and Kourtney McIntyre (Mardick & Jill's granddaughter).

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.

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 – **Greg & Beth B.;**

Next week – **Dick & Linda Gudmunson**

Coffee Hosts: This morning – Dick & Linda Gudmunson;

Next week – Clarence & Eleanor Klunder

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

Next Week – Eliot B., Heidi B., Franchesca K., Nellie VDH

Upcoming Dates to Note:

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

Summer Block Party! – July 23

RECOMMENDED ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Tabitha: Community Builder - Check out the new kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. The Bible is filled with ordinary people who listened to God's calling. One struck down a giant, others interpreted dreams, one rescued spies, another saved animals from a flood, and still another sewed clothes. Listen now at kidscorner.net and check out all the new content.

Groundwork: Jonah: Running Away from God - What happens when we try to run away from God? Join Groundwork as we begin our study of Jonah. Together we'll discuss the resonance of Jonah 1 for our lives today and find assurance in God's persistent and relentless love for his people. 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 Luke 5:21-26 and ponder or discuss the following questions. Jesus knew the Pharisees' thoughts before they said a word. How does it make you feel to know that Jesus knows you that way too? If you were in the crowd that day, what would your first reaction to the healing be? Praise? Skepticism? Awe? Fear? Describe a time when you were "filled with awe." What prompted that emotion? (For more on faith practices from Faith Formation Ministries, visit bit.ly/FaithPracticesProject)



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 **Maxine Greidanus**, who had a bronchoscopy Thursday to get a better idea of what she is fighting.

CONTINUING REQUESTS:

Please pray for **Aileen Meishke**, who has been bedridden with a bad bedsore. 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.

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

Kevin Wigboldy 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 13 - *World Renew: Global food crisis*

Russia and Ukraine are major suppliers of wheat, barley, corn, sunflower oil, and fertilizers to many of the world's countries. The conflict in Ukraine has disrupted supplies of these resources and caused food prices to skyrocket, straining many families already struggling with food insecurity. Globally, 44 million people are facing famine. Please pray for God's provision.

Tuesday June 14 - *Calvin Theological Seminary: Summer plans*

Pray for students and graduates as they enter the summer season—seeking placements for work and internships and on summer ministry sites. Pray for God's hand in forming them through all their activities.

Wednesday June 15 - *ReFrame: Mali*

Ruth recently began managing ReFrame's partner radio station in Mali. Pray for her as she adjusts to her new role, and praise God for her willingness to air our French ministry programs, sharing the gospel in Mali.

Thursday June 16 - *Resonate: Nicaragua*

Resonate missionaries Steve and Kim Holtrop in Nicaragua give thanks for eight young people who recently accepted Christ through Resonate partner IMPACT clubs. Praise God!

Friday June 17 - *World Renew: Guatemala*

For several months our team in Guatemala has worked without a director as the search for a new director continues. Neighboring country teams try to assist as much as they can, but it has been difficult to operate with the position vacant. Please pray for a successful search process and that current staff may resume more manageable workloads soon.

Saturday June 18 - *Indigenous Ministry: Worship*

Music is a gift from the triune Creator, and as we seek to be spaces of welcome for people from every tribe and nation, music can be powerful. As we focus on music and drumming for Indigenous Ministry Sunday tomorrow, pray that everyone will find a welcome in our churches.

Sunday June 19 - *Race Relations: Wonderful light*

“You are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light” (1 Pet. 2:9). Pray with us for our ongoing work with diverse denominational leaders; pray also for newly appointed leaders in the U.S. and Canada and for wisdom in the often dysfunctional discourse of national politics.