

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

Pastor John Knoester

June 26, 2022

Morning Service – 10:30 AM

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

“What love could remember, no wrongs we have done”

Prelude

Opening Song Video: *“His Mercy is More”* - Sovereign Grace

Welcome

* Opening Song of Praise: LUYH #6 v. 1-3

“Praise the Lord, Sing Hallelujah”

1.

1. Praise the LORD, sing hallelujah,
from the heavens praise his name;
praise the LORD, our great Creator;
all his angels, praise proclaim.
All his hosts, together praise him,
sun and moon and stars on high;
praise the LORD, O heavens of heavens,
and the floods above the sky.

Refrain

*Praise the LORD, sing hallelujah,
for his name alone is high,
and his glory is exalted, and his glory is exalted,
and his glory is exalted, far above the earth and sky.*

2. Let them praise the LORD their Maker:
they were made at his command.
God established them forever;
his decree shall ever stand.
Let the earth sing hallelujah:
raging seas, you monsters all,
fire and hail and snow and vapors,
stormy winds that hear his call.

Refrain

3. All you fruitful trees and cedars,
every hill and mountain high,
creeping things and beasts and cattle,
birds that in the heavens fly,
kings of earth and all you people,
princes great, earth's judges all;
praise his name, young men and maidens,
aged men, and children small.

Refrain

PSALM 148; Words: Bible Songs Hymnal, 1927, alt., P.D.; Music: William J. Kirkpatrick (1838-1921), P.D.; CCLI #678905

* Call to Worship (Based on Psalm 150)

Leader: Hallelujah! Praise!

Praise God in the temple, in the highest heavens!

**People: Praise! Praise God's mighty deeds
and noble majesty.**

Leader: All that is alive, praise!

* Song of Praise: LUYH #7 v. 1-4

"Sing Praise to the Lord, You People of Grace"

1. Sing praise to the Lord, you people of grace;
fill heaven with the songs that sound from this place;
since you are God's servants and meet in his name,
his wonders declare and his glory proclaim.

Refrain

Halle! Hallelujah!

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Halle! Hallelujah!

Halle! Halle! Hallelujah!

2. His greatness exceeds what words can explain,
and his is the power no force can restrain;
with fanfares of horns and crescendos of strings
raise anthems to honor the King of all kings.

Refrain

3. Where music is made, let rhythms abound:
let cymbals and drums add weight to the sound;
with dance that is graceful and words that are clear,
bring joy to the God you adore and revere.

Refrain

Halle! Hallelujah!
Halle! Halle! Hallelujah!
Halle! Hallelujah!
Halle! Halle! Hallelujah!

4. Yield all that you are to worship the Lord—
see life as a psalm, each moment a chord;
let harmonies flourish and melodies soar—
let all that has breath praise the Lord evermore.

Refrain

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* God's Greeting/We Greet Each Other

"Omniscient, all-knowing, He counts not their sum"

Announcements

Installation of Elders and Deacons – GH pg. 1004-1006

New Elders – Darrel Lagerwey, Dave Visser

New Deacons – Cody See, Mardick Stevens, Jon Vander Kooy

Invitation to Transformed Living

Call to Confession (Based on I John 1:8-9)

God's Word assures us: If we say that we have no sin,
we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us
our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

In humility and faith let us confess our sin to God.

—based on 1 John 1:8-9, NRSV

Prayer of Confession

Reader #1: Lord, you are a God who keeps promises.
In our prayers and songs we say
that we want to be Christians,
but then we forget our promises.

Reader #2: Our actions do not match up with our words.
We say mean things to other people,
we hurt their feelings, we think of ourselves first,
and, worst of all, we ignore you.

Reader #1: Lord, forgive us and hear our prayer
for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Words of Assurance:

Leader: We have been made holy through the sacrifice
of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

**People: This is God's gospel promise:
to forgive our sins and give us eternal life
by grace alone because of Christ's one sacrifice
finished on the cross.**

Leader: May the God of mercy,
who forgives you all your sins,
strengthen you in all goodness,
and, by the power of the Holy Spirit,
keep you in eternal life.

All: Amen.

* Song of Thanksgiving: *"His Mercy is More"* v. 1-3

1. What love could remember no wrongs we have done
Omniscient all knowing He counts not their sum
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

Chorus

*Praise the Lord His mercy is more
Stronger than darkness new every morn
Our sins they are many His mercy is more*

2. What patience would wait as we constantly roam
What Father so tender is calling us home
He welcomes the weakest the vilest the poor
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

Chorus

3. What riches of kindness He lavished on us
His blood was the payment His life was the cost
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

Chorus (2x)

*Praise the Lord His mercy is more
Stronger than darkness new every morn
Our sins they are many His mercy is more*

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Offertory Video: The Book of Ruth – The Bible Project

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

* Song of Preparation: LUYH #844 v. 1,2,3,5

“Lift up Your Hearts unto the Lord”

1. Lift up your hearts unto the Lord,
lift up your hearts unto the Lord.
Sing alleluia, sing alleluia;
lift up your hearts unto the Lord!
2. In Christ the world has been redeemed,
in Christ the world has been redeemed.
Sing alleluia, sing alleluia;
in Christ the world has been redeemed.

3. His resurrection sets us free,
his resurrection sets us free.
Sing alleluia, sing alleluia;
his resurrection sets us free.

Acapella

5. Sing alleluia to the Lord,
Sing alleluia to the Lord.
Sing alleluia, sing alleluia;
Sing alleluia to the Lord.

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“Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore”

Scripture Reading: Ruth 4:9-22

Prayer of Illumination

Message: ***“The Bigger Picture”***

Time of Prayer

* Hymn of Application: LUYH #363 v. 1-3

“Blessed Assurance: Jesus is Mine”

1. Blessed assurance: Jesus is mine!
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

Refrain

*This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.*

2. Perfect submission, perfect delight,
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

Refrain

3. Perfect submission: all is at rest,
I in my Savior am happy and blest;
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with his goodness, lost in his love.

Refrain

*This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.*

Words: Fanny Crosby, 1873, P.D; Music: Phoebe P. Knapp, 1873, P.D. CCLI #678905

“Our sins they are many, His mercy is more”

- * We Confess our Faith: (Based on various parts of Articles 42-44 of Our World Belongs to God)

Leader: Let us together confess what we believe
about the Church of Christ:

**People: The church is a gathering of forgiven sinners,
called to be holy, dedicated to service.
Saved by the patient grace of God,
we deal patiently with others.
Knowing our own weaknesses and failures,
we bring good news to all sinners
with understanding of their condition,
and with hope in God.
Following the apostles, the church is sent—
sent with the gospel of the kingdom
to make disciples of all nations,
to feed the hungry, and to proclaim the assurance
that in the name of Christ
there is forgiveness of sin and new life
for all who repent and believe—
to tell the news that our world belongs to God.**

- * Closing Song of Praise: LUYH #590 v. 1-4

“Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

1.

1. Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing
my great Redeemer’s praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of his grace!

2. My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad
the honors of your name.
3. The name of Jesus charms our fears
and bids our sorrows cease;
'tis music in the sinner's ears,
'tis life and health and peace.
4. He breaks the power of canceled sin,
he sets the prisoner free;
his blood can make the foulest clean;
his blood availed for me.

* God's Blessing

* Parting Praise: LUYH #590 v. 5,7,8

"Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

5.

He speaks, and, listening to his voice,
new life the dead receive;
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice;
the humble poor believe.

7. Hear him, you deaf; you voiceless ones,
your loosened tongues employ;
you blind, behold your Savior come;
and leap, you lame, for joy!
8. To God all glory, praise, and love
be now and ever given
by saints below and saints above,
the church in earth and heaven.

Words: English, Charles Wesley, 1739, alt., P.D.; Music: Carl G. Gläser, 1828, and
arr. Lowell Mason, 1939, P.D. CCLI #678905

*Postlude

Welcome to our services of worship and praise! We pray that all will find strength, security, and fellowship with God and with one another. After the morning service, all are invited to the fellowship hall next to the sanctuary for a cup of coffee or juice and continued fellowship.

Tech Team	Today 6/26	Next Week 7/3
Sound:	Tim H.	Henry H.
Projection:	Tim/Maddie D.	Tim H.
Video	Dick G.	Brandon S.
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First CRC Bulletin Announcements

June 26, 2022

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

The deacons will meet Monday June 27 at 6:30.

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 of Mount Vernon, WA. We hope to formally introduce 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!

Attention all First CRC Members! Church Committee Update: On **Thursday, July 21** the Executive Committee will be meeting to update/approve our current church committee lists. When it comes to various committees for our church family we do our best to 'recruit,' but just like our personal families sometimes it's simply more expedient to assign. Here's how you can help us in advance: If there is a specific church committee that you would like to serve on - please let Beth know no later than Wednesday, July 20. In addition, if you would like to be 'removed' from a current committee that you are serving on please let her know that as well. If we don't hear from you - please don't be surprised if you find your name assigned to a committee this fall. We promise to do our best to match one's gifts accordingly. Thank you in advance for your willingness to serve!



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!

Beth will be out of the office on July 4.

Profession of Faith: At a special meeting on June 16 the council had the joy and privilege of hearing **DJ Droog, Josie Droog, and Emma Droog** each make their profession of faith. We will celebrate their public profession of faith together as a church family on Sunday, July 3. When you have the opportunity, please take the time to celebrate God's work in their life with them!

Vacation/Pulpit Supply: Pastor John and his family will be on vacation from June 27 to July 6. In case of a pastoral need - please contact your district elder. Mr. Jeff Droog will be proclaiming God's Word to us on Sunday, July 3 (the same Sunday his children are making their profession of faith!).

Missionary Visit: Our Resonate missionaries **Naji Umran & Anne Zaki** along with their four children will be in the area from July 7-13. They will be presenting both at Warm Beach Camp and also here at First CRC on the morning of **Sunday, July 10**. In addition, our Resonate missionaries **Jeff and Melissa Bos** will also be in the area from July 9-11. They will most likely be speaking/presenting at **4 PM on Sunday, July 10 at Warm Beach Camp - right before the final evening worship service**. It's not often that we get to personally interact with our missionaries and so congregational members not attending Family Bible Camp this year are encouraged to make their way to Warm Beach on that Sunday afternoon/evening to hear them and to stay for the wonderful worship time afterwards.

Parents, please watch your children around the church mailboxes. Mail is getting taken out and put into different boxes than where it should go. Thank you!

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: June 19: <https://youtu.be/flkVlg21rq8>

CALENDAR:

Greeters: This morning – **Dick & Linda Gudmunson;**

Next week – **John & Judy Velasquez**

Coffee Hosts: This morning – Clarence & Eleanor Klunder ;

Next week – Henry & Sharon Kuipers

Worship Team: This Morning – Eliot B., Heidi B., Franchesca K., Nellie VDH

Next Week – Henry, Pam, Sylvia VZ, Devin VZ

Upcoming Dates to Note:

Deacon's Meeting: Mon., June 27, 6:30 pm

Men's Bible Study: July 19, 7 am at Shari's Restaurant

Executive Meeting: July 21, 7:00 pm

Summer Block Party! – July 23

RECOMMENDED ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Faith Practice Reflection Tip - Reflection and Discussion Starter—the Practice of Wonder: Read Revelation 21:1-5 and ponder or discuss the following questions. What do you wonder about the new heaven and the new earth? What will it be like to have God dwelling among us for eternity? What do you long for God to “make new” right now? (For more on faith practices from Faith Formation Ministries, visit bit.ly/FaithPracticesProject)

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.

Huldah: Using Her Gifts - Check out the new kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. What are you good at? Sports? Reading? Music? Juggling? Crochet? Did you know that God can use what you're good at in his story? Listen now at kidscorner.net and check out all the new content.

Groundwork: Jonah: Praying for God's Deliverance - When we find ourselves in situations that we cannot fix, it's natural to feel anxious, desperate, overwhelmed, exhausted, and scared. Join Groundwork as we study Jonah 2 to remember that God is ready to hear us, to deliver us, and to offer us his abundant mercy. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

I SHALL NOT DIE,
but live,
AND DECLARE
the works
OF THE LORD.
PSALM 118:17



How can
we
PRAY
for you?

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:

Sally Reehorn recently had a fall and is currently recovering. She is in good spirits. Please pray for a swift recovery in the days ahead.

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

Kevin Wigboldy has been feeling much better and is home with better energy levels. Before he receives his stem cell transplant from July 5-13, he will require an intense round of chemo, but he is ready to have it completed!

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, ***Marjean DeGroot*** at Mountain View; ***Mary Koopmans*** at Where the Heart is in Burlington; ***Hans & Aileen Meishke*** at Kenmore Living in Kenmore, WA, ***Adrianna Swanson***, and ***Clarence Vander Griend*** at Home Place in Burlington; ***Sally Reehoorn*** at Creekside in Burlington; ***Bev Van Slageren*** at family in Grandview, WA.

OTHER REQUESTS: (CRC Communications)

Monday June 20 - Resonate: Ontario

Pray for The Bridge, a Resonate church plant partner in Fergus, Ont. Ask the Holy Spirit to draw more people into this community.

Tuesday June 21 - *Edmonton Native Healing Centre: Lament and thanks*

Creator, we pray for the families who have lost loved ones due to overdose, for peace in their midst as they ask many hard questions and seek answers. We give thanks for the changing seasons and the hope we receive from the earth's bringing forth foods and medicines.

Wednesday June 22 - *Raise Up: Educational Care: Nigeria*

Pray for eight Nigerian Educational Care facilitators who will lead sessions this month. Praise for their growth, skills, and leadership; pray for safe travels and the ability to keep small groups on track, that people may grow in faith and in living for Christ.

Thursday June 23 - *World Renew: Honduras*

Two healthy babies have been born to World Renew Honduran staff so far this year: Emily (Jan. 5) and Olivia (Jan. 15). Praise God for the gift of new life! Our staff and partners in Honduras also ask for prayers for wisdom in designing the best projects and programs to benefit people who are the most vulnerable.

Friday June 24 - *ReFrame: India*

Kumar shared with our partners in India, "Through your video programs on Facebook I get real joy and peace from the Word of God—something the world could not give me." Praise God for this transformation for Kumar and for other young people in India.

Saturday June 25 - *Resonate: Iowa*

This past academic year, Areopagus Campus Ministry, a Resonate partner at Iowa State University, hosted a Bible study for international students from several countries in Africa. The Bible study was an opportunity for students to discuss and explore faith in Christ. Pray that the seeds planted will continue to grow.

Sunday June 26 - *Candidacy Committee: Candidates*

"The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field" (Luke 10:2). Please ask the Lord to raise up many passionate, devoted leaders to serve the Christian Reformed Church. Please also ask God to lead and empower this year's candidates for ministry as they step into the work they are called to do.