

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

Guest Pastor Jeff Droog

July 3, 2022

Morning Service – 10:30 AM

Dear Friends,

This morning we have the joy of celebrating the public professions of faith of DJ Droog, Josie Droog, and Emma Droog. During their meeting with the council they each shared some of their favorite Bible verses and hymns. Many of these texts and hymns have been incorporated into this service. Special thanks to their father, Mr. Jeff Droog, for being willing to proclaim God's Word to us this morning and to elders Tim Van Hofwegen and Greg Ackermann for their leadership as well.

Celebrating with you from afar,

- Pastor John Knoester

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

"But when I think that God, his Son not sparing,"

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

*** Opening Song of Praise: LUYH #553 v. 1-4 "How Great Thou Art"**

1. O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the works thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
thy power throughout the universe displayed;

Refrain

*Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:
how great thou art, how great thou art!*

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how great thou art, how great thou art!*

2. When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze;

Refrain

3. But when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
he bled and died to take away my sin;

Refrain

4. When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation,
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
and there proclaim, "My God, how great thou art!"

Refrain

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* Call to Worship (Based on Psalm 46)

Leader: God is our refuge and strength,
A very present help in trouble.
Therefore we will not fear,
though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea:
though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

**People: There is a river whose streams make glad
the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.
God is in the midst of the city,
it shall not be moved;
God will help it when the morning dawns.**

Leader: He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear;
he burns the shields with fire.

**People: "Be still and know and know that I am God!
I am exalted among the nations,
I am exalted in the earth."
The Lord of hosts is with us;
The God of Jacob is our refuge"**

* Hymn of Praise: LUYH #521 v. 1-3

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

1. Come, thou Fount of every blessing,
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount— I'm fixed upon it—
mount of God's unchanging love.
2. Here I raise my Ebenezer;
hither by thy help I've come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger,
interposed his precious blood.
3. Oh, to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to thee:
prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart, oh, take and seal it;
seal it for thy courts above.

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* God's Greeting (Based on II Corinthians 13:13)

Leader: May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God, and the fellowship
of the Holy Spirit be with you all."

All: And also with you.

* We Greet Each Other

"Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,"

We Celebrate the Professions of Faith of DJ Droog, Josie Droog,
& Emma Droog – GH pg. 963

Prayer of Thanksgiving

* Hymn of Thanksgiving: LUYH #691 v. 1-5 *"Amazing Grace"*

1. Amazing grace—how sweet the sound—
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind, but now I see.
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!
3. The Lord has promised good to me,
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.
4. Through many dangers, toils, and snares
I have already come;
'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.
5. When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun.

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Offertory:

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

* Song of Preparation: LUYH #755 *“Speak, O Lord”* v. 1-3

1. Speak, O Lord, as we come to You
to receive the food of Your holy word.
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us;
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness,
that the light of Christ might be seen today
in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us
all Your purposes, for Your glory.
2. Teach us Lord full obedience,
holy reverence, true humility.
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
in the radiance of Your purity.
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority.
Words of power that can never fail;
Let their truth prevail over unbelief.
3. Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us.
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time,
that will echo down through eternity,
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises;
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built
and the earth is filled with Your glory.

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“That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,”

Scripture Readings: I Thessalonians 5 and various texts

Prayer of Illumination

Message: ***“Pursue to Pursue”***

Time of Prayer

* Hymn of Application: LUYH #451 v. 1-3 “When Peace Like a River”

1. When peace like a river attendeth my way,
when sorrows like sea billows roll;
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
“It is well, it is well with my soul.”

Refrain

*It is well with my soul;
it is well, it is well with my soul.*

2. Though Satan should buffet,
though trials should come,
let this blest assurance control:
that Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
and has shed his own blood for my soul.

Refrain

3. My sin— oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!—
my sin, not in part, but the whole,
is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more;
praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

Refrain

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“He bled and died to take away my sin;”

* We Confess our Faith: The Apostles Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to hell.**

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended to heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

* Scripture Reading: Jeremiah 29:11

*“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord,
“plans to prosper you and not to harm you,
Plans to give you hope and a future.”*

*God’s Blessing

* Parting Praise: LUYH #451 v. 4 *“When Peace Like a River”*

1. O Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
the trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend;
even so, it is well with my soul.

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* Postlude

Tech Team	Today 7/3	Next Week 7/10
Sound:	Henry H.	Mardy S.
Projection:	Tim H.	Beth B.
Video	Brandon S.	Dick G.
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First CRC

Bulletin Announcements

July 3, 2022

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

This morning we welcome Guest Pastor Jeff Droog, superintendent of Mount Vernon Christian School, and we celebrate the Profession of Faith of his children DJ, Josie and Emma!

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.

Vacation/Pulpit Supply: Pastor John and his family will be on vacation until July 6. In case of a pastoral need - please contact your district elder.

Last Chance (No, really) to get an updated picture of your family for the church directory. If your picture is very outdated people might not recognize you with all of your gray hair, so if you'd like to show off your new look, please email me a picture at: secretary@firstcrcmv.com, bring a copy in for me to scan, or let me know if you'd like me to take one for you here at church (or Hawaii, if you're paying).



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 where it shouldn't 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!

Worship Service YouTube Link for June 26: <https://youtu.be/Rk2jc0uSaMY>

There is a sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall for volunteers to bring **Shirley Boonstra** to and from church on Sunday mornings. Thank you for your willingness to help our fellow church family!

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.

CALENDAR:

Greeters: This morning – **John & Judy Velasquez;**

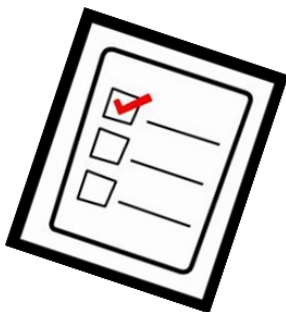
Next week – **Clarence & Eleanor Klunder**

Coffee Hosts: This morning – **Henry & Sharon Kuipers;**

Next week – **Keith & Jean Rasmussen**

Worship Team: This Morning – Henry, Pam, Sylvia VZ, Devin VZ

Next Week – Kevin & Glenda K., Mandi D., Kayla & Ella VH



Upcoming Dates to Note:

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

Executive Meeting: July 21, 7:00 pm

Summer Block Party! –Sat., July 23

RECOMMENDED ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Miriam: Worship Leader - Check out the new kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. Music must have been an important part of worship in Israel. The Israelite women had timbrels (like tambourines) with them on the journey. They had left Egypt in a hurry but still packed musical instruments! Listen now at [kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net) and check out all the new content.

Groundwork: Jonah: Doing God's Work - It doesn't matter who we are, what we've done, or how inadequate we feel, God has work for us to do. Join our Groundwork conversation as we study Jonah 3 to better understand how much God cares and to discover the courage to never give up on someone or let our bias hinder our message as we continue to do God's work and follow God's call in the world today. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Ableism Training Hosted by CRC-RCA Disability Concerns - Join us online August 11 & 12 (from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm EDT) for our annual training event. We will unpack ableism and consider ways we can help reduce the impact of ableism in churches. This event is open to everyone interested in learning more about this very important topic. We will continue to release more information about this event on our dedicated website: Let's End #AbleismAtChurch Register at <https://bit.ly/ableismatchurch>

Safe Church Ministry Series 2022: The Safe Church Basics - Webinar 3: Training Leaders and Volunteers - All church leaders and volunteers should know what constitutes abuse, how to spot it, and what is expected of them to prevent and respond to abuse well. Join us July 20, 2022 at 12pm EDT as we explore ways to train and support our safe church teams. Register at <https://bit.ly/SCwebinarJuly22>

Together we can help bring clean water! - Over 2 billion people around the world don't have access to safe drinking water. Instead of walking a few feet to turn on a faucet, many people in rural villages spend entire days walking to get water, leaving little time for important work like farming and preparing meals. In two weeks, you have the opportunity to join with World Renew to help ease this burden by investing in clean water for people who so desperately need it. For more information or to download resources, go to worldrenew.net/cleanwater.



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 has not been doing very since then. Her daughter Sylvia is flying out to be with her, as the doctors are recommending 24 hour care. Please keep Sally in your prayers for strength and healing!

Please pray for **Pastor Gord Terpstra** who had open heart surgery this past week. Pray that the surgery has gone well and that he can regain his health and strength.

Maxine Greidanus starts weekly chemo treatments this next week. She has been diagnosed with mesothelioma (from asbestos). Pray for God's peace and strength as she begins this daunting process. Calls from our church family are very welcome! Please keep both Larry and Maxine in your prayers as they tackle this diagnosis together.

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 receives his stem cell transplant from July 5-13. Please keep him in your prayers that all goes smoothly!

Continue to pray for **Shirley Boonstra, 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 27 - *ThereforeGo Ministries: Summer missions*

The first SERVE mission trips of 2022 are happening now! Ask God to work abundantly in the lives of students, leaders, and host teams, and that transformation may take place in the communities they serve. Please also pray for our Mentoring Networks as they seek clarity and next steps in emerging adult ministry.

Tuesday June 28 - *World Renew: Afghanistan*

Under Taliban rule, Afghan rights have dwindled, especially those of women and girls—much to the concern of international communities. Meanwhile, the nation is facing an enormous humanitarian crisis, with nearly 23 million people in acute food insecurity. Please pray for the well-being and safety of countless people who have been displaced by violence and insecurity, that they may find hope and strength in God's unfailing love and faithfulness.

Wednesday June 29 - *Resonate: Ontario*

This summer, several young adults are participating in the SoCo Beach Project, a Resonate partner in Ontario. SoCo is a discipleship opportunity for young adults. Pray that each of the participants will experience Christ's love in a new way, grow as a leader, and have opportunities to develop and explore their gifts for God's kingdom.

Thursday June 30 - *ReFrame: North America*

Pray for a member of our Prayer Ministry Team as he and his wife are raising their grandson. Meanwhile, their daughter is struggling with addiction. Pray for wisdom and strength in this difficult situation.

Friday July 1 - *Communications: Canada Day*

As Canada marks another year as a nation, pray for CRC congregations and leaders in Canada. Ask God to continue to bless and guide his people as we seek to grow and live in right relationship with God and with our neighbors.

Saturday July 2 - *World Renew: Laos*

Because of COVID restrictions in Laos, World Renew was limited to sending seeds to 32 families in 10 villages. When staff were able to return to the field, however, they found many more kitchen gardens than expected. As participant families grew seedlings, they shared some with other families, enabling them to grow gardens as well. Praise God for community leaders who are spreading change in their villages, one seed at a time!

Sunday July 3 - *Resonate Global Mission: New Jersey*

King's Covenant Church is a Resonate partner church plant in New Jersey. Church planter Timothy Joo gives thanks for the young adults and young families who have joined the congregation! Please pray for this community as they begin to reach college students.