

***Welcome to Mount Vernon
First Christian Reformed Church!
Guest Pastor Naji Umran
July 10, 2022
Morning Service – 10:30 AM***

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

*“I know not why God’s wondrous grace
to me he has made known,”*

Prelude

Welcome

* Opening Song of Praise: LUYH #551 v. 1, 3-6
“All Creatures of Our God and King”

All Sing

1. All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice with us and sing:
alleluia, alleluia!
O burning sun with golden beam,
and shining moon with silver gleam,
O praise him, O praise him,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Women Sing

3. Cool flowing water, pure and clear,
make music for your Lord to hear;
alleluia, alleluia!
Fierce fire, so masterful and bright,
providing us with warmth and light,
O praise him, O praise him,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Men Sing

4. Earth ever fertile, day by day
bring forth your blessings on our way,
alleluia, alleluia!
All flowers and fruits that in you grow,
let them his glory also show:
O praise him, O praise him,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

All Sing

5. All you who are of tender heart,
Forgiving others, take your part;
alleluia, alleluia!
All you who pain and sorrow bear,
Praise God and on him cast your care:
O praise him, O praise him,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

All Sing

6. Let all things their Creator bless,
and worship him in humbleness,
alleluia, alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, Three in One:
O praise him, O praise him,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Text: Francis of Assisi; Tune: Ralph Vaughan Williams. Public Domain; CCLI #678905

* Call to Worship (Based on Psalm 91:2 and Romans 10:9,13)

Leader: Let us worship God.

People: **He is our refuge and fortress,
our God, in whom we trust.**

Leader: Let us confess with our mouths, "Jesus is Lord,"
And believe in our hearts that God raised him
from the dead.

People: **"Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord
will be saved."**

Leader: Let us call upon our true God, believing him
in our hearts, confessing with our mouths,
worshiping him in spirit and in truth.

* Hymn of Praise: LUYH #776 v. 1,3,4

“A Mighty Fortress is our God”

1. A mighty fortress is our God,
a bulwark never failing;
our helper he, amid the flood
of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe
does seek to work us woe;
his craft and power are great,
and armed with cruel hate,
on earth is not his equal.

3. And though this world, with devils filled,
should threaten to undo us,
we will not fear, for God has willed
his truth to triumph through us.
The prince of darkness grim,
we tremble not for him;
his rage we can endure,
for lo! his doom is sure;
one little word shall fell him.

4. That Word above all earthly powers—
no thanks to them—abideth;
the Spirit and the gifts are ours
through him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go,
this mortal life also;
the body they may kill:
God’s truth abideth still;
his kingdom is forever!

Words: based on Psalm 46, Martin Luther, 1529; tr. Frederick H. Hedge, 1852, P.D.; Music: Martin Luther, 1529, alt.; harm. Johann s. Bach (1685-1750), P.D.; CCLI #678905

* God’s Greeting/We Greet Each Other

*“Nor why, unworthy,
Christ in love redeemed me for his own.”*

Ministry Update – Naji Umran, Anne Zaki, Jonathan, Sebastian,
Emmanuel, and Alexander

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Offering: General Fund

Offertory:

*(Following the conclusion of the offertory 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” v. 1-3

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.

*“But I know whom I have believed,
and am persuaded that he is able,”*

Scripture Reading: Psalm 119 and various texts

Prayer of Illumination

Message: ***“The Promise of Understanding”***

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.;
Music: James McGranahan, 1883, P.D.; CCLI # 678905

*“To keep that which I’ve committed
Unto him against that day.”*

* We Confess our Faith: 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.**

* God’s Blessing

* Closing Hymn of Praise: LUYH #366 v. 1-4 *“My Jesus, I Love Thee”*

1. My Jesus, I love thee, I know thou art mine;
for thee all the follies of sin I resign;
my gracious Redeemer, my Savior art thou;
if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, ’tis now.

2. I love thee because thou hast first loved me
and purchased my pardon on Calvary’s tree;
I love thee for wearing the thorns on thy brow;
if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, ’tis now.

3. I’ll love thee in life, I will love thee in death,
and praise thee as long as thou lendest me breath,
and say when the death-dew lies cold on my brow:
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, ’tis now.

4. In mansions of glory and endless delight,
 I'll ever adore thee in heaven so bright.
 I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow;
 If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

Words: William R. Featherstone, ca. 1862, P.D.; Music: Adoniram J. Gordon, 1876, P.D.; CCLI #678905

*Postlude

Welcome! The prophet Isaiah proclaimed: “With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation” (Isaiah 12:3). We welcome all who are present today and invite everyone to drink of Christ’s “living water,” which can quench our spiritual thirstiness forever. 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 7/10</i>	<i>Next Week 7/17</i>
Sound:	Henry VZ	Henry VZ
Projection:	Beth B.	Hannah VH
Video	Dick G.	Devin VZ
Offering:	General Fund	General Fund

First CRC

Bulletin Announcements

July 10, 2022

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

This morning we welcome Guest Pastor Naji Umran, our missionary to Egypt, who will be preaching God's Word to us, as well as his wife Anne Zaki and their 4 children.

There will be NO Children in Worship today, July 10!

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!

This morning after the service Beth will be taking pictures of those who have requested a new directory photo (and those of you who haven't – you are welcome as well). It should be a nice sunny day, so we'll plan to take them outside. Please meet in the fellowship hall after the service.

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 July 3: <https://youtu.be/8t0GTGqQg0Q>

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.

CALENDAR:

Greeters: This morning – **Clarence & Eleanor Klunder;**

Next week – Henry & Sharon Kuipers

Coffee Hosts: This morning – **Keith & Jean Rasmussen;**

Next week – Mardick & Jill Stevens

Worship Team: This Morning – Greg B., Sylvia VZ

Next Week – Bob DG/Juli O., Kiera L.

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:

Groundwork: Jonah: Discovering God's Heart - Do you want to know and understand the heart of God? Join Groundwork as we study Jonah 4 to conclude our study of Jonah and witness the stark contrast between our human tendencies and his sovereignty. Together, we'll discuss how we can respond to God's relentless love and abundant mercy in our own lives today. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

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.

Eutychus: Staying Connected and Alert - Check out the new kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. A young guy named Eutychus fell asleep during an overnight worship service and fell out of a window! How does this story have a happy ending that comforts a community? Listen now at kidscorner.net and check out all the new content.

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>

Help survival rates improve with clean water on Sunday, July 17th - In vulnerable communities where World Renew works, clean water can be more precious than food. People can survive for weeks without food—but only 3 days without water! By donating next week to World Renew, you can give hope and help people flourish long-term by just helping them gain access to clean and safe water. To learn more or download our resources, go to worldrenew.net/cleanwater.

At-home Faith Practice Reflection Tip - Reflection and Discussion Starter—the Practice of Remembering: Read Joshua 4:1-7 and ponder or discuss the following questions. How have you, or how might you, use physical objects in your home or sanctuary to remind people of God’s work in your life? In what other ways do you, or does your church, help future generations remember the work of God? (For more on faith practices from Faith Formation Ministries, visit bit.ly/FaithPracticesProject)

New Fee for PastorSearch Portal Coming July 1, 2022 - The PastorSearch Portal is the go-to database for search committees looking for Minister Profiles of potential candidates to fill vacant pastor roles in their churches. Search committees registering for the portal beginning July 1 will be asked to pay \$200USD to have access to the database for twelve months. This nominal fee will help to offset costs associated with maintaining the database and keeping it up to date with the valuable information committees find indispensable in their search. For more information about the PastorSearch process and portal visit crcna.org/pcr/churches/pastor-search-process, or email questions to pastorchurch@crcna.org.

Register Today for Inspire 2022 - The deadline for Inspire 2022 has been extended to late July! Sign up today for this three-day gathering of Reformed believers from across the continent, where we'll worship, learn, fellowship, and grow together. Plenary speakers include Bishop David Zac Niringiye, Ken Shigematsu, Sandra Maria Van Opstal, Sandra McCracken, and Steven Argue. Workshops cover topics from relationship building to creation care to restorative justice to perseverance in ministry, and more. Join us and be refreshed! Learn more at www.crcna.org/inspire

Worship Leadership Course - Calling all worship leaders! You're invited to sign up now for the online Certificate in Worship Leadership course. This one-year course through Samford University is available to any CRC worship leader, pastor, planner, or team member who would like to study worship at a deeper level. Applications due July 18. Find details at network.crcna.org/worship/online-worship-leadership-certificate-course-2022-2023 Don't miss it!



How can
we
PRAY
for you?

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

CONTINUING REQUESTS:

Sally Reehorn update: Her leg is still bothering her and her left knee is quite swollen. She returned to the hospital on Tuesday for more x-rays. This being said, her daughter Sylvia says she looks good and is free to do some roaming now. Please continue to keep Sally and her children in your prayers.

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 is starting weekly chemo treatments. 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.

Please continue to pray for **Aileen Meishke**, that her bedsore may heal and that her pain will lessen.

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 July 4 - *Communications: Independence Day (U.S.)*

The United States marks another year in its history today. Pray for CRC churches across the country, for their pastors and members, and for God's continuing guidance as we strive to be his witnesses to the world.

Tuesday July 5 - *Calvin Theological Seminary: Summer plans*

Over 40 percent of our students are international students. Pray for plans for travel, for border crossings, and for transitions, especially for new students. Pray for plans being made this summer to welcome returning students in the fall season.

Wednesday July 6 - *ReFrame Ministries: Burkina Faso*

On Pentecost Sunday (June 5), 18 of ReFrame's French ministry listeners were baptized at a new church plant for refugees in northern Burkina Faso. Pray for these new believers, including some who are now facing opposition from family members.

Thursday July 7 - *Resonate: Ontario*

Resonate missionaries Gary and Galya Timmerman ask for prayers for their ministry reaching Russian diaspora people in the greater Toronto area. Pray for the Holy Spirit's guidance in this work. Ask God for open doors to build connections for sharing the gospel.

Friday July 8 - *World Renew: Disaster Response Services (DRS)*

In July 2020, Hurricane Hanna landed in Rio Grande Valley, Texas, causing destruction and uprooting a community in the midst of a pandemic. DRS is responding to the community's long-term needs, rebuilding homes and restoring hope for people affected by the storm. Pray for strength, resilience, and healing for local families and for the DRS volunteers making this work possible.

Saturday July 9 - *Pastor Church Resources: Faithfulness*

At Synod 2022, significant conversations took place with congregations, pastors, and congregants, all of whom are now sorting through synod's decisions. Ask the Spirit to work in all our hearts as we carry on the important work God has given us in the Great Commission.

Sunday July 10 - *Raise Up: Global Coffee Break: Resources*

Pray for God's solution and wisdom as we seek to provide Bible studies to Global Coffee Break partners across the globe. We want to help provide the best means of study for outreach and transformation through God's Word. Pray that more people may be equipped to study God's Word worldwide.