

***Welcome to Mount Vernon
First Christian Reformed Church!
Guest Pastor Alan Muia
July 31, 2022—Morning Service – 10:30 AM***

* Please stand in body or in spirit

“Both rich and poor, both bond free”

Prelude

Welcome

* Opening Song of Praise: LUYH #575 v. 1-4

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul praise him, for he is your help and salvation!
Come, all who hear; brothers and sisters, draw near.
Join me in glad adoration!
2. Praise to the Lord, who o’er all things
is wondrously reigning,
sheltering you under his wings, oh, so gently sustaining.
Have you not seen all that is needful has been
sent by his gracious ordaining?
3. Praise to the Lord, who will prosper
your work and defend you;
surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do
as with his love he befriends you.
4. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that has life and breath,
come now with praises before Him!
Let the amen sound from his people again.
Gladly forever adore him!

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* Call to Worship

Leader: Let us worship the eternal God,
the source of love and life, who creates us.

**People: Let us worship Jesus Christ, the risen one,
who lives among us.**

Leader: Let us worship the Spirit, the holy fire, who renews us.

**People: To the one true God be praise in all times
and places, through the grace of Jesus Christ.**

* Hymn of Praise: LUYH #775 v. 1-3 *“Across the Lands”*

1. You're the Word of God the Father
from before the world began;
every star and every planet
has been fashioned by your hand.
All creation holds together
by the power of your voice.
Let the skies declare your glory;
let the land and seas rejoice.

Refrain

*You're the author of creation,
you're the Lord of everyone,
and your cry of love rings out across the lands.*

2. Yet you left the gaze of angels,
came to seek and save the lost
and exchanged the joy of heaven
for the anguish of a cross.
With a prayer you fed the hungry,
with a word you calmed the sea;
yet how silently you suffered,
that the guilty may go free.

Refrain

3. With a shout you rose victorious,
wresting victory from the grave,
and ascended into heaven,
leading captives in your way.
Now you stand before the Father,
interceding for your own;
from each tribe and tongue and nation
you are leading sinners home.

Refrain

*You're the author of creation,
you're the Lord of everyone,
and your cry of love rings out across the lands.*

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* God's Greeting/Mutual Greeting: (Based on Jude 1-2)

Leader: To those who are called, who are beloved
in God the Father and kept safe for Jesus Christ:
May mercy, peace, and love be yours in abundance.
The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

"Shall worship him on bended knee,"

Announcements

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance:

Leader: In the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus,
we are assured that there is no sin so terrible
that God cannot forgive,
no hurt so terrible that God cannot heal.
God accepts, God forgives, and God sets free.
Receive the forgiving love of God.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

God's Will for our Lives (Based on Colossians 3:12-15)

As the chosen of God, then, the holy people whom he loves,
you are to be clothed in heartfelt compassion,
in generosity and humility, gentleness and patience.

Bear with one another; forgive each other

If one of you has a complaint against another.

The Lord has forgiven you; now you must do the same.

Over all these clothes, put on love, the perfect bond.

And may the peace of Christ reign in your hearts,

because it is for this that you were called together in one body.

Always be thankful.

—Colossians 3:12-15, NJB

Song of Response: LUYH #309 v. 1-5 *“The Servant Song”*

All

1. Will you let me be your servant,
let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.

Men Only

2. We are pilgrims on a journey;
we are travelers on the road.
We are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.

Women Only

3. I will hold the Christ-light for you
in the nighttime of your fear.
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.

All

4. I will weep when you are weeping;
when you laugh, I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow
till we've seen this journey through.

All

5. Will you let me be your servant,
let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.

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Offertory

* Song of Preparation: *"Cornerstone"* v. 1-3

1. My hope is built on nothing less,
than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly trust in Jesus' Name.

Repeat Verse 1

Chorus

*Christ alone cornerstone.
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love.
Through the storm, He is Lord. Lord of all.*

2. When darkness seems to hide His face,
I rest on His unchanging grace.
In every high and stormy gale,
my anchor holds within the veil.
My anchor holds within the veil.

Chorus

3. When He shall come with trumpet sound,
oh may I then in Him be found.
Dressed in His righteousness alone.
Faultless stand before the throne.

Chorus (2x)

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*(Following the conclusion of this song children ages 3-3rd grade are
dismissed for Children and Worship)*

"And children's children shall proclaim"

Scripture Reading: John 5:2-9

Prayer of Illumination

Message: ***"Do You Want to Be Well?"***

Time of Prayer

* Hymn of Application: LUYH #594 v. 1-4

“The Ends of All the Earth Shall Hear”

1. The ends of all the earth shall hear
and turn unto the Lord in fear;
all kindreds of the earth shall own
and worship him as God alone.

Refrain

*All earth to him her homage brings,
the Lord of lords, the King of kings.*

2. His is the kingdom, his of right;
he rules the nations by his might.
All earth to him her homage brings,
the Lord of lords, the King of kings.

Refrain

3. Both rich and poor, both bond and free
shall worship him on bended knee,
and children’s children shall proclaim
the glorious honor of his name.

Refrain

4. The Lord’s unfailing righteousness
all generations shall confess;
from age to age they shall be taught
what wondrous works the Lord has wrought.

Refrain

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“The glorious honor of his name.”

* God’s Blessing (Based on II Thessalonians 2:16-17)

*“May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father,
Who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement
and hope, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every
good deed and word. Amen.”*

* Parting Praise: LUYH #302 v. 1-2 *“Hear Our Praises”*

1. May our homes be filled with dancing,
may our streets be filled with joy.
May injustice bow to Jesus
as the people turn and pray.

Refrain

*From the mountain to the valley,
hear our praises rise to you.
From the heavens to the nations,
hear our singing fill the air.*

2. May your light shine in the darkness
as we walk before the cross.
May your glory fill the whole earth
as the water over the seas.

Refrain x2

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* 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 7/31</i>	<i>Next Week 8/7</i>
Sound:	Henry H.	Mardick S.
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Video	Brandon S.	Dick G.
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First CRC

Bulletin Announcements

July 31, 2022

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

I'm looking to add names to the **Coffee and Greeters** lists. If you aren't on those two lists and would like to be added, please let Beth know at the office by August 15. We have some members who are unable at this time to do either, and the more people on the list, the fewer times a year you will have to greet or make coffee!



First CRC offers the option to give your offerings online, including setting up automatic and reoccurring donations. For information on this and other ways to give please check the "Give" page on the church's website: https://firstcrcmv.com/?page_id=1509.



Skagit County Fair: This year's fair is scheduled to take place Wednesday, August 10 through Saturday, August 13. Recently the fair organizers reached out to the church requesting permission to use the church parking lot for overflow parking. As an expression of their gratitude they also blessed us with approximately 35 'free admission' tickets. If you are planning to go to the fair this year and need a ticket - please

contact the church office or Pastor John. We'll distribute 2 per family to the first 20 families before Sunday, August 7 and then if there are any left afterwards they can be picked up as needed.

Worship Service YouTube Link for July 24: <https://youtu.be/aNeNa8y35Tg>



Save the Date!!

Because of the pandemic we have not yet celebrated the official retirement of **Clarence and Eleanor Klunder** as our faithful church custodians! Well

now is the time! Put **Saturday, August 20, 5 pm** on your calendar for the big party!

Location: Klunder's House. More details to come. You may RSVP to Tim Van Hofwegen at Timvanhof@hotmail.com or to Beth at the office.

CALENDAR:

Greeters: This morning – Keith & Jean Rasmussen, Next week – Marinus & Jill Rouw

Coffee Hosts: This morning – Clarence & Eleanor Klunder; Next week – Joe LC, Katie J., Elly C.

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

Next Week – Greg & Beth B., Mandi D., Franchesca K, Nellie VDH

Upcoming Dates to Note:

Men's Bible Study: Tuesday, August 2 at 7:00 am at Shari's Restaurant

Deacons will meet Monday, August 8 at 7 pm, not on the 1st.

Dear Friends in Christ,

Throughout this past year, your elders have been reading through a book entitled "*The Tender Commandments*" by Ron Mehl. I think it's fair to say that one of the most misunderstood passages in all of Scripture is that of the Ten Commandments. Many people in our world today view these commandments as a restrictive list of 'don'ts' rather than a love message from God!

In the weeks to come we're going to take a closer look at each of the commandments. Many of the illustrations I will be using will come directly from Mehl's book. In addition, I'll also make use of the Heidelberg Catechism which

does an excellent job of summarizing the heart of each command. May God bless us as we make our way together through this important part of His Word!
In His Grace, Pastor John

1. Aug. 7 AM – *“Introduction to the Ten(der) Commandments”*
2. Aug. 14 AM – *“The Only God”*
3. Aug. 21 AM – *“The Pursuit of Empty Images”*
4. Aug. 28 AM – *“Honoring God’s Holy Name”*
5. Sept. 11 AM – *“Celebrating the Sabbath”*
6. Sept. 18 AM – *“Honoring Those in Authority Over Us”*
7. Sept. 25 AM – *“Loving Our Neighbor”*
8. Oct. 2 AM – *“Fencing Our Marriage”*
9. Oct. 9 AM – *“What About Stealing?”*
10. Oct. 16 AM – *“Taming Our Tongues”*
11. Oct. 23 AM – *“True Contentment”*

RECOMMENDED ANNOUNCEMENTS:

True Encouragement: Speaking the Truth in Love - Check out the kids’ devotion at www.kidscorner.net. In 1 Corinthians 13, the apostle Paul teaches what it means to give and receive God’s love and how we are to show love to one another. We don’t need to be afraid to share our big feelings. They are important and they matter. When we speak the truth in love, love can handle all things! Listen now at kidscorner.net and check out all the new content.

Groundwork: Grow as a Disciple of Jesus Christ - God provides his grace and the Holy Spirit for our discipleship journey. Join Groundwork as we study Ephesians 4:7-15, Colossians 2:6-22, and Hebrews 6:1-12 to find out what maturing disciples of Jesus understand and recognize the signs of dynamic discipleship in your own life. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

At-home Faith Practice Reflection Tip - Reflection and Discussion Starter—the Practice of Remembering: Read Hebrews 11:1–12:2 and ponder or discuss the following questions. What do the actions of the people mentioned—such as Noah, Abraham, Sarah, Moses—have in common? What does it mean to act “by faith”? Do you have family “faith stories” that you tell about your parents or other ancestors? If so, what are they? How do you share them with younger generations? (For more on faith practices from Faith Formation Ministries, visit bit.ly/FaithPracticesProject)

Position Opening: Regional Director - West Africa - The Regional Director position provides overall direction and leadership to the West Africa regional team (Mali, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone) to achieve World Renew's vision of community transformation in alignment with World Renew's values, standards, and global strategic priorities. This position is also responsible for ensuring team organization, development, and performance, and represents the regional ministry team (MT) to the World Renew agency directors, teams, denominational (CRCNA) agencies and institutions, and external organizations.

Season of Creation - Celebrate this time on the liturgical calendar starting September 1st. During this season the church praises God for Creation's beauty, focuses on their call as caretakers, and laments the brokenness and the groaning of all creation. For resources go to: network.crcna.org/biblical-justice/seasons-creation

Diversity Sunday - August 14 - In two weeks we will recognize and celebrate the growing number of non-Anglo congregations in the CRC. Learn more about the CRC Office of Diversity and its mission to serve and grow diverse leadership throughout the denomination. Check out the website: crcna.org/Diversity



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 REQUEST:

Please keep **Agnes Bollema** in your prayers as she recuperates now at home!

CONTINUING REQUESTS:

Kevin Wigboldy: Kevin's bone marrow transplant took place last week. Please pray that all goes well and that God continues to display His power in Kevin's battle against leukemia.

Rinie Rouw: Rinie is now home and in good spirits. He will have home help for the next 4-6 weeks. Rinie and Jill are thankful for all the many prayers and support!

Dennis De Kok was laid to rest July 29. Please pray that the Lord will be close to the Melba and the entire DeKok family during this time.

Michael Hendricks: Michael is improving daily. He was able to see his children and converse with them and was looking forward to be moving out of the ICU! Please keep him in your prayers as he continues to heal.

Pray for strength for **Maxine Greidanus** as she endures regular chemo treatments for her lung cancer. Keep both Larry and Maxine in your prayers for healing and peace.

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

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 25 - *Climate Witness Project: Stewardship*

Forest fires and heat waves are damaging food production and livelihoods, particularly at this time of year. Pray that policies may be put into place to protect the most vulnerable people and communities from climate change. May churches hear the biblical call to stewardship and seek creative solutions.

Tuesday July 26 - *Chaplaincy and Care Ministry: Seafarer chaplains*

Our seafarer chaplains minister in coastal areas to the crews of merchant ships and cruise vessels. Often these crew members are from distressed areas of the world, live in cramped quarters, and work long hours. A kind word, listening ear, and tips for finding medical care can lead to sharing about God's love and grace. Pray that these chaplains may be able to make life-changing connections each day.

Wednesday July 27 - *Resonate: Cohorts*

Give thanks for Resonate's cohorts in Central America, Detroit, and the Middle East! Please pray that these groups of young adults may continue to build relationships and serve in local ministries. Ask the Holy Spirit to work in and through them for the transformation of communities.

Thursday July 28 - *World Renew: Ukraine*

We praise God for tremendous support for our work in Ukraine, supplying more than twice our original goal for funding! As we work with partners on the ground to meet immediate needs, many other needs there and in surrounding countries are cropping up in the areas of food provision, medical care, shelter, and more. Please pray for ongoing safety and provision for all who are affected by the war in Ukraine.

Friday July 29 - *Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations Committee: Church relations*

Synod 2022 welcomed several ecumenical guests, and more ecumenical guests will be present at Inspire 2022 in August. Please pray for continuing good relations between the CRCNA and other denominations in God's worldwide church.

Saturday July 30 - *ReFrame: English ministry*

Ann, a member of our prayer ministry team, asks for prayer for her family: "My daughter is being horribly bullied. God, please soften these other girls' hearts so that they will just leave my child alone. . . . This has taken a toll on our whole family."

Sunday July 31 - *Resonate: Nicaragua*

Resonate missionaries Alicia and Maynor Navarrete give thanks for a new program at the Nehemiah Center, a Resonate partner in Nicaragua. This program, called Churches and Families, is working with eight vulnerable families. "Through this pilot project, marriages have been reconciled and spouses are returning to church with their families," said the Navarretes. Praise God!