

***Welcome to Mount Vernon
First Christian Reformed Church!
Pastor John Knoester
Sept. 4, 2022—Morning Service – 10:30 AM***

* Please stand in body or in spirit

“Jesus, name above all names”

Prelude

Welcome

* Call to Worship

Leader: O magnify the Lord with me.

People: Let us exalt God’s name together!

Leader: We will give thanks to you, O Lord,
with our whole heart;
we will tell of your wonderful deeds.

**People: We will be glad and exalt in you;
we will sing praise to your name, O Most High.**

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

“All People That on Earth Do Dwell”

1. All people that on earth do dwell,
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice.
Serve him with joy, his praises tell,
Come now before him and rejoice!
2. Know that the Lord is God indeed;
he formed us all without our aid.
We are the flock he comes to feed,
the sheep who by his hand were made.
3. O enter then his gates with joy,
within his courts his praise proclaim.
Let thankful songs your tongues employ,
O bless and magnify his name.

4. Because the Lord our God is good,
his mercy is forever sure.
His faithfulness at all times stood
and shall from age to age endure.

Words: William Kethe, 1561 at., P.D.; Music: Louis Bourgeois, 1551, P.D.; CCLI# 678905

* God's Greeting/We Greet Each Other

* Song of Praise: LUYH #559 v. 1-3 "Ten Thousand Reasons"

Refrain

*Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;
worship his holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul;
I'll worship your holy name.*

1. The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning;
it's time to sing your song again.
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me,
let me be singing when the evening comes.

Refrain

2. You're rich in love, and you're slow to anger.
Your name is great, and your heart is kind.
For all your goodness, I will keep on singing—
ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

Refrain

3. And on that day when my strength is failing,
the end draws near, and my time has come;
still, my soul will sing your praise unending—
ten thousand years and then forevermore!

Refrain

*Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;
worship his holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul;
I'll worship your holy name,
worship your holy name, worship your holy name.*

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"Beautiful Savior, glorious Lord."

Announcements

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance:

Leader: The God who challenges us is also the God who encourages us.
The God who confronts us is also the God who accepts us.
Be assured that God is with us even now, accepting, guiding, and forgiving.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

God's Will for our Lives – Lord's Day 36-37 Q&A 99-102

Q & A 99

Leader: Q. What is the aim of the third commandment?

People: **A. That we neither blaspheme nor misuse the name of God by cursing, perjury, or unnecessary oaths, nor share in such horrible sins by being silent bystanders. In summary, we should use the holy name of God only with reverence and awe, so that we may properly confess God, pray to God, and glorify God in all our words and works.**

Q & A 100

Leader: Q. Is blasphemy of God's name by swearing and cursing really such serious sin that God is angry also with those who do not do all they can to help prevent and forbid it?

People: **A. Yes, indeed.**

No sin is greater, or provokes God's wrath more, than blaspheming his name. That is why God commanded it to be punished with death.

Lord's Day 37

Q & A 101

Leader; Q. But may we swear an oath in God's name if we do it reverently?

People: A. Yes, when the government demands it, or when necessity requires it, in order to maintain and promote truth and trustworthiness for God's glory and our neighbor's good. Such oaths are grounded in God's Word and were rightly used by the people of God in the Old and New Testaments.

Q & A 102

Leader; Q. May we also swear by saints or other creatures?

People: A. No. A legitimate oath means calling upon God as the only one who knows my heart to witness to my truthfulness and to punish me if I swear falsely. No creature is worthy of such honor.

Song of Thanksgiving: *"Jesus, Name Above All Names" 2x*

Jesus, name above all names: Beautiful Savior, Glorious Lord, Emmanuel, God is with us, Blessed Redeemer, Living Word.

"Jesus, Name Above All Names" Naida Hearn, © 1974, 1978 Scripture in Song. Admin. by Maranatha! Music CCLI# 678905

Offering: General Fund

Offertory: *"YHWH / Lord" – The Bible Project*

(Following the offering the children are invited forward for the Children's Message)

Children's Message – Mrs. Marjo Rouw

(Following the Children's Message children ages 3-3rd grade are dismissed for Children and Worship)

* Song of Preparation: LUYH #601 v. 1-4

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

1. All hail the power of Jesus' name!
Let angels prostrate fall.
Bring forth the royal diadem,
and crown him Lord of all.
Bring forth the royal diadem,
and crown him Lord of all!
2. O seed of Israel's chosen race
now ransomed from the fall,
hail him who saves you by his grace,
and crown him Lord of all.
Hail him who saves you by his grace,
and crown him Lord of all!
3. Let every tongue and every tribe
on this terrestrial ball,
to him all majesty ascribe,
and crown him Lord of all.
To him all majesty ascribe,
and crown him Lord of all!
4. Oh, that with all the sacred throng
we at his feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song
and crown him Lord of all.
We'll join the everlasting song
and crown him Lord of all!

Words: st. 1-3 Edward Perronet, 1780, alt., st. 4 John Rippon, 1787, alt., P.D.; Music:
Oliver Holden, 1793, P.D.; CCLI# 678905

"Emmanuel, God is with us."

Scripture Readings: Exodus 20:1-7, Romans 10:5-13

Prayer of Illumination

Message: *"The Tender Commandments – Our Use of God's Name"*

Time of Prayer

* Hymn of Application: LUYH #676 v. 1-3 *“Oh, How I Love Jesus”*

1. There is a name I love to hear,
I love to sing its worth;
it sounds like music in my ear,
the sweetest name on earth.

Refrain

*Oh, how I love Jesus! Oh, how I love Jesus!
Oh, how I love Jesus, because he first loved me.*

2. It tells me of a Savior’s love,
who died to set me free;
it tells me of his precious blood,
the sinner’s perfect plea.

Refrain

3. It tells of one whose loving heart
can feel my deepest woe;
who in each sorrow bears a part
that none can bear below.

Refrain

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“Blessed Redeemer, Living Word”

* We Confess our Faith: The Belgic Confession – Article 1

**We all believe in our hearts and confess with our mouths
that there is a single and simple spiritual being,
whom we call God— eternal, incomprehensible, invisible,
unchangeable, infinite, almighty; completely wise, just,
and good, and the overflowing source of all good.**

* God’s Blessing

* Parting Praise: LUYH #540 *“Holy God, We Praise Your Name”*

1. Holy God, we praise your name;
Lord of all, we bow before you.
Saints on earth your rule acclaim;
all in heaven above adore you.
Infinite your vast domain;
everlasting is your reign.

2. Hark, the glad celestial hymn
angel choirs above are raising;
cherubim and seraphim,
in unceasing chorus praising,
fill the heavens with sweet accord:
“Holy, holy, holy Lord!”

3. Lo, the apostolic train
joins your sacred name to hallow;
prophets swell the glad refrain,
and the white-robed martyrs follow;
and from morn to set of sun,
through the church the song goes on.

4. Holy Father, holy Son,
Holy Spirit, three we name you,
though in essence only one;
undivided God, we claim you,
and, adoring, bend the knee
while we own the mystery.

Words: Te Deum, 4th c.; vers. Ignaz Franz, ca. 1774; tr. Clarence A. Walworth, 1853, alt., P.D. Music: *Katholisches Gesangbuch*, Vienna, 1774; desc. Emily R. Brink, 1986, ©1987 Faith Alive Christian Resources, CCLI # 678905

* Postlude

Welcome! As we unite in worship today, we extend a warm welcome to each one present. May we together experience the presence of God. 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 9/4	Next week 9/11
Sound:	Henry H	Tim H.
Projection:	Tim H./Maddie D.	Hannah VH
Video	Brandon S.	Tim H./France K.
Offering:	General Fund	General Fund

First CRC

Bulletin Announcements

September 4, 2022

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Attention women of all ages: Women's Bible study starting soon!

"Imagine walking the dusty roads of Galilee with Jesus of Nazareth-braving jostling crowds just to touch the edge of His cloak and hear Him say, "Take heart, daughter, your faith has healed you." Those words, once meant to comfort a hurting woman's soul thousands of years ago, were also meant for you."



Join us for this 7 week Bible study entitled "**Jesus and Women**", by author Kristi McLelland, as she transports us back to Jesus' world, stepping into the footsteps of the women who came face to face with the living God. This Bible study is a great way to get to know other ladies in the church better, as we also feast on God's Word in a fresh way together. Feel free to invite friends or neighbors too!

We will meet the second and fourth Sundays at 6:30pm, starting September 25. Location still to be determined. Transportation can be provided upon request. To sign up please contact Jill Rouw (360-333-2600, mjrrouw@comcast.net) or the church office. There will also be a sign-up sheet in the foyer after service. Deadline to sign-up is Sept. 18. We would love to have you join us!

There are copies of **Today's Christian Living** available on the shelf in the hallway underneath the Missionary Bulletin Board.

In Search of....Instrumentalists! On September 18

we will be commissioning our Educational Leaders in church for a new season of learning and are planning several songs with instrument accompaniment. If you are interested in tooting your own horn, please let Henry or Pam Van Zanten know as soon as possible so they can get music to you and let you know when the rehearsal will be.



Worship Service YouTube Links:

August 21: <https://youtu.be/foKe9AOPCBA>

August 28: https://youtu.be/ma_kvs7DHEI

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://firstcrmv.com/?page_id=1509Church

Committee Lists: The new church committee lists have been finalized by the executive committee and are available to be picked up on the shelf in the breezeway! We did our best to honor any requests to be added, or removed, from a committee. In addition, we also took the liberty of appointing some of our new members to certain committees, as well as those who have recognizable gifts. If you are not currently on a committee but would like to be added to one - there is still time! Please let either Beth or Pastor John know as soon as possible. Thanks again to all those who willingly offer to use their gifts for the life of Christ's church!

CALENDAR:

Greeters: This morning - Henry & Pam Van Zanten; Next week – Greg & Tish Ackermann

Coffee Hosts: This morning – Henry & Sharon Kuipers; Next week – Keith & Jean Rasmussen

Worship Team: This Morning – Henry, Pam & Sylvia VZ, Franchesca K & Nellie VDH

Next Week – Eliot B., Heidi B., Kayla & Ella VH

Upcoming Dates to Note:

Men's Bible Study: Tuesday, September 13 at 7:00 am at Shari's Restaurant

Crop Walk – September 18 at 2:00pm

RECOMMENDED ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Jesus commands us to care about the hungry among us. See Matt. 25:25. Join the 3.4-mile **Skagit CROP Hunger Walk** on beginning at the Mount Vernon Christian School on Blackburn. To join the walk, visit crophungerwalk.org and search for Skagit to register there. Find your church team. If you don't see your church team, go ahead and make one. Find us also on Facebook: Skagit Crop Hunger



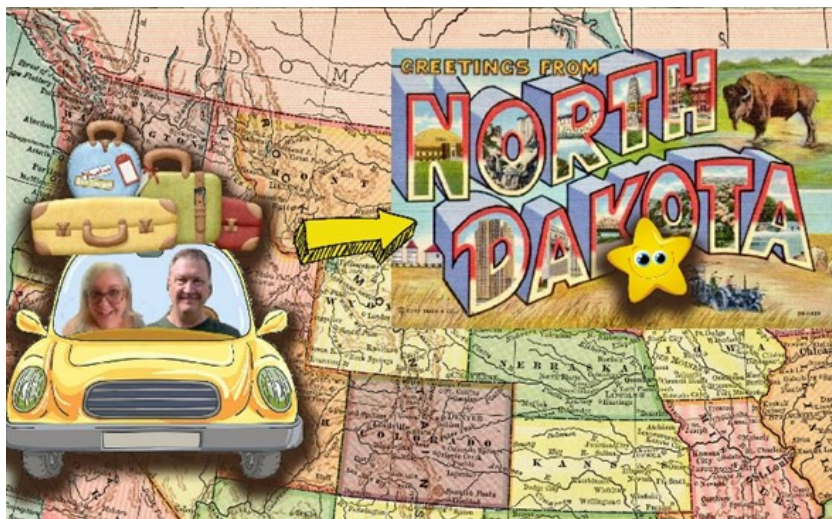
CRC COMMUNICATIONS:

Serve Like Jesus - Check out the kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. Following Jesus means following his example. Kind and generous, Jesus came to serve rather than be served (Mark 10:45). When we treat people the way Jesus did, they experience his love for them. Listen now at kidscorner.net and check out all the new content.

Glocal Mission Podcast - How do we join God's mission locally and globally? That's what Resonate leaders Rich Braaksma and Nalini Suganandam aim to discover in this podcast, interviewing regional leaders and people doing awesome things (church planters, campus ministers, lay leaders, etc.) in a variety of contexts! Just five episodes in, this podcast in its infancy is already uncovering oodles of insight and inspiration. Plug in your earbuds and join us as we meet ministry leaders from around North America living out the gospel in their own contexts. Check it out at <https://anchor.fm/glocalmission>

At-home Faith Formation Tip - At-home Faith Formation Tip: Fall can be an overwhelming and anxious time for students of all ages. How might you encourage the students in your family or your church this week? You might bake cookies, share a favorite book, send a card. And pray for them as they discover the gifts God has given them and explore how God might be calling them to use those gifts. (Tip from Faith Formation; bit.ly/CRCFaithFormation)

Beth will be out of the office from Sept. 9th-the 20th. Sylvia Van Zanten will be graciously filling in for her. If you have Bulletin Announcements or Prayer Guide items, please call or email Sylvia at the church office. Thank you!



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.

CONTINUING REQUESTS:

Please continue to pray for **Kevin Wigboldy** as he recovers from his stem cell transplant.

Please continue to pray for **Michael Hendricks** as he recovers from his heart surgery.

Continue to pray for **Shirley Boonstra, Maxine Greidanus 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 Glen in Mount Vernon; *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 August 29 - World Renew: Southern Africa Ministry Team

With COVID restrictions lifted in Malawi, travel is really picking up. Pray for the safety of team members who are often on the road; pray that current food distributions in southern Malawi may go smoothly; ask God to provide for our ongoing recruitment for team positions; pray that we may work effectively with partners and communities across the region.

Tuesday August 30 - ReFrame: Burkina Faso

Pray for Amandine, a 28-year-old listener who called to learn more after hearing one of our French radio programs. Soon after she called, both she and her sister visited ReFrame's partners in Burkina Faso and received Christ. Praise God!

Wednesday August 31 - *Resonate: Worldwide*

Give thanks with us for several new missionaries and their families who have committed to serving with Resonate in countries throughout the world! Please pray for these individuals and families as they prepare to work in various fields.

Thursday September 1 - *Dordt University: New year*

Pray for students, faculty, and staff as we begin a new academic year. Pray for faithful learning and scholarship and for God's continued guidance for the university and its alumni.

Friday September 2 - *World Renew: Disaster Response Services (DRS)*

Flash flooding devastated eastern Kentucky in July, killing more than 37 people and severely damaging buildings and homes. DRS is developing plans for a long-term response toward rebuilding homes and restoring livelihoods. Please pray for all who are experiencing crisis and the loss of loved ones and property.

Saturday September 3 - *Resonate Global Mission: Eastern Europe*

Several Resonate missionaries serve with LCC International University in Lithuania. The university has opened 100 extra placements for students from Ukraine. Nearly half of the university's students are from war-torn countries. "Pray that faculty and staff will be able to minister well to these students," said missionary Chris Van Zanen.

Sunday September 4 - *ReFrame Ministries: Today devotionals*

Josephine, a Today reader, recently started a new job, and she asks for prayers as she begins this new chapter in her life while grieving the loss of her only son last November. "I'm struggling with depression and anxiety," she wrote. "The pain is so bad that my heart physically aches, and the pain literally takes my breath away."