

**Welcome to Mount Vernon
First Christian Reformed Church!
Pastor John Knoester
Sept. 25, 2022 Morning Service – 10:30 AM**

* Please stand in body or in spirit

*“When we walk with the Lord
in the light of his word,”*

Prelude

Welcome

* Call to Worship (Based on Psalm 66)

Leader: Shout with joy to God, all the earth!

**People: Sing the glory of his name;
make his praise glorious!**

Leader: Come and see what God has done,
how awesome his works!

People: Come, let us rejoice in him!

* Opening Songs of Praise:

1. LUYH #262 v. 1-3 *“I Love to Tell the Story”*

1. I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story because I know 'tis true;
it satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.

Refrain

*I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.*

2. I love to tell the story; 'tis pleasant to repeat
what seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet.
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard
the message of salvation from God's own holy Word.

Refrain

3. I love to tell the story, for those who know it best
seem hungering and thirsting to hear it, like the rest.
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,
'twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long.

Refrain

Words: A. Catherine Hankey, 1866, P.D.; Music: William G. Fisher, 1869, P.D.;

2. LUYH #15 v. 1-2 *"The First Place"*

1. Jesus, the perfect picture of the unseen God.
Maker of things we cannot comprehend.
Wisdom, the earth displays your strength and beauty.
Sovereign, yes, every throne knows you are God.

Refrain

Every inch of this universe belongs to you, O Christ.
For through you and for you it was made.
Your creation endures by the order of your hand.
So you must have in all things the first place.

2. Victor, over sin and death you triumphed.
Firstborn, you've shown us life beyond the grave.
Bridegroom, we long for you in expectation.
Jesus, your church rejoices to proclaim.

Refrain X 2

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* God's Greeting/We Greet Each Other

"What a glory he sheds on our way!"

Announcements

Congregational Prayer – Led by Elder Greg Ackermann

Offering: General Fund

Offertory:

* Song of Preparation: LUYH #746 v. 1-3

"Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God"

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.

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

"While we do his good will he abides with us still,"

Scripture Readings: Exodus 20:12, Leviticus 19:1-3, Romans 13:1-7,

Prayer of Illumination

Message: ***"The Tender Commandments –
Honoring Those In Authority Over Us"***

Time of Prayer

* Hymn of Application: LUYH #327 v. 1-3

“When We Walk with the Lord”

1. When we walk with the Lord
in the light of his Word,
what a glory he sheds on our way!
While we do his good will
he abides with us still,
and with all who will trust and obey.

Refrain

*Trust and obey,
for there's no other way
to be happy in Jesus
but to trust and obey.*

2. But we never can prove
the delights of his love
until all on the altar we lay;
for the favor he shows
and the joy he bestows
are for those who will trust and obey.

Refrain

3. Then in fellowship sweet
we will sit at his feet,
or we'll walk by his side in the way;
what he says we will do,
where he sends we will go—
never fear, only trust and obey.

Refrain

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*(During the singing of this hymn the children will be returning from
Children and Worship)*

“And with all who will trust and obey.”

* We Confess our Faith: Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 104

Leader: Q. What is God's will for you
in the fifth commandment?

**People: A. That I honor, love, and be loyal to my father
and mother and all those in authority over me;
that I submit myself with proper obedience
to all their good teaching and discipline;
and also that I be patient with their failings —
for through them God chooses to rule us.**

We Celebrate Communion Together

Declaration of God's Invitation and Promises

(Based on Luke 13:29, 24:30-31)

Summary of Scriptural Teaching: (Based on HC Q&A 79)

Leader: Christ calls the bread his body and the cup his blood,
or the new covenant in his blood.

**People: Christ has good reasons for these words.
He wants to teach us that as bread and wine
nourish our temporal life, so too his crucified body
and poured-out blood truly nourish our souls
for eternal life.**

Leader: But more important, he wants to assure us,
by this visible sign and pledge, that we,
through the Holy Spirit's work, share in his true body
and blood as surely as our mouths receive
these holy signs in his remembrance,

**People: and that all of his suffering and obedience
are as definitely ours as if we personally had suffered
and paid for our sins.**

Preparing the Bread and the Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Invitation

Distribution: *(As the elements are being served)*

Sharing of the Bread and Cup:

Take, eat, remember and believe that the body of our Lord Jesus Christ was given for the complete forgiveness of all our sins.

Take, drink, remember and believe the precious blood of our Lord Jesus Christ was shed for the complete forgiveness of all our sins.

Response of Praise and Prayer

Worthy is the lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength, and honor and glory and praise!

* God's Blessing

* Parting Praise: LUYH #926 v. 1-4 *"God of Grace and God of Glory"*

1. God of grace and God of glory,
on your people pour your power;
crown your ancient church's story,
bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.
2. Lo! the hosts of evil round us
scorn the Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us
free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
for the living of these days,
for the living of these days.
3. Cure your children's warring madness;
bend our pride to your control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we miss your kingdom's goal,
lest we miss your kingdom's goal.

4. Save us from weak resignation
to the evils we deplore;
let the gift of your salvation
be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
serving you whom we adore,
serving you whom we adore.

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* Postlude

<i>Tech Team</i>	<i>Today 9/25</i>	<i>Next Week 10/2</i>
Sound:	Mardy S.	Henry H.
Projection:	Maddie D./Tim H.	Tim H./France K.
Video	Dick G.	Brandon S.
Offering:	General Fund	General Fund

First CRC

Bulletin Announcements

September 25, 2022

OUR CHURCH FAMILY:

Cadets registration night will be held on Wednesday (28th) from 7 - 8:30pm. Cadets is open for boys 3rd thru 8th grade. Parents are welcome to stick around and get an idea of what a meeting is all about and enjoy some ice cream after. More counselors are needed. Contact Eliot at 206-552-5954 (cell) or eliotb31@yahoo.com if you are interested...or show up at the registration event.



We would like to thank the congregation for all your thoughts, prayers and cards during Randy's recent illness. We sincerely felt the presence of the Lord even during his most down time. It is a blessing to be in the family of God. "For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal." -2 Corinthians 4:17-18
Randy and Peggy Burr

ATTENTION SINGERS: This morning is our first choir practice! We meet in the front pews of church on the piano side! Timing is a bit flexible so enjoy visiting over a cup of coffee after the service in the social hall, then come on over! Contact Joni Beezhold (425-248-0287) if you have any questions! "Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation." Psalm 95:1

GEMS MAGAZINE DRIVE: Thanks to those who have already dropped off old magazines for us to use at our next meeting. Keep 'em coming! We have lots of girls so will need lots of magazines.

Worship Service Volunteer Schedule: In the coming weeks a new six-month (November 2022 - April 2023) Sunday worship service volunteer schedule will be made. This schedule includes each week's musicians, vocalists, scripture reader, and technology team (sound, projection, and video). Unless we hear differently, we assume that those who are currently serving will continue to do so. In addition, we would love to add new people to this list! If you have an interest in serving in any one of these areas (FYI - we love young people up front or in the tech booth!) - **please let the church office know no later than Monday, October 3.** The schedule itself will be completed and in your church mailbox no later than Sunday, October 23.

Welcome Baby Basket: Luke and Bailey Visser are expecting a baby boy in just a few weeks! There is a basket in the annex ready to be filled with gifts for him. Join in on the fun of welcoming and celebrating the newest addition to our church family!



Additional Staff Position: Last Sunday (Sept. 11) you received a letter from the church council updating you on the second staff position. The council values your input and feedback and looks forward to receiving it. An electronic version of this communication can be accessed via the following link: <https://firstcrcmv.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/2nd-Staff-Communication-to-Congregation-09-07-22.pdf>

Worship Service YouTube Links:

September 18: <https://youtu.be/hiiV61QfVY0>

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

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. Sept. 4 AM – *“Honoring God’s Holy Name”*
5. Sept. 11 AM – *“Celebrating the Sabbath”*
6. Sept. 25 AM – *“Honoring Those in Authority Over Us”*
7. Oct. 2 AM – *“Loving Our Neighbor”*
8. Oct. 9 AM – *“Fencing Our Marriage”*
9. Oct. 16 AM – *“What About Stealing?”*
10. Oct. 23 AM – *“Taming Our Tongues”*
11. Oct. 30 AM – *“True Contentment”*

CALENDAR:

Greeters: Today: Jeannette Folkertsma, Elly Cuperus

Next Week Greg & Beth Boon

Coffee Hosts: Today: John & Judy Velasquez

Next Week: Melba DK & Sarah Zastoupil

Upcoming Dates to Notes:

Sunday - September 25

Choir Rehearsal following the morning service

Sunday – September 25 at 6:30 p.m.

Women’s Bible Study

Tuesday – September 27 at 7:00 a.m.

Men’s Bible Study at Shari’s Restaurant

RECOMMENDED ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Please Join C.A.R.E. Medical Center’s Fundraiser for Life 2022 on October 21st.

The keynote speaker is Dr. Anthony Levatino, a former abortion doctor.

Admission is free, but please RSVP at 360-428-4777. Additional details are on the bulletin board by the kitchen.

Liberty Gospel Quartet will be in concert at Faith Community Church, 586 Birch Bay - Lynden Rd, Lynden, WA. 98264, on Saturday, October 15, 2022, at 6:00pm (doors open 5:00pm) Free Admission/Freewill Offering. Come early for some great gospel singing with Sonrise Gospel Quartet. Refreshments following the concert. Bring the most first-time guests and receive a free CD. For more info call Mary Ann at 360-224-4815. Hope to see you there!

CRC COMMUNICATIONS:

At-home Faith Formation Tip - At-home Faith Formation Tip: What faith practices shape your life and the lives of the people who share your home? "It's easy for us to think that we create our habits, but our habits also create us. The faith-forming things that we do together deeply affect the way we think and act. Because of this, consistently committing to your faith practices as a family has a significant impact." —from *Dear Parent: A Guide for Family Faith Formation*, by Laura Keeley and Robert J. Keeley, available at FaithAliveResources.org. (Tip from CRCNA Faith Formation; crcna.org/FaithFormation)

Learn to Build Faith At Your Church Through Storytelling - In the Bible, God often uses stories to tell us who God is. We are part of his story and it's important for us to see our story in his story. Help your church build relationships between generations, see how God is working in the faith of God's people, and more. Join us for the Sharing Stories to Build Faith cohort this fall. crcna.org/FaithFormation/cohorts

Calvin University Inauguration - Calvin University will inaugurate its 12th president on Wednesday, Oct. 26, 2022. We invite you to join in person or watch online as we welcome Dr. Wiebe Boer and celebrate the legacy and future of Calvin. The ceremony will take place at 4:00pm Eastern in the Van Noord Arena (Calvin's campus, Grand Rapids, Michigan, USA). Watch calvin.edu/go/inauguration for information and events leading up to the Inauguration.

Scriptoria Writers' Workshop - The Scriptoria Writers' Workshop welcomes all writers to its 2023 incarnation, to be held at Calvin University on June 19-23, 2023. Come spend a week of writing workshops, craft classes, meetings with editors and agents, and lectures and readings from our guest writers: Leslie Leyland Fields, Maurice Manning, Vinita Hampton Wright, Patrice Gopo, and others. Visit www.scriptoriaworkshop.org/home or contact Gary D. Schmidt at schg@calvin.edu for more information.

Family Fire - 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.



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.

CONTINUING REQUESTS:

Please continue to pray for strength for **Randy Burr** as he recovers from his lung infection.

We continue to thank God for His hand in strengthening **Grace Feddema** after she experienced several TIAs. We thank God for his healing measures.

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

Please continue to keep the family of **Pam Van Zanten** in your prayers upon this passing away of her Uncle Jerry.

Please continue to pray for **Michael Hendricks**. He is home with his wife and three children. Please pray that God will continue with the healing by way of the therapies. The biggest concern right now is his vision.

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 September 19 - *GEMS Girls' Clubs: Connection*

Mentoring matters. Pray that every GEMS Girls' Club may have an unwavering commitment to help bring girls into a living, dynamic relationship with Jesus Christ. Please pray that every girl knows she belongs and is loved by God, her leaders, and the girls at her club.

Tuesday September 20 - *ReFrame: Japan*

Pray for people who don't have regular access to God's Word because they live in remote areas. A radio listener in Japan recently shared that he moved and can no longer access the ReFrame program he has listened to for years. Still, he's been reading our devotions and is thankful for that. Pray that he might soon be able to access the program again.

Wednesday September 21 - *World Renew: International Day of Peace*

Every year on or around September 21 nations around the globe dedicate a day to strengthening the ideals of peace, toward building societies in which all people can flourish and be treated equally. Please pray with us as we work toward a world free of racism and discrimination.

Thursday September 22 - *Chaplaincy and Care: Chaplains training*

On Sept. 22-24 in Grand Rapids, Mich., we are hosting in person our annual conference for CRC chaplains from around the globe. Our theme is "Returning. Rebuilding. Restoring," and our speaker is Dr. Danjuma Gibson of Calvin Theological Seminary. Pray for our chaplains as they collaborate with peers, find spiritual renewal, and hone skills to implement best practices for ministering in "moments that matter" in our communities.

Friday September 23 - *Resonate: Nebraska*

Pray for F Street Neighborhood Church, a Resonate partner church plant in Lincoln, Neb. Ask the Holy Spirit to continue working through this community to transform lives and the surrounding neighborhood.

Saturday September 24 - *Candidacy Committee: Candidates*

Please join us in praying from Col. 1:9-11 for all those pursuing candidacy: "We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will . . . so that you may live a life . . . of . . . bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, being strengthened . . . so that you may have great endurance and patience. . . ."

Sunday September 25 - *Safe Church Ministry: Abuse Awareness Sunday*
Please pray for ministry leaders, councils, and churches as they work to determine the best ways to prevent abuse in the church and how to respond to situations of abuse when they are reported. Pray that those who have been abused may feel God with them and feel supported by their church community.