

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

***Pastor John Knoester***

***Oct. 16, 2022***

**Morning Service – 10:30 AM**

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

*“Take my life and let it be”*

Prelude

Welcome

**\* Call to Worship/Opening Prayer:**

**Leader:** Gracious God, with the same hands  
in which you placed so many goods,  
we offer a part of them back to you.  
But our hearts are hesitant.

**People:** **Make them bold, O God.**

**Leader:** Our hearts are afraid of having less.

**People:** **Make them confident, O God.**

**Leader:** At times, our hearts are a little depressed.

**People:** **Make them strong and cheerful, O God,  
in the name of Jesus who gave up everything  
for us. Amen.**

**\* Song of Worship: *“All Creatures of Our God and King”***

**ALL SING:**

1. All creatures of our God and King  
Lift up your voice and with us sing  
O praise Him! Alleluia!  
Thou, burning sun with golden beam  
Thou, silver moon with softer gleam  
O praise Him! O praise Him!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Women:**

2. Let all things their Creator bless  
And worship Him in humbleness  
O praise Him! Alleluia  
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son  
And praise the Spirit, Three in One!  
O praise Him! O praise Him!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Men:**

3. All the Redeemed washed by His blood  
Come and rejoice in his great love  
O praise Him! Alleluia!  
Christ has defeated every sin  
Cast all your burdens now on Him  
O praise Him! O praise Him!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**All Sing:**

4. He shall return in pow'r to reign  
Heaven and earth will join to say  
O praise Him! Alleluia!  
Then who shall fall on bended knee?  
All creatures of our God and King  
O praise Him! O praise Him!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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\* God's Greeting/We Greet Each Other

*"Consecrated, Lord, to thee."*

Announcements

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Song of Confession: “Wonderful Merciful Savior” v. 1-3

1. Wonderful merciful, Savior,  
precious Redeemer and Friend;  
Who would have thought that a Lamb  
could rescue the souls of men?  
Oh, You rescue the souls of men.

*Chorus*

*You are the One that we praise,  
You are the One we adore,  
You give the healing and grace  
our hearts always hunger for,  
Oh, our hearts always hunger for.*

2. Counselor, Comforter, Keeper,  
Spirit we long to embrace;  
You offer hope when our hearts  
have hopelessly lost the way,  
Oh, we hopelessly lost the way.

*Chorus*

3. Almighty, infinite Father,  
faithfully loving Your own;  
Here in our weakness You find us  
falling before Your throne,  
Oh, we're falling before Your throne.

*Chorus*

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Words of Assurance:

By Christ's power our old selves are crucified, put to death,  
and buried with him, so that the evil desires of the flesh  
may no longer rule us,  
but that instead we may offer ourselves  
as a sacrifice of gratitude to him.

—Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 43

Song of Response: *“How Great is Our God/How Great Thou Art”*

1. The splendor of the King, clothed in majesty;  
let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice.  
He wraps Himself in light, and darkness tries to hide,  
and trembles at His voice, and trembles at His voice.

*Chorus*

*How great is our God! Sing with me:  
how great is our God!  
And all will see how great, how great is our God!*

2. And age to age He stands, and time is in His hands;  
beginning and the End, Beginning and the End.  
The Godhead, three in one, Father, Spirit, Son,  
the Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb.

*Chorus*

*Bridge*

Name above all names, Worthy of all praise.  
My heart will sing: How great is our God!  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:  
How great thou art, how great thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:  
How great thou art, how great thou art!

*Chorus*

*How great is our God! Sing with me:  
how great is our God!  
And all will see how great, how great is our God!*

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God's Will for our Lives (Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 110-111)

**Leader:** What does God forbid in the eighth commandment?

**People:** **He forbids not only outright theft and robbery, punishable by law. But in God's sight theft also includes cheating and swindling our neighbor by schemes made to appear legitimate, such as: inaccurate measurements of weight, size, or volume; fraudulent merchandising; counterfeit money; excessive interest; or any other means forbidden by God. In addition he forbids all greed and pointless squandering of all his gifts.**

**Leader:** What does God require of you in this commandment?

**People:** **That I do whatever I can for my neighbor's good, that I treat others as I would like them to treat me, and that I work faithfully so that I may share with those in need.**

Song of Thanksgiving: *"Goodness of God"*

1. I love You Lord  
Oh Your mercy never fails me  
All my days I've been held in your hands  
From the moment that I wake up  
Until I lay my head  
I will sing of the goodness of God.

*Chorus:*

All my life You have been faithful  
All my life You have been so good  
With every breath that I am able  
I will sing of the goodness of God.

2. I love Your voice  
You have led me through the fire  
In darkest night You are close like no other  
I've known You as a father  
I've known You as a friend  
I have lived in the goodness of God.

*Chorus*

*Bridge:*

Your goodness is running after  
It's running after me  
Your goodness is running after  
It's running after me  
With my life laid down I'm surrendered  
Now I give you everything  
Your goodness is running after me  
It's running after me

*Chorus: (2x)*

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Offertory: *'Generosity'* – The Bible Project

\* Song of Preparation: *"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.

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

*"Take my moments and my days;"*

Scripture Readings: Exodus 20:15, Luke 16:10-13, James 5:1-6,  
and Ephesians 4:25-28

Prayer of Illumination

Message: ***"The Tender Commandments – You Shall Not Steal"***

Time of Prayer

\* Hymn of Application: LUYH #863 v. 1-3 *"Take My Life and Let It Be"*

1. Take my life and let it be  
consecrated, Lord, to thee.  
Take my moments and my days;  
let them flow in endless praise,  
let them flow in endless praise.
2. Take my hands and let them move  
at the impulse of thy love.  
Take my feet and let them be  
swift and beautiful for thee,  
swift and beautiful for thee.
3. Take my voice and let me sing  
always, only, for my King.  
Take my lips and let them be  
filled with messages from thee,  
filled with messages from thee.

*"Let them flow in endless praise,"*

\* We Confess our Faith: (Our World Belongs to God)

Leader: Joining the mission of God,  
the church is sent with the gospel of the kingdom  
to call everyone to know and follow Christ  
and to proclaim to all the assurance  
that in the name of Jesus there is forgiveness of sin  
and new life for all who repent and believe.

**People: The Spirit calls all members to embrace  
God's mission in their neighborhoods  
and in the world: to feed the hungry,  
bring water to the thirsty,  
welcome the stranger, clothe the naked,  
care for the sick, and free the prisoner.**

Leader: We repent of leaving this work to a few,  
for this mission is central to our being.

**People: Jesus Christ rules over all.  
To follow this Lord is to serve him  
wherever we are without fitting in,  
light in darkness,  
salt in a spoiling world.**

\* God's Blessing

\* Parting Praise: LUYH #863 *"Take My Life and Let It Be" v. 4-6*

4. Take my silver and my gold;  
not a mite would I withhold.  
Take my intellect and use  
every power as thou shalt choose,  
every power as thou shalt choose.

5. Take my will and make it thine;  
it shall be no longer mine.  
Take my heart—it is thine own;  
it shall be thy royal throne,  
it shall be thy royal throne.



6. Take my love; my Lord, I pour  
 at thy feet its treasure store.  
 Take myself, and I will be  
 ever, only, all for thee,  
 ever, only, all for thee.

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\* Postlude

**Welcome!** Let all who take refuge in you be glad; let them ever sing for joy." Those are the words of the psalmist in Psalm 5:11. Whoever you are, wherever you are from, we welcome you and we invite you to "be glad" with us about God's goodness and mercy. Let us "ever sing for joy" and praise God with profoundly grateful hearts. 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 10/16	Next Week 10/23
Sound:	Henry VZ	Henry H.
Projection:	Hannah VH	Tim H.
Video	Tim H./France K.	Brandon S.
Offering:	General Fund	General Fund

# First CRC Bulletin Announcements

**October 16, 2022**

**OUR CHURCH FAMILY:**

**WE'RE BRINGING IT BACK!** Yes, the **First CRC Chili Cookoff and Pumpkin Carving Contest** hosted by our own Youth Group is **BACK ON THE CALENDAR** for **October 28, from 6-8pm**. If you love to make chili, bring a pot to be judged by your fellow church family. If you just love to EAT chili, come and eat! For the pumpkin carving contest, please bring your own pumpkins and creativity for this fall extravaganza!! Always an evening of fun and sometimes very spicy tongues!



**We will be having a church potluck on November 6, followed by SAFE Church Training by Sherry Fakkema. If you are in an**

**educational position or working with children** in our church, you are strongly encouraged to attend. We would like to get as many as possible to attend this informational training so we can get it done in one shot. We expect the meeting not to go over about an hour.

***Do you like to bake cookies?*** We are looking for volunteers to bake cookies/goodies for the Reformation Day Eve Service on Oct. 30. If you are interested in blessing others with yumminess there is a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you!



**SAVE THE DATE!** We will be hosting our annual **Reformation Day Evening Service on Sunday, October 30, at 6:30pm**. Our speakers will be **Rev. Nick Rosas** and **Rev. Gilbert Kim**. Pastor Rosas is the new full-time CRC pastor at Oak Harbor CRC, and Pastor Kim is the leader of Didachem Ministries that our classis currently supports. There will be a time of refreshments and fellowship following the service.

***Worship Service YouTube Links:***

October 9: <https://youtu.be/jDFtbVtdkWU>

*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](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

9. Oct. 16 AM – "*What About Stealing?*"

10. Oct. 23 AM – "*Taming Our Tongues*"

11. Oct. 30 AM – "*True Contentment*"

**CALENDAR:**

***Greeters:*** Today: Mardick & Jill S.

Next Week, 10/23: Dick & Linda G.

***Coffee Hosts:*** Today: Jeannette F., Joe LeClair

Next Week, 10/23: Dick & Linda G.

**Worship Team:** Sheri L., Heidi B., Kiera L.

Next week, 10/23: Henry, Pam, Sylvia VZ, France K., Nellie VDH

**Today:** Choir Rehearsal following the morning service

**This Week:**

**Wednesday, October 19, 6:30-8:30pm - GEMS**

**Upcoming Dates to Notes:**

**Sunday – 10/23 at 6:30pm** Women’s Bible Study

**Tuesday – October 25 at 7:00am**

Men’s Bible Study at Shari’s Restaurant

**Oct. 28, 6-8pm** – Youth Group Chili Cookoff/Pumpkin Carving Contest

**Oct. 30, 6:30pm** – Area Reformation Service here

**Nov. 6 Potluck following the am Service** – Safe Church Training afterwards

**Nov. 9, 5-7pm** – Cadet Pancake Dinner (No reg. mtg)

**Dec. 2, 7 pm** – Fountainview Choir Concert

**RECOMMENDED ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Please Join C.A.R.E. Medical Center’s Fundraiser for Life 2022 on October 21<sup>st</sup>.** 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.

**CRC COMMUNICATIONS**

**Tour the Biblical Lands of Israel** - March 6 – March 17, 2023.

Experience a refreshing renewal of your faith, and gain a deeper understanding of the Bible, as you tour the biblical lands with teaching host, Pastor Peter Tuininga, and Sindbad Tours of Israel. See many of the biblical places (Jerusalem, Galilee, Caesarea, Jericho, and much more), and gain spiritual and historical insights which will make the Bible come alive for you. For complete information, cost, and registration, go to [toursofisrael.wordpress.com](http://toursofisrael.wordpress.com) or call Peter Tuininga: 1 289 877 8433 or e-mail: [peter.tuininga@gmail.com](mailto:peter.tuininga@gmail.com)

**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). Visit [calvin.edu/go/inauguration](http://calvin.edu/go/inauguration) for information, a schedule of events, and a link to the livestream.

**Spring Break Work Trips** - Are you looking to roll up your sleeves on spring break? World Renew Disaster Response Services has projects for high school and college age volunteers and groups to help homeowners across North America clean up and repair homes damaged by a disaster. If you or your group are being Called to Serve with World Renew DRS next spring, go to [worldrenew.net/springbreak](http://worldrenew.net/springbreak) to sign up and get more information!

**At-home Faith Formation Tip** - Everyday Family Faith is a pocket-sized resource for parents and caregivers who want to weave faith into everyday family life in simple, natural ways. For each day of the week it provides fun, do-able ideas and activities for exploring small portions of Scripture, praying together, talking about God together, and living out faith. Check it out at [FaithAliveResources.org](http://FaithAliveResources.org). (Tip from Faith Formation; [bit.ly/CRCFaithFormation](http://bit.ly/CRCFaithFormation))

**Groundwork: God Is Faithful, Consistent, and Keeps His Promises** - Trusting in God's provision can be hard when life seems to constantly change. Join Groundwork as we study Judges 6:33-40, Exodus 34:1-10, Isaiah 53, and Ephesians 2:1-10 to be reminded of God's faithful and consistent character and discover why his covenant nature means we can be confident he will keep his promises. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

**The Spirit Helps You** - Check out the kids' devotion at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net). Has someone ever asked you to pray for something? What was it? How did you feel when they asked you? How did you feel after you said "Amen"? Listen now at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net) and check out all the new content.

**Restorative Practices Training** - Learn how to design and facilitate proactive listening circles for a variety of topics and occasions at our two-day training in Restorative Practices for Faith Communities. CRCNA staff members Andrew Oppong and Eric Kas of Social Justice and Safe Church will partner to offer the training at the CRCNA offices (1700 28th St. SE) in Grand Rapids, Michigan, on October 27-28th (a Thursday/Friday), and will introduce participants to FaithCARE's framework and vision for restorative congregations. The cost of this training is \$100 and includes lunch. Learn more at [network.crcna.org/biblical-justice/restorative-practices-faithcare-training](http://network.crcna.org/biblical-justice/restorative-practices-faithcare-training)

**Free CRC Leadership Training Course** - Register now to take the Thriving Essentials virtual training at no cost (limit 25 persons). The two, 2 hour-long Zoom sessions on October 19 and 26 (7-9pm EDT) can help get all church leaders on the same page concerning the key concepts of Mission, Discipleship, Discernment, and Leadership. Take the class for yourself, then decide if attendance would benefit your core church leadership. Website: [crcna.org/Thrive](http://crcna.org/Thrive)



People to be remembered with prayers, cards, letters & words of encouragement. Email the office at [secretary@firstcrmv.com](mailto: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 **Ryanne VanderPol** and her family as they mourn the lost of Ryanne's sister **Karen** and grieve for dear sister **Vonda**, who passed recently.

Thank God that **Greg Ackermann** is home and recovering from his infection!

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

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 October 10 - *World Renew: Thanksgiving Day (Canada)***

Even as we count our blessings and acknowledge God's goodness, our hearts go out to so many in our world who are in need. We thank God for plentiful harvests, employment opportunities, freedom of choice, and the support of friends and family, and we ask for provision for all who are hungry, unemployed, alone, or mistreated.

**Tuesday October 11 - *Resonate: Ottawa***

Ryan Farrell, a Resonate partner campus minister at the University of Ottawa, asks you to pray for "creative and incarnational evangelism ideas" on campus.

**Wednesday October 12 - *ReFrame: Burkina Faso***

Give thanks that about 100 people are attending a new church plant in Kaya, a city in Burkina Faso where ReFrame's partners have three radio stations to air their programs, as well as a follow-up staff member. Pray for the safety and well-being of Clemente, a new church member who fled her hometown amid violence there.

**Thursday October 13 - *Safe Church: Awareness and care***

October is Domestic Violence Awareness month in the United States. (In Canada, November is Family Violence Awareness month.) Pray for people in relationships characterized by fear, emotional intimidation, and physical or sexual violence and abuse. Pray also that CRC congregations may become places of healing and restoration, reflecting the love and care of Jesus.

**Friday October 14 - *Centre for Public Dialogue: Leadership***

Pray for Members of Parliament this fall as they decide policies for the good of Canada and nations around the globe. Pray too for the advocacy efforts of the Centre for Public Dialogue, that justice will “roll down like waters” in Canada’s systems.

**Saturday October 15 - *Resonate: British Columbia***

Give thanks for the many people who have found a faith community through The Tapestry: Nights, a Resonate church-plant partner in British Columbia. Ask God to continue bringing people into this community.

**Sunday October 16 - *Disability Concerns: Disability Awareness***

***Sunday***

Pray for churches’ participation in Disability Awareness Sunday, asking that this time leads to greater understanding of ableism and greater belonging for people with disabilities.