

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

Pastor John Knoester

Oct. 23, 2022—Morning Service – 10:30 AM

* Please stand in body or in spirit

“When he speaks, the truth is heard,”

Prelude

Welcome

* Opening Hymn of Praise: LUYH #224 v. 1-4 *“Rejoice, the Lord is King”*

1. Rejoice, the Lord is King!
Your Lord and King adore.
Rejoice, give thanks and sing
and triumph evermore.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice.
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!
2. His kingdom cannot fail;
he rules o’er earth and heaven;
the keys of death and hell
to Christ the Lord are given.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice.
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!
3. He sits at God’s right hand
till all his foes submit,
bow down at his command,
and fall beneath his feet.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice.
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!
4. Rejoice in glorious hope;
for Christ, the Judge, shall come
to gather all his saints
to their eternal home.
We soon shall hear the archangel’s voice;
the trump of God shall sound, rejoice!

Words: Charles Wesley, 1744, alt., P.D.’ Music: John Darwall, 1770; desc. Sydney H. Nicholson (1875-1947), P.D.; CCLI #678905

* Call to Worship (Based on Psalm 47):

Leader: God has ascended amid shouts of joy,
the Lord amid the sounding of the trumpets.

**People: Sing praises to God, sing praises;
sing praises to our King, sing praises.**

Leader: For God is the King of all the earth;
Sing to him a psalm of praise.

**People: God reigns over the nations;
God is seated on his holy throne.**

* Hymn of Praise: LUYH #221 v. 1-2, 4-5 *“For the Honor of Our King”*

1. For the honor of our King,
every skill we have, we bring:
no one stirs the heart to sing
like our royal Savior.
2. When he speaks, the truth is heard,
grace and power in every word:
falsehood trembles at the sword
of our royal Savior.
4. See the splendor of Christ’s bride
led in honor to his side—
chosen, loved, and beautified
by her royal Savior.
5. Now, and to eternal days,
all God’s people join to raise
one unending song of praise
to our royal Savior.

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* God’s Greeting/We Greet Each Other

“Grace and power in every word!”

Announcements

Call to Confession (Based on Exodus 20:16 and Proverbs 12:22)

Prayer of Confession: LUYH #645 *"Litany for the Slandered"*

(Based on Psalm 35 & James 3)

Leader: With our tongue we praise our Lord and Father,
and with it we curse human beings
who have been made in God's likeness.
Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing.
My brothers and sisters this should not be.

**People: May my tongue proclaim your righteousness,
your praises all day long.**

Leader: Contend, Lord, with those who contend with me;
arise and come to my aid.
Say to me, "I am your salvation."
Ruthless witnesses come forward;
they question me on things I know nothing about.
They repay me evil for good and leave me
like one bereaved.
They slandered me without ceasing.
How long, Lord, will you look on?

**People: May my tongue proclaim your righteousness,
your praises all day long.**

Leader: Lord, you have seen this; do not be silent.
Do not be far from me, Lord.
Awake, and rise to my defense!
Contend for me, My God and Lord.
Vindicate me in your righteousness.
Lord my God; do not let them gloat over me.
May those who delight in my vindication shout
for joy and gladness; may they always say,
"The Lord be exalted, who delights
in the well-being of his servant."
My tongue will proclaim your righteousness,
your praises all day long.

**People: May my tongue proclaim your righteousness,
your praises all day long.**

Leader: Loving and faithful God, giver of every good and perfect gift, you know our thoughts before they are formed and our words before they are spoken. Save us from our inclination to think, act, or speak in crude, demeaning, or vengeful ways, and heal the wounds made by the carelessness of others.

People: **By the power of your redeeming Spirit,
fill our lives with wisdom and grace
So that we may speak truthfully, live peacefully,
And bring glory and honor to your name, Amen.**

Song of Response: LUYH #644 v. 1-4 "*Lying Lips*"

1. Lying lips that falsely flatter
keep the truth far out of reach.
Come, O God, and still the chatter;
end their boasts and twisted speech.
2. With these Babel sounds oppressing
who but God can tame the tongue?
When the faithful seek God's blessing,
honest words are shared and sung.
3. Rise, O God, and save the needy;
come to heal the worn and weak.
Foil the schemes that fuel the greedy;
lift the fortunes of the meek.
4. Save us from the wicked lawless—
leave their blemished words behind.
Every word you speak is flawless—
pure like silver, fire-refined.

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Words of Assurance:

Here are words you may trust,
words that merit full acceptance:
Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.
To all who confess their sins and resolve to lead a new life,
he says, "Your sins are forgiven." He also says, "Follow me."
Now to the one who rules all worlds, immortal, invisible,
the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever.

—based on 1 Timothy 1:15, 17

God's Will for our Lives (Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 112)

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

People: **A. God's will is that I never give false testimony
against anyone, twist no one's words,
not gossip or slander,
nor join in condemning anyone rashly
or without a hearing.¹
Rather, in court and everywhere else,
I should avoid lying and deceit of every kind;
these are the very devices the devil uses,
and they would call down on me
God's intense wrath.²
I should love the truth, speak it candidly,
and openly acknowledge it.³
And I should do what I can to guard
and advance my neighbor's good name.⁴**

Offering: General Fund

Offertory Video

* Song of Preparation: LUYH #755 v. 1-3 "*Speak, O Lord*"

1. Speak, O Lord, as we come to You
to receive the food of Your holy word.
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us;
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness,
that the light of Christ might be seen today
in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us
all Your purposes, for Your glory.
2. Teach us Lord full obedience,
holy reverence, true humility.
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
in the radiance of Your purity.
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority.
Words of power that can never fail;
Let their truth prevail over unbelief.

3. Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us.
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time,
that will echo down through eternity,
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises;
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built
and the earth is filled with Your glory.

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

"Falsehood trembles at the sword"

Scripture Readings: Exodus 20:16, John 8:42-47, James 3:1-12

Prayer of Illumination

Message: ***"The Tender Commandments – Taming Our Tongues"***

Time of Prayer

* Hymn of Application: LUYH #754 v. 1,3, 4,5

"Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak"

1. Lord, speak to me that I may speak
in living echoes of your tone.
As you have sought, so let me seek
your erring children, lost and lone.
3. O teach me, Lord, that I may teach
the precious truths which you impart.
And wing my words that they may reach
the hidden depths of many a heart.
4. O fill me with Thy fullness, Lord,
until my very heart o'erflows
in kindling thought and glowing word,
your love to tell, Thy praise to show.

5. O use me, Lord, use even me,
just as you will, and when, and where
until your blessed face I see,
your rest, your joy, your glory share.

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"Of our royal Savior."

- * 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.**

—Apostles' Creed

- * God's Blessing

- * 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

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

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* Postlude

Welcome! “O sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things” (Psalm 98:1, NRSV). We gather to sing to the Lord and celebrate his work in our lives. 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 10/23	Next Week 10/30
Sound:	Henry H.	Mardick S.
Projection:	Tim H.	Tim H.
Video	Brandon S.	France K., Dick G.
Offering:	General Fund	General Fund Eve: Didachem Minis-

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

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First CRC Bulletin Announcements

October 23, 2022

OUR CHURCH FAMILY:

GEMS NEED HELP WITH SUPPLIES FOR FATHER/DAUGHTER FUN NIGHT: Our girls and dads are looking forward to our first fun night since Covid, coming up on November 16. Can any of you help us with some specific (crazy!) needs? We are looking to borrow four tires, four wheelbarrows clean enough to sit in, and two gutters to be used as racetracks. We will return everything as close to the original condition as possible. Please contact Marjo Rouw with questions or if you can help us...or direct us to someone who can. Thanks in advance. Hopefully you have enjoyed the pictures we made with your generously shared magazines.

“Dear Church Family, We are so thankful for the gifts and well wishes we received from you all. As new parents, we could not ask for a better church family to grow with!

“We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers.” 1st Thes. 1:2

In Christ, Luke & Bailey & Garrett Visser”

thank
you



Don't Miss It! Yes, the **First CRC Chili Cookoff and Pumpkin Carving Contest FUNDRAISER** hosted by our own Youth Group is **THIS SATURDAY 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! Don't forget to bring your checkbook to support our church's youth group!

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? Thank you to everyone who volunteered to bring cookies for the Reformation Day Eve Service!

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>

October 16: <https://youtu.be/fCo1rV-Eff4>

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

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CALENDAR:

Greeters: Today: Dick & Linda G.

Next Week, 10/30: Katie Junquist & Shirley Boonstra

Coffee Hosts: Dick & Linda G.

Next Week, 10/30: Clarence & Eleanor Klunder

Evening Service: Keith & Jean Rasmussen, Fellowship Committee

Worship Team: Henry, Pam, Sylvia VZ, France K., Nellie VDH

Next week, 10/30: Greg & Beth B, Mandi D., Kayla & Ella VH

Today: Choir Rehearsal following the morning service

6:30pm Women's Bible Study

This Week:

Wednesday, October 26, 7-9 pm - Cadets

Upcoming Dates to Notes:

Monday, November 1, 7pm – Deacons Meeting

Sunday – November 6 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

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Save the date! Back by popular demand! Hear the acclaimed NOËL ensemble in concert and celebrate the wonder of a medieval Christmas with Celtic and classical harps, flute, strings, and poetry. A freewill offering benefits New Earth Recovery. Warm yourself with song and story, support men and women in recovery, and prepare your heart for the season!

**Tuesday December 6, 2022 @ 7:00 pm Bethany Covenant Church
1318 S. 18th Street Mount Vernon, WA 98274**

CRC COMMUNICATIONS

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.

Prayers of Compassion - Perhaps the best way to support a grieving friend or loved one is to pray for them. The ReFrame Prayer Ministry has released "Prayers of Compassion for Someone Who is Grieving," a 31-day intercessory prayer guide. You can download it for free at connect.reframeministries.org/prayers-of-compassion

At-home Faith Formation Tip - The Building Blocks of Faith are four statements that, when they become increasingly true for a person, indicate that his or her faith is growing -- I belong to Jesus and to his body, the church. I know and understand the story of God's faithfulness, of which I am a part. I have hope, through Christ, in all of God's promises. I am called to work in God's kingdom, and I am equipped to do that work. -- What opportunities do the people in your household have to grow in each of these ways? For more on the Building Blocks, visit crcna.org/FaithFormation/toolkits/building-blocks-faith. (Tip from Faith Formation; bit.ly/CRCFaithFormation)

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.

Listen to God - Check out the kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. How does God talk to you? Maybe during prayer. Maybe God speaks to you when you read the Bible. How do you listen to God? Listen now at kidscorner.net and check out all the new content.

GROUNDWORK: CALLED TO BE GOD'S PROPHET - It can be hard, even shocking to follow God's call on our lives and share his message. Join Groundwork as we study Ezekiel 1-3 to learn from Ezekiel's experience and discuss what it means to be called, to be a prophet, and to speak truth. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.



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.

NEW REQUESTS:

Recently **Hank Vander Veen** was taken to the hospital due to some blood in his urine. Over the course of the past several days he's had various tests/procedure and had another significant procedure done this past Friday. As you can imagine, he's also very anxious to go home. Please pray that the procedure has gone well, for swift healing, and the ability to return home sooner than later. Thank you!

CONTINUING REQUESTS:

Please pray for Greg and Tish Ackermann, Alyssa Ackermann and the rest of the family as they mourn the loss of Ben, Greg's father/Alyssa's grandfather, who was laid to rest yesterday. Please pray as well for Gerri as well as she fights COVID.

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 17 - World Renew: World Hunger Awareness

Every October, thousands of people around the globe recognize and participate in World Hunger Awareness in honor of the founding of the United Nations' Food and Agriculture Organization in 1945. Join us in praying that all who are hungry may experience a fuller relationship with our Great Provider who brings healing, righteousness, and hope.

Tuesday October 18 - Resonate: South Asia

Resonate missionaries serving in South Asia ask you to pray for deepening relationships with neighbors. Ask the Holy Spirit to provide opportunities to share the gospel.

Wednesday October 19 - ReFrame: Indonesia

Pastor Setyo said he has noticed positive change in the youth group gatherings at his church after encouraging students to use devotions from our Indonesian ministry partners. "Aldo, a student who rarely attended youth services, is now very enthusiastic and is present at every community meeting and also in youth worship," he shared. Praise God for the positive ways we can use technology to share the gospel.

Thursday October 20 - *World Renew: Hunger*

In poverty-heavy communities, people often struggle to grow enough food, find clean water, rebuild after a disaster, and deal with injustice. We praise God for the opportunity to come together as one in Christ to love our neighbors and to foster justice, love, and mercy in our work with partners and congregations.

Friday October 21 - *Resonate: Michigan*

A student recently committed to follow Christ after connecting with International Campus Ministry, a Resonate partner at Western Michigan University. Please pray for her as she continues to grow as a disciple of Christ.

Saturday October 22 - *Faith Formation: Connection*

Pray for people who feel disconnected from God and for whom faith seems little more than going through religious motions. May God sustain them and meet with them, giving them hope and deep-rooted assurance in this season.

Sunday October 23 - *Chaplaincy and Care: Spiritual Care Week*

Throughout Canada and the United States, chaplains and institutions celebrate Spiritual Care Week Oct. 23-29, in which organizations and institutions recognize the ministry of spiritual caregivers in their midst. Please pray alongside our 155 chaplains and spiritual care practitioners as they share their stories and celebrate their ministries in their local communities.