

***Welcome to Mount Vernon
First Christian Reformed Church!
Pastor John Knoester
June 18, 2023 – Father’s Day***

Morning Service – 10:30 AM

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

“I will rise from waters deep”

Prelude

Welcome

*** Opening Hymn of Praise: LUYH #521 v. 1-3 & v. 4
Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”**

1. Come, thou Fount of every blessing,
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount— I’m fixed upon it—
mount of God’s unchanging love.
2. Here I raise my Ebenezer;
hither by thy help I’ve come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger,
interposed his precious blood.
3. Oh, to grace how great a debtor
daily I’m constrained to be!
Let that grace now like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to thee:
prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
prone to leave the God I love;
here’s my heart, oh, take and seal it;
seal it for thy courts above.

4. Oh that day when freed from sinning
I shall see Thy lovely face
Full arrayed in blood-washed linen
How I'll sing Thy sovereign grace
Come, my Lord, no longer tarry
Bring Thy promises to pass
For I know Thy pow'r will keep me
Till I'm home with Thee at last

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* Call to Worship: Based on Psalm 50

Leader: The Mighty One, God, the Lord,
speaks and summons the earth
from the rising of the sun to the place where it sets.

**People: From Zion, perfect in beauty, God shines forth.
Our God comes and will not be silent.**

Leader: He summons the heavens above, and the earth,
that he may judge his people.

**People: And the heavens proclaim his righteousness,
for God himself is judge.**

* Song of Praise: LUYH #9 v. 1-3

"The Mighty God with Power Speaks"

1. The Mighty God with power speaks,
and all the world obeys;
from dawn until the setting sun,
God's wonder earth displays.
The perfect beauty all around
from Zion's height shines forth;
and stars across the firmament
so brightly beam their worth.

2. God comes, not with a silent form,
but riding on the winds;
before God's face, the raging storm
its blast of thunder sends.
All hail the Judge, in bold array,
whose promise is to bless;
who sees our sins, yet also feels
our thirst for righteousness.

3. The heavens declare your justice, Lord,
as endless as the sky;
against the taunts of disbelief
our God will testify.
Receive my heartfelt gift of thanks
as honor to your might;
refresh my faith with each new day;
protect me through the night.

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* God's Greeting/We Greet Each Other

"Into the saving arms of God."

Announcements

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance: (Based on Titus:4-8)

When the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared,
he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done,
but before of his mercy.

He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal
by the Holy Spirit whom he poured out on us generously
through Jesus Christ our Savior,
so that, having been justified by his grace,
we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.

Responding in Gratitude - Offering, 2nd. Benevolence Fund

Offertory: Franchesca Bill

*(Following the offertory the children ages 3-3rd^d grade
are dismissed for Children and Worship)*

* Hymn of Preparation: LUYH #251 v. 1,3,4
"The Church's One Foundation"

1. The church's one foundation
is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
she is his new creation
by water and the Word.
From heaven he came and sought her
to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her,
and for her life he died.

3. Though with a scornful wonder
Men see her sore oppressed
By schisms rent asunder
By heresies distressed
Yet saints their watch are keeping
Their cry goes up how long
And soon the night of weeping
Shall be the morn of song

4. 'Mid toil and tribulation
And tumult of her war
She waits the consummation
Of peace forevermore
Till with the vision glorious
Her longing eyes are blest
And the great Church victorious
Shall be the Church at rest

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"I will sing salvation songs,"

Scripture Reading: Matthew 28:16-20, Luke 22:7-19

Prayer of Illumination

Message: ***"Created to Worship – Sacraments"***

Time of Prayer

* Hymn of Application: LUYH #251 v. 1,2,5
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From heaven he came and sought her
to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her,
and for her life he died.

2. Elect from every nation,
yet one o'er all the earth;
her charter of salvation:
one Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name she blesses,
partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses,
with every grace endued.

5. Yet she on earth has union
with God the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion
with those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we,
like them, the meek and lowly,
may live eternally.

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*(During the singing of this hymn the children will be returning from Children
and Worship and the elders are invited forward to serve communion)*

"Jesus Christ has set me free."

We Celebrate Communion Together
Declaration of God's Invitation and Promises
(Based on Luke 13:29, 24:30-31)

Friends, this is the joyful feast of the people of God!
People will come from east and west,
from north and south, and sit at the kingdom of God.

When our risen Lord was at the table with his disciples, he took the bread, and blessed and broke it, and gave it to them.

Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him. This is the Lord's table. Our Savior invites those who trust him to share the feast that he has prepared.

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

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

◆ LUYH #800 v. 1-3 *"What the Lord Has Done in Me"*

1. Let the weak say I am strong.
Let the poor say I am rich.
Let the blind say I can see.
It's what the Lord has done in me.

Refrain x2

*Hosanna, hosanna to the Lamb that was slain.
Hosanna, hosanna, Jesus died and rose again.*

2. Into the river I will wade.
There my sins are washed away.
From the heaven's mercy stream
of the Savior's love for me.

Refrain x2

*Hosanna, hosanna to the Lamb that was slain.
Hosanna, hosanna, Jesus died and rose again.*

3. I will rise from waters deep
into the saving arms of God.
I will sing salvation songs.
Jesus Christ has set me free.

Refrain x2

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◆ LUYH #309 "The Servant Song" v. 1-5

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.
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.
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.
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.
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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◆ LUYH #840 *"Behold the Lamb" v. 1*

1. Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away,
slain for us- and we remember
the promise made that all who come in faith
find forgiveness at the cross.
So we share in this Bread of Life,
and we drink of His sacrifice
as a sign of our bonds of peace
around the table of the King.

Sharing of the Bread:

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

2. The body of our Savior, Jesus Christ,
torn for you- eat and remember
the wounds that heal; the death that brings us life
paid the price to make us one.
So we share in this Bread of Life,
and we drink of His sacrifice
as a sign of our bonds of love
around the table of the King.

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

3. The blood that cleanses every stain of sin,
shed for you- drink and remember
He drained death's cup, that all may enter in
to receive the life of God.
So we share in this Bread of Life,
and we drink of His sacrifice
as a sign of our bonds of grace
around the table of the King.

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!

- * 4. And so with thankfulness and faith we rise to respond - and to remember our call to follow in the steps of Christ as His body here on earth. And as we share in His suffering, we proclaim Christ will come again! And we'll join in the feast of heaven around the table of the King.

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* God's Blessing

* Parting Praise: LUYH #965

"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
 praise him, all creatures here below;
 praise him above, ye heavenly host;
 praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Words: Thomas Ken, 1709, P.D.; Music: Louis Bourgeois, 1551, P.D. CCLI #678905

Postlude

Welcome! Jesus said, "I am the Bread of Life." Our Savior invites us to His table, a table of love that has been prepared for us. Jesus, Our Savior, lived, died and lives again for each one of us. Let us worship our God today and praise Him for His love. After the worship service, we invite you to join us in the fellowship hall next to the sanctuary for a cup of coffee or juice and continued fellowship.

Tech Team	Today: 6/18	Next Week: 6/25
Sound:	Mardy S.	Henry H.
Projection:	Maddie D.	Hannah VH
Video:	France B.	Tim H./Isaac D.
Offering:	General Fund/ Benevolence	General Fund

First CRC

Bulletin Announcements

June 18, 2023

OUR CHURCH FAMILY:

The Back to School Blessing is back on! Stay tuned for future announcements.

Summer Block Party! Mark your calendars accordingly for **Saturday, July 29** as that will be the date of our summer block party! Darrel L. is already exploring new games and water entertainment for this year's event and Kristi S. is already making food preparations. In addition, there is always a need to help set things up, serve during the event, and take things down at the end. Please contact Mardick S. if you would like to help out accordingly. Otherwise, we encourage you to invite your friends to join us on **Saturday, July 29!**

Church Potluck: Our next church potluck will be held on **Sunday, July 2** following the morning service. **Brad Diekema** will be here, so this will be a good time to welcome him. Come and join us!

First CRC offers the option to give your offerings online, 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

Worship Service YouTube Links:

June 11: <https://youtu.be/gBiQX8-lzCU>

Christian Education Fund:

The cost of the ministry for the 2023-2024 school year is \$123,810.00. Please return your pledge forms in mailbox #85 by June 30. Extra pledge forms are on the shelf by the mailboxes.

Thank you to all those that pledged and paid in the amount of \$123,527.00 for 2022-2023 school year by May 31, 2023.

If you have any questions regarding how the Christian Education Fund works or regarding your pledge, please contact Katie Jungquist.

Dear Friends,

The 'short answer' to why God creates, saves, and sustains us is for the praise of His glory. In other words, you and I were **created to worship!** That's the primary purpose not only of our individual lives, but also as a church. Together, we are called to worship our Triune and living God!

This being said, when it comes to corporate worship, it's fair to ask **why** do we worship the way that we do? What is the main purpose of some of our specific liturgical elements on Sunday morning? What are some of the biblical and theological reasons for why we do them?

In the months to come, I plan to do a general survey of Reformed worship itself as well as teach on some of the specific liturgical elements themselves. The hope, of course, is that better understanding will lead to even deeper appreciation and gratitude for the very reason we are created, saved, and sustained in Christ. May God bless this study in the weeks to come!

Tentative Sermon Schedule:

1. May 7 – *“God’s Church, Not Ours”*
2. May 14 – *“Keeping Sunday Special and Biblical Guidelines for Worship”*
3. May 21 – *“Liturgy, Scripture, and Preaching”*
4. June 4 – *“Our Offerings”*
5. June 18 – *“Sacraments”* (Communion Sunday)
6. June 25 – *“Prayer”*
7. July 30 – *“Confession & Assurance”*
8. Aug. 6 – *“Music”*
9. Aug. 13 – *“Professing our Faith / Creeds”*
10. Aug. 20 – *“Benediction”*

Calendar:

Greeters/Coffee Hosts today:

Tim H., Jon & Catherine VDK

Greeters/Coffee Hosts next week, 6/25:

Melba DK, Brooke K., Greg & Tish A.

Children in Worship:

Today: Only God knows

Next Week: Ditto

Worship Team:

Today: Men's Group

Next Week: Kevin & Glenda K., France B. & Nellie VDH

This Week:

Mon., June 19, 6:30pm: Council Meeting

Upcoming Dates to Note:

Tuesday, June 20, 7:00am Men's Bible Study at Shari's Restaurant

July 2: Church Potluck! Brad Diekema will be here!!

July 29, Saturday: Neighborhood "Block Party"

CRC COMMUNICATIONS:

Kids Corner: An Attitude of Gratitude - Check out the new kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. Gratitude is a feeling of thankfulness, and it helps you remember what you're grateful for. The psalm writers were grateful for all that God had done for them. And they wrote these them too. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net like the Liz and Friends episode "Delayed."

Groundwork: Your Kingdom Come, Your Will be Done on Earth as in Heaven - The second petition of the Lord's Prayer shapes us and our faith as we speak it to God. Join Groundwork as we dig into Matthew 6:10 and Scriptures that teach us about God's kingdom and God's will so that we better understand what we're asking of God when we pray "Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven." Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

June 25 is Clean Water Sunday for World Renew - In vulnerable communities where World Renew works, clean water is precious. Many people can survive for weeks without food—but only 3 days without water. By giving generously to World Renew in next week's offering, you give hope and help people flourish long-term by providing them with access to clean, safe water. Give online, learn more, or download resources at worldrenew.net/cleanwater



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.

CONTINUING REQUESTS:

Trudy Van Dyke is now receiving hospice care. Please pray for continued healing and renewed strength in the weeks to come.

Please continue to pray for **Juli Oostra** as she fights to regain her platelet levels.

Pray for **Grace Feddema**, who is having tests to determine the cause of her fall.

Please continue to pray for **Marilyn Cooke's** 3-year-old grandson, her 13-year-old grandson, and for Marilyn's pain in her right foot. It has been worse recently.

Please keep **Adelaida Vega** in your prayers as she enters hospice care. Pray for **Michelle and Darin** and their family as they enter this time.

Continue to pray for **Maxine Greidanus** while she continues fighting cancer.

SHUT INS: ***Nell Annema and Marion Ekkelkamp*** at Birchview Memory Care in Sedro-Woolley; ***Shirley Boonstra*** at Country Meadow Village 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 Meischke*** at Kenmore Living in Kenmore, WA, ***Adrianna Swanson***, and ***Clarence Vander Griend*** at Home Place in Burlington; ***Trudy Van Dyke*** at Where the Heart Is. ***Hank & Anjean VanderVeen*** at The Bridge in Mount Vernon; ***Sally Reehoorn*** at Creekside in Burlington; ***Bev Van Slageren*** at family in Grandview, WA.

OTHER REQUESTS: (CRC Communications)

Monday June 12 - *Resonate: Germany*

Resonate missionaries David Kromminga and Mary Buteyn have planted a church with and for newcomers in Berlin, Germany. They're hosting an Alpha course for people interested in learning more about the gospel. Ask the Holy Spirit to work through this ministry to draw people into a relationship with Jesus.

Tuesday June 13 - *Disability Concerns: Book clubs*

We thank God that 50 churches are hosting a book club on the Disability Concerns book of the year, *My Body Is Not a Prayer Request* by Amy Kenny. Pray that people who read the book will become agents of change, breaking down physical, communicational, and attitudinal barriers within their church.

Wednesday June 14 - *Calvin Theological Seminary: Summer opportunities*

Pray for students as they enter into the summer season with plans for graduate placements, ministry sites, work, and travel. Ask God to continue forming students through their summer activities.

Thursday June 15 - *ReFrame: India*

Pray for Santosh, who follows our ministry programming from India. "My father is making a slow recovery from a stroke," Santosh shared. "May the Lord heal him soon. May the Lord also bless and comfort my mother, who is very much broken by this incident."

Friday June 16 - *Resonate: South Asia*

"Pray that Hindus will look to Jesus as the true light of the world who shines in the darkness," ask Resonate missionaries serving in South Asia.

Saturday June 17 - *ThereforeGo Ministries: SERVE 2023*

ThereforeGo Ministries is excited to kick off SERVE 2023 today! More than 850 participants will attend SERVE this year, coming from 16 states and seven provinces. Please ask the Lord with us to work in the hearts of each student, leader, and volunteer while keeping them safe in their travels and at their worksites.

Sunday June 18 - Canadian Indigenous Ministry Committee: Indigenous Ministry Sunday

Please join us in prayer today for the Hearts Exchanged program. May the church's reconciliation journey be one of ongoing relationship and depth. As the CRC looks toward next steps in reconciliation, please pray for ongoing progress forward in this program.