

Welcome to Mount Vernon First Christian Reformed Church!

***February 11, 2024 – Cadet Sunday
Morning Service – 10:30 AM***

“Living for Jesus a life that is true”

Prelude

Welcome

* Opening Hymn of Praise: LUYH #538 v. 1-4

“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty”

1. Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in Three Persons, blessed Trinity!
2. Holy, Holy, Holy! All the saints adore Thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
who wert and art and evermore shalt be.
3. Holy, Holy, Holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,
though the eye made blind by sin Thy glory may not see,
only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,
perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Sing acapella

4. Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy Name,
in earth and sky and sea;
Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and Mighty!
God in Three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Words: Reginald Heber; Music: John B. Dykes;

Descant: David Mck. Williams; Public Domain; CCLI# 678905

* Call to Worship: Rev. 15:3-4

Leader: Great and marvelous are your deeds,
Lord God Almighty!

People: Just and true are your ways, King of the ages.

Leader: Who will not fear you, O Lord,
and bring glory to your name?

**People: For you alone are holy.
All nations will come and worship you!**

* Hymn of Praise: LUYH #251 v. 1-3, 5

"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.
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.
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

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.

Words: Samuel J. Stone, 1866, P.D.; Music: Samuel S. Wesley, 1864, P.D.
CCLI #67895

* God's Greeting

* We Greet Each Other

"Striving to please Him in all that I do"

Announcements

Cadet Ministry Video

Cadet Report – Cadet Counselor

Cadet Sunday Litany:

Leader: This year's Cadet theme is "Rooted and Grounded", based on Ephesians 3:17-18. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ.

We as Cadets are committed to being rooted and grounded in our faith in God. In the following litany, we will look at our foundation in Christ and the extent of His love for us.

Cadets: We need to have Christ as our basis for living.

People: Blessed is the one . . . whose delight is in the law of the Lord, and who meditates on his law day and night.

Cadets: Good roots will allow us to grow strong and prosper.

People: That person is like a tree planted by streams
of water, which yields its fruit in season
and whose leaf does not wither – whatever they do
prosper.

Cadets: *We need to allow the love of Christ
to become our foundation.*

People: Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine
and puts them into practice is like a wise man
who built his house on the rock.

Cadets: *Trusting in God's love will give us strength.*

People: There is no fear in love.
But perfect love drives out fear.

Cadets: *God's love is wide enough to cover everyone
in the world.*

People: There is neither Jew nor Gentile,
neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female,
for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

Cadets: *God's love is so long it has no beginning or end.*

People: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.
His love endures forever.

Cadets: *The extent of God's love has no limit.*

People: For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his love for those who fear him;

Cadets: No matter how low we may feel,
God is still there with us.

People: If I go up to the heavens, you are there;
if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.

Leader: As our theme verse was Paul's prayer
for the Ephesians, may it also be our prayer
for the Cadets.

People: And I pray that you, being rooted and established
in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's
holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high
and deep is the love of Christ.

Cadet Theme Video: *“Rooted and Grounded”*

* Hymn of Response and Preparation: PH #292 v. 1-3
“Living for Jesus”

1. Living for Jesus a life that is true,
striving to please Him in all that I do;
yielding allegiance, glad hearted and free,
this is the pathway of blessing for me.

Refrain

*O Jesus, Lord and Savior, I give myself to Thee,
for Thou, in Thy atonement, didst give Thyself for me;
I own no other Master, my heart shall be Thy throne;
my life I give, henceforth to live, O Christ, for Thee alone.*

2. Living for Jesus who died in my place,
bearing on Calvary my sin and disgrace;
such love constrains me to answer His call,
follow His leading and give him my all.

Refrain

3. Living for Jesus wherever I am,
doing each duty in His holy name;
willing to suffer affliction and loss,
deeming each trial a part of my cross.

Refrain

Text: Thomas O Chisolm, 1917, alt.; Tune: C. Harold Lowden, 1915; Public Domain; CCLI #678905

*(During the singing of the 3rd verse the children
are dismissed for Children’s Worship)*

Offering: 1st General Fund; 2nd: Cadets

Offertory

* 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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"Yielding allegiance glad-hearted and free"

Scripture Readings: Ephesian 3:14-21

Prayer of Illumination

Message: ***"Rooted and Grounded"***

Time of Prayer

* Song of Response: LUYH #796 v. 1-3

“Oh, the Deep, Deep, Love of Jesus”

1. Oh, the deep, deep love of Jesus,
vast, unmeasured, boundless, free!
Rolling as a mighty ocean
in its fullness over me!
Underneath me, all around me,
is the current of thy love—
leading onward, leading homeward,
to thy glorious rest above!
2. Oh, the deep, deep love of Jesus—
spread his praise from shore to shore!
How he loves us, ever loves us,
changes never, nevermore!
How he watches o’er his loved ones,
died to call them all his own;
how for them he’s interceding,
watching o’er them from the throne!
3. Oh, the deep, deep love of Jesus,
love of every love the best!
’Tis an ocean vast of blessing,
’tis a haven sweet of rest!
Oh, the deep, deep love of Jesus—
’tis a heaven of heavens to me;
and it lifts me up to glory,
for it lifts me up to thee!

Words: Samuel Trevor Francis, ca. 1890, alt., P.D.; Music: Ebenezer;
Thomas J. Williams, 1890, P.D.; CCLI #678905

“This is the pathway of blessing for me”

* God’s Blessing

* Closing Song: LUYH #540 v. 1-4

“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! Let us be glad and rejoice in God's salvation, poured out for us in Jesus Christ. Welcome, one and all! 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: February 11	Next Week: February 18
Sound:	Mardick S.	Tim H.
Projection:	Isaac D.	France B.
Video:	Brandon S.	Isaac D.
Offering:	1st: General Fund, 2nd: Cadets	General Fund

First CRC

Bulletin Announcements

February 11, 2024

The deadline for announcements is Thursday, 9:00 A.M.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Beth will be on vacation this month from Feb. 22-Feb. 29. Please get your announcements or Prayer Guide items to her for the week of Feb. 18 by Weds., Feb. 21 at 9 AM. Thank you! Sylvia Van Zanten will be taking her place in the office.

Don't miss this month's potluck! We will be meeting to enjoy delicious food (brought by you) on Feb. 25 after the service. Please bring a main dish *and* a side dish or dessert to share!

There will be a new Women's Bible Study starting soon! Sign-up sheet is in the Fellowship Hall today. Our next Bible study to finish Kristi McClellan's Book of Acts is Sunday, February the 25th. Our new Bible Study will be "Gideon" by Pricilla Shirer – "Your weakness, God's strength. Encouraging you to recognize your weakness as gifts given specifically by God to experience His strength in your life."

Attention Choir members: Choir will begin rehearsing on Sunday February 18. Join us as we prepare beautiful music for Lent and Easter!

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Contact Joni Beezhold with any questions.

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:

February 4, 2024: <https://youtu.be/2f6doxyDKjg>

Dear Friends in Jesus Christ,

The "Via Dolorosa" ("Sorrowful Way") refers to the path that Jesus took on the way to his crucifixion in the old City of Jerusalem. During this Lenten season, we will use the image of the Via Dolorosa as we journey with Jesus to the cross. We will travel back to Isaiah 53 where the coming Messiah is given the title Man of Sorrows. We will look at various stories where the theme of sorrow and tears play an important role. May God bless us during this Lenten season as we journey with our Savior to the cross.

In His Grace, Pastor John and Pastor Brad

Tentative Sermon Schedule

1. February 18: Isaiah 52:13- 53:12— "The Via Dolorosa: The Man of Sorrows"
2. February 25: Matthew 2:13-18--"The Via Dolorosa: The Slaughter of the Innocents"
3. March 3: TBD
4. March 10: TBD
5. March 17: TBD
6. March 24: Palm Sunday
7. March 31: Easter Sunday

Calendar:

Greeters/Coffee Hosts:

Greg & Beth, Kera B., Sheri L.

Greeters/Coffee Hosts next week, Feb. 18:

Randy & Peggy B., Marjo R.

Worship Team:

Today: Greg & Beth B., France B., Nellie VDH

Next Week, Feb. 18: Henry, Pam & Sylvia VZ, Emmalyn, Nellie VDH

Nursery:

Today: Elly VDB, Emmalyn S.

Next Week, Feb. 18: Kayla VH & Adriana S.

Children in Worship:

Today: Heather VH, Rhyson O.

Next Week, Feb. 18: Sheri L., Nellie VDH

This Week:

Feb. 13, 7:00am – Men’s Bible Study

Upcoming Dates to Note:

Feb. 25 at 6:30 p.m. - Ladies Bible Study

Feb. 25: Potluck! Please bring a main dish and a side dish or dessert to share!

ORGANIZATIONS WE SUPPORT:

Summer Family Fun and Inspiration - Cascade Family Bible Camp – July 4-8 – Warm Beach Camp, near Stanwood, WA. Singles, couples, families and seniors -

fellowship and worship together in a beautiful setting; enjoy dynamic speakers to challenge and refresh your daily walk; camp with your tent or RV, or choose from a variety of lodging accommodations with meals included. Swimming, mini golf, tennis & basketball courts, volleyball, bocce, ropes course, rockets and so much more! Childcare and fun programs for your kids <https://cascadefamilybiblecamp.org/registration-info> or contact rona718@hotmail.com, dean@lithocraft.com if you have questions. ‘First Timer’ discounts are available for those who haven’t attended in the past!

CRC COMMUNICATIONS:

Kids Corner: Names of God: I Am Who I Am - Check out this week’s kids’ devotion at www.kidscorner.net. God identifies himself as “I AM WHO I AM” (Exodus 3:14). God shows that he will forever keep his promises. He is still the great I AM; because of this, he is everything and gives us everything we need. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like KC’s Valentine Cards.

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.

Groundwork: Forgiveness - Most people would agree that true forgiveness can be quite difficult and often takes a lot of time and work. Join Groundwork as we study Colossians 3:13, Matthew 6:9-15, Matthew 18:21-22, and Ephesians 4:31-32 to better understand what it means to forgive, why we forgive, the importance of recognizing forgiveness as a process, and useful steps for cultivating the virtue of forgiveness in our lives. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - Practicing justice and mercy is a powerful way to bless others—and to become more like Jesus. If there are kids in your home, check out 5 Ways to Practice Justice with Kids (tinyurl.com/5waysjustice). Learn more at crcna.org/FaithPracticesProject



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.

NEW REQUEST:

Maxine Greidanus will be entering into hospice care. She and Larry are so thankful for all your prayers and words of encouragement and covet your continuing prayers and loving support throughout the coming weeks and months ahead.

CONTINUING REQUESTS:

Please continue to pray for **Trudy Van Klaveren** as she recovers from her recent knee replacement surgery.

Continue to remember the families who have recently lost loved ones. May God be close to each one of them as they mourn their loss.

Please continue to pray for **Juli Oostra's** platelet levels!

SHUT INS: *Nell Annema and Marion Ekkelkamp* at Birchview Memory Care in Sedro-Woolley; *Shirley Boonstra* at Country Meadow Village in Sedro-Woolley, *Marjean DeGroot* at Mountain Glen in Mount Vernon; *Mary Koopmans* at Where the Heart is in Burlington; *Hans Meischke* at Kenmore Living in Kenmore, WA, *Adrianna Swanson*, and *Clarence Vander Griend* at Home Place in Burlington; *Hank VanderVeen* at *The Bridge in Mount Vernon*; *Sally Reehoorn* at Creekside in Burlington; *Bev Van Slageren* with family in Grandview, WA.

OTHER REQUESTS: (CRC Communications)

Monday February 5 - *Calvin Theological Seminary: Growth and learning*

Our spring semester began Jan. 29. Pray for our faculty and for our distance, residential, and international students as they begin new courses. Pray for deep learning as God forms students for ministry.

Tuesday February 6 - *Resonate: Romania*

A local man found new life in Christ through Ózd Therapy Center, a Resonate partner in Romania. Please pray for him as he continues to grow as a disciple of Jesus.

Wednesday February 7 - *Thrive: Children and youth*

Please pray for the spiritual development and protection of children and young people in CRC congregations. Pray also for children's ministry leaders, youth leaders, parents, and caregivers as they model faith practices and contribute to the faith formation of the next generation.

Thursday February 8 - *World Renew: Community health*

Much of our work connects with health, whether through agriculture training or maternal and child nutrition and care during the first 1,000 days of life. Education and resources for good hygiene and sanitation are especially important in areas where preventable diseases happen frequently. Pray for improved and ongoing health and safety across the Global South.

Friday February 9 - *Resonate: Montreal*

Pray for the French-learning workshops that Mission Montreal, a Resonate partner in Quebec, hosts for children and their families. "This program is a direct result of families in the neighborhood expressing a desire to learn French with one another. It's our joy to come alongside

families and equip them to flourish!” said Jacynthe Vaillancourt of Mission Montreal.

Saturday February 10 - *ReFrame: China*

Chinese New Year (Feb. 10) is the biggest holiday in China and traditionally the busiest travel season of the year as people return to their hometowns to be with family. Pray for opportunities for believers to share their faith and hope in Christ during this season.

Sunday February 11 -

Communications: Ministry Shares: Celebrating Your Impact

Praise God today for the many ministries we are able to support through ministry shares! Each church’s contributions help to fund people and programs that share the love of Jesus around the world through media ministry, church planting, campus ministries, church and pastor support, training and learning opportunities, and more.