

Welcome to First Christian Reformed Church!

Pastor John Knoester

March 24, 2024 – Palm Sunday

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

“Hosanna, loud hosanna,”

Prelude

Welcome

*** Opening Hymn of Praise: LUYH #145 v. 1-3**

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

1. Hosanna, loud hosanna
the little children sang;
through pillared court and temple
the lovely anthem rang.
To Jesus, who had blessed them,
close folded to his breast,
the children sang their praises,
the simplest and the best.
2. From Olivet they followed
mid an exultant crowd,
the victory palm branch waving,
and chanting clear and loud.
The Lord of earth and heaven
rode on in lowly state,
nor scorned that little children
should on his bidding wait.
3. “Hosanna in the highest!”
That ancient song we sing,
for Christ is our Redeemer,
the Lord of heaven, our King.
O may we ever praise him
with heart and life and voice,
and in his blissful presence eternally rejoice.

*Words: Jennette Threlfall, 1873, P.D.; Music: Gesangbuch der Herzogl,
Hofkapelle, Württemberg, 1784, P.D.; CCLI #678905*

Ministry of Music: Sunday School Children

* Call to Worship:

Leader: Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!

People: Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!

Leader: Lo, your king comes to you;

People: triumphant and victorious is he,

Leader: humble and riding on a donkey,

People: on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

—Zechariah 9:9, NRSV

Leader: Blessed is the one who comes
in the name of the Lord.

People: Hosanna in the highest!

—based on Psalm 118:26, NRSV

* Hymn of Praise: GH #375 v. 1-3

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

1. All glory, laud, and honor to you, Redeemer, King
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.
You are the King of Israel and David’s royal Son,
now in the Lord’s name coming, the King and Blessed One.
2. The company of angels is praising you on high;
and we with all creation in chorus make reply.
The people of the Hebrews with palms before you went;
our praise and prayer and anthems before you we present.
3. To you before your passion
they sang their hymns of praise;
to you, now high exalted, our melody we raise.
As you received their praises, accept the prayers we bring,
for you delight in goodness, O good and gracious King!

*Text: Theodulph of Orleans, c. 820; tr. John M. Neale, 1851, alt.; Tune: Melchior
Teschner, 1615; harm William. H. Monk, 1861; Public Domain, CCLI #678905*

* God’s Greeting

* We Greet Each Other

“The little children sang;”

Announcements

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance:

Leader: Hear the Word of the Lord from Psalm 118:
Let those who fear the Lord say,
“His steadfast love endures forever.”
Out of my distress I called on the Lord;
the Lord answered me and set me free.
The Lord is my strength and my song;
he has become my salvation.
I shall not die, but I shall live,
and recount the deeds of the Lord.

People: **In Christ, God answers us and sets us free!**
In Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.
—based on Psalm 118:4-5, 14, 17, NRSV

Hymn of Thanksgiving: LUYH #699 v. 1-2 “*Like a River Glorious*”

1. Like a river glorious is God’s perfect peace,
over all victorious in its bright increase:
perfect, yet still flowing fuller every day;
perfect, yet still growing deeper all the way.

Refrain

*Trusting in the Father,
hearts are fully blest,
finding, as he promised,
perfect peace and rest.*

2. Hidden in the hollow of his mighty hand,
where no harm can follow, in his strength we stand.
We may trust him fully all for us to do;
those who trust him wholly find him wholly true.

Refrain

Words: Frances R. Havergal, 1878, alt., P.D.; Music: James Mountain, 1876, P.D.

Offering: 1st Offering: General Fund; 2nd Offering: Benevolence

Offertory

*(After the offering the children are invited forward
for the Children's Message)*

Children's Message – Mrs. Marjo Rouw

*(Following the children's message children ages 3-3rd grade are
dismissed for Children and Worship)*

* Hymn of Preparation: LUYH #757 v. 1-3 *"O Word of God Incarnate"*

1. O Word of God incarnate,
O Wisdom from on high,
O Truth unchanged, unchanging,
O Light of our dark sky:
we praise you for the radiance
that from the Scripture's page,
a lantern to our footsteps,
shines on from age to age.
2. The church from you, dear Master,
received this gift divine;
and still the light is lifted
o'er all the earth to shine.
It is the chart and compass
that all life's voyage through,
mid mists and rocks and quicksands,
still guides, O Christ, to you.
3. O make your church, dear Savior,
a lamp of burnished gold
to bear before the nations
your true light as of old.
O teach your wandering pilgrims
by this their path to trace
till, clouds and darkness ended,
we see you face to face.

*Words: William W. How, 1867, alt., P.D.; Music: New-vermehtes Gesangbuch,
Meiningen, 1693; adapt. and harm. Felix Mendelssohn, 1847, P.D.*

"Through pillared court and temple"

Scripture Readings: Luke 19:28-40

Prayer of Illumination

Message: "**Deliverance on the Colt of Donkey**"

Time of Prayer

* Hymn of Application: GH #370 v. 1-4 "*The King of Glory Comes*"

Refrain

The King of glory comes, the nation rejoices.
Open the gates before him, lift up your voices.

1. Who is the King of glory: What shall we call him?
He is Immanuel, the promised of ages.

Refrain

2. In all of Galilee, in city or village,
He goes among his people, curing their illness.

Refrain

3. He gave his life for us, the pledge of salvation;
He took upon himself the sin of the nations.

Refrain

4. He conquered sin and death; he truly has risen.
And he will share with us his heavenly kingdom.

Refrain

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(During the singing of this hymn the children will be returning to the sanctuary and the elders are invited to come forward)

"The lovely anthem rang"

We Meet Our Lord at His Table

(This model liturgy for the Lord's Supper features a structure similar to the traditional Jewish Passover celebration, in which a young child asks the adults in the community about the meaning of the meal.)

Pastor: This is the Lord's table. Our Savior invites those who trust him to share the feast that he has prepared.

Child: *Why do we give thanks and praise before this table?*

People: **We give thanks for God's work of creation, liberation, and salvation.**

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and delight, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, O holy Lord, eternal God. You created the heavens and the earth and all that is in them; you made us in your own image; and in countless ways you show us your mercy. Therefore, with choirs of angels and the whole company of heaven, we worship and adore your glorious name, joining our voices in their unending praise:

People *(spoken):* **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**



Pastor: All glory and blessing are yours, O holy God,
for in your mercy you gave your only Son,
Jesus Christ.
He took our human nature and suffered death
on the cross for our redemption.
There he made a perfect sacrifice for the sins
for the whole world.
We praise you that before he suffered and died,
our Savior gave us this holy sacrament
and commanded us to continue it
until he comes again.

Child: Why do we eat bread at this table?

Pastor: On the night before he died, Jesus took bread.
After giving thanks, he broke it and gave it
to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat. This is my body,
given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Child: Why do we drink from the cup at this table?

Pastor: The same night Jesus took the cup, saying,
"This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood,
shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this in remembrance of me."

Child: What do we remember at this table?

Pastor: We remember God's gracious love for us,
Christ's death and resurrection for us,
and the Spirit's tender care for us.
Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**People: Dying, you destroyed our death;
rising, you restored our life.
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Pastor: Merciful God, pour out your Holy Spirit
on these gifts of bread and wine, that in eating and
drinking we may be made one with Christ
and one another.

All: Amen.

Pastor: All who are truly sorry for their sins,
who sincerely believe in the Lord Jesus
as their Savior, and who desire to live in obedience
to him, are now invited with gladness to the table
of the Lord!

Distribution of the Elements

Communion Songs (*As the elements are being served*)

◆ LUYH #809 v. 1-5 *"Remembering with Love and Hope"*

1. Remembering with love and hope,
we celebrate the feast.
Christ bids us come and dine with him,
our Host and great High Priest.
2. God's Word made known in flesh and blood,
a covenant of grace—
in manger, cross, and empty tomb,
we see God's loving face.
3. Through all our lives, Lord, you are near—
and to the end of time.
In bread and cup yourself you give;
our life in yours we find.
4. We break the bread and bless the cup;
your Spirit is outpoured.
Made one in you, we feast in love
until you come, O Lord.
5. We trust this pledge of your strong love
and pray your kingdom come,
when face to face we'll feast with you
in our eternal home.

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folk melody; harm. Annabel Morris Buchanan (1189-1983), 1938, P.D.; CCLI
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◆ LUYH #825 v. 1-3 *"Beneath the Cross"*

1. Beneath the cross of Jesus,
I find a place to stand,
and wonder at such mercy
that calls me as I am.
For hands that should discard me
hold wounds which tell me, "Come."
Beneath the cross of Jesus,
my unworthy soul is won.
2. Beneath the cross of Jesus,
his family is my own.
Once strangers chasing selfish dreams,
now one through grace alone.
How could I now dishonor
the ones that you have loved?
Beneath the cross of Jesus,
see the children called by God.
3. Beneath the cross of Jesus,
the path before the crown,
we follow in his footsteps
where promised hope is found.
How great the joy before us
to be his perfect bride.
Beneath the cross of Jesus,
we will gladly live our lives.

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◆ LUYH #844 v. 1-5 *"Lift Up Your Hearts Unto the Lord"*

1. Lift up your hearts unto the Lord,
lift up your hearts unto the Lord.
Sing alleluia, sing alleluia;
lift up your hearts unto the Lord!
2. In Christ the world has been redeemed,
in Christ the world has been redeemed.
Sing alleluia, sing alleluia;
in Christ the world has been redeemed.

3. His resurrection sets us free,
his resurrection sets us free.
Sing alleluia, sing alleluia;
his resurrection sets us free.
4. Therefore we celebrate the feast,
therefore we celebrate the feast.
Sing alleluia, sing alleluia;
therefore we celebrate the feast.

Acapella

5. Sing alleluia to the Lord,
Sing alleluia to the Lord.
Sing alleluia, sing alleluia;
Sing alleluia to the Lord.

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Sharing of the Bread and Cup:

Jesus said, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty." (John 6:35)

(When we are ready to eat 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.

(When we are ready to drink the cup)

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!

Closing Prayer

* 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 to this Palm Sunday service. Let us unite our minds and hearts in praising Christ the King. Let us exhibit the same joyful spirit as those who first shouted: “Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!” 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: March 24	Next Week: March 31
Sound:	Henry VZ	Henry H.
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First CRC

Bulletin Announcements

March 24, 2024

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

OUR CHURCH FAMILY:

Would you like to purchase an Easter Lily or Bible in memory of a loved one? They will be placed at the front of the church on Easter Sunday and your loved one's name will be listed in the bulletin. If you would like to order, please call or leave a message for Beth at the church office (336-2405) by Wednesday, March 27. **Bibles are \$5 and lilies are \$11.** Lilies may be taken home after the Easter service.

Good Friday Service: This year's Good Friday Service will at **6:30 PM on Friday, March 29.** The service will take place at Faith Community Fellowship, which is located on 1427 Monte Vista Drive, Mount Vernon, WA 98273. We hope to see you there!

A FAMILY SKATING PARTY is being sponsored by the GEMS and Cadet clubs on TUESDAY, March 26 from 6:00 - 8:00 PM at Skagit Skate in Burlington. Bring the whole family—even babies in strollers can be wheeled around the rink. Invite your friends and neighbors. EVERYONE is welcome! Enjoy great fellowship, great exercise and great family fun. Come and help support our program at the same time. Cost: \$7.00 (\$8.00 in-line)

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: Our next study is this Sunday, March 24th, 6:30pm!

Choir will be rehearsing TODAY, after the service. Join us as we prepare beautiful music for Easter! To God be the glory!

This morning we celebrate the Sacrament of Communion. God meets us in the sacraments, holy acts that call for our response... In the supper our Lord offers the bread and cup to believers to guarantee our share in his death and resurrection and unite us to him and to each other.

We take this food gladly, announcing as we eat that Jesus is our life and that He shall come again to call us to the Supper of the Lamb.
Come share the fellowship of the forgiven!

Pasta Night! April 6, 5:30-8:00pm

My name is **Trevor Blom** and I am a student at Mount Vernon Christian. I am a Junior and for my American Lit class, we are doing a project called the "Shalom Project". What this means is that my classmates get into groups, choose an organization that helps a cause through donations. I am partnered with Alex Hirning and we have permission to do a Pasta Night from 5:30-8:00 p.m on April 6. Our funds will be completely through donations, and they will go to New Earth Recovery.

Thank you, **Trevor Blom**

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: Luke 7:11-17 – The Via Dolorosa: “Weep No More”
4. March 10: The Via Dolorosa: “Extravagant Grace”

5. March 17: The Via Dolorosa: “The Raising of Lazarus from the Dead”
6. March 24: “Deliverance on the Colt of a Donkey”
7. March 31: “The End of the Via Dolorosa: Why Are You Crying?”

New Worship Service Participants Schedule: Every 6 months a new worship participant schedule is planned for all those who desire to help lead our Sunday morning services. The schedule includes organists, pianists, worship team leaders, scripture readers, sound, projection, and video recorders. If you are already on the current schedule we will automatically include you in the next schedule unless we hear otherwise. If you are not on the current schedule and would like to be included in the next schedule (May-October) - please let Beth or Pastor John know no later than this Sunday, **Palm Sunday, March 24**. Thank you!

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:

March 17, 2024: <https://youtu.be/VPBQV7Hsgsl>

CALENDAR

Greeters/Coffee Hosts: March 24

Harmen & Sue DJ, Jill R.

Greeters/Coffee Hosts next week, Easter: Terri & Mandi D., Dave & Nancy V.

Worship Team:

March 24: Greg & Beth B., Kayla & Ella VH

Next Week, March 31: Henry & pam VZ, Sylvia VZ, Emmalyn S., Nellie VDH

Nursery:

March 24: Julissa & Rhyson O.

Next Week, March 31: Brooke K, Myra VDB

Children in Worship:

March 24: Tim & Emily VH

Next Week, March 31: Angela See, Ella VDB

This Week:

Choir Practice after church

Weds., March 27, 7-9pm: Cadets

Thurs., March 28, 6-8pm: GEMS/Cadets Skate Night at Skagit Skate

Fri. March 29, 6pm: Good Friday Service at Faith Community Church.

Upcoming Events:

Saturday, April 6, 5:30-8:00pm: Pasta Night, hosted by Trevor Blom and Alex Hirning

Womens Bible Study dates are the following: April 7th, 21st, May 5th & 9th, and the final study is June 2nd.

ORGANIZATIONS WE SUPPORT

C.A.R.E. Medical Center Boutique is in need of the following household items: Kleenex, size 6 diapers and baby wipes. Donations can be dropped off Mon.-Thurs. between 9-5.

CRC COMMUNICATIONS:

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - In Life Together, Dietrich Bonhoeffer wrote, "Just as love to God begins with listening to His Word, so love for the brethren is learning to listen to them." Who might you show this kind of "listening love" to in the coming week? Learn more at crcna.org/FaithPracticesProject

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.

Kids Corner: Called By Name - Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. Mary was alone at the tomb. Then she met Jesus but didn't recognize him. All he had to do was say her name, and then she knew she was loved and not alone anymore. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like KC's Lent and Easter Collection.

Groundwork: The Crucifixion of Jesus Christ- Examining the story of Jesus' crucifixion in each of the four gospels reveals a beautiful tapestry of perspectives. Join our Groundwork conversation as we study Matthew 27:45-53, Mark 15:40-41, Luke 23:13-25, and John 19:28-37 to witness the fulfillment of Scripture and remember the significance of what Jesus accomplished on the cross. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Calvin University



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:

Hans Meischke is out of the hospital and back home. He is feeling much better. Thank you for all your prayers!

Please pray for **Hank Vander Veen**, who is recovering from the hip surgery that he underwent recently. Pray that he will gain strength and healing through physical therapy.

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; **Martha Haarsma** at home 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 March 18 - *Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations Committee: Synod preparations*

Father God, Creator of this great and beautiful world we live in, we come to you with joy anticipating synod and our international guests who will be joining us. Thank you for this opportunity to worship with, to learn from, and to grow with brothers and sisters in Christ in your global church.

Tuesday March 19 - *World Renew: Economic stability*

In many of the regions where World Renew serves, economic instability is an increasing challenge due to lasting effects of the global pandemic and various conflicts. At times even the fuel required to visit communities is difficult for staff to find, due to short supply. Ask for God's provision and stability in tumultuous times.

Wednesday March 20 - *Resonate: Middle East*

Resonate missionaries serving in the Middle East give thanks for a new center where refugees can come together, serve one another, and create opportunities to spread the gospel. Ask God with us to work through this center.

Thursday March 21 - *ReFrame: Today devotions*

Pray with a woman named Karen as she continues cancer treatment. She shared, "God bless those who minister to people in need of comfort. A kind minister prayed with me before I went in for cancer treatment. She clasped my hands in prayer and gave me much comfort. She shared a copy of the Today devotions with me."

Friday March 22 - *Resonate: Mexico*

David Gifford, a Resonate missionary in Mexico, recently worked with COMPA campus ministry to lead a workshop with 12 university students. "They shared their opinions freely, asked a lot of questions, and took a lot of notes," said David. Give thanks for these students who are passionate about growing in and sharing their faith!

Saturday March 23 - *ReFrame: Devotional resources*

Pray for people who are reading our Today devotions or special Lenten series for the first time. Pray that they'll continue to read Scripture and apply it to their lives after Easter celebrations.

Sunday March 24 - *Communications: Palm Sunday*

Crowds celebrated Jesus' presence as he rode a donkey into Jerusalem on the day we now call Palm Sunday. But they did not understand his mission, and they called for his death a few days later. As we enter into Holy Week, ask God to help us better understand his mission in this world and to join him in it.