

# ***Welcome to First Christian Reformed Church!***

***Pastor John Knoester***

**June 16, 2024 ♦ 10:30 A.M. Worship Service**

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

*“Rejoice, O pure in heart!”*

Prelude

Welcome

**\* Opening Hymn: LUYH #353 v. 1-4 *“Rejoice, O Pure in Heart”***

1. Rejoice, O pure in heart!  
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!  
Your festal banner wave on high,  
the cross of Christ your King.

*Refrain*

*Rejoice, rejoice,  
rejoice, give thanks, and sing!*

2. Yes, on through life’s long path,  
still chanting as you go;  
from youth to age, by night and day,  
in gladness and in woe.

*Refrain*

3. At last the march shall end;  
the wearied ones shall rest;  
the pilgrims find their home at last,  
Jerusalem the blest.

*Refrain*

4. Praise God, who reigns on high,  
the Lord whom we adore:  
the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
one God forevermore.

*Refrain*

*Words: Edward H. Plumptre, 1866, alt., P.D.; CCLI #678905*

\* Call to Worship: Psalm 19:1-4

Leader: The heavens declare the glory of God;  
the skies proclaim the work of his hands.

**People: Day after day they pour forth speech;  
night after night they display knowledge.**

Leader: There is no speech or language  
where their voice is not heard.

**People: Their voice goes out into all the earth,  
Their words to the ends of the world.**

\* Opening Hymn of Praise: LUYH #21 v. 1-3

*"This is My Father's World"*

1. This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears  
all nature sings,  
and round me rings the music of the spheres.  
This is my Father's world; I rest me in the thought  
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;  
his hand the wonders wrought.
2. This is my Father's world; the birds their carols raise;  
the morning light, the lily white,  
declare their Maker's praise.  
This is my Father's world; he shines in all that's fair.  
In the rustling grass I hear him pass;  
he speaks to me everywhere.

**Acapella**

3. This is my Father's world; oh, let me not forget  
that, though the wrong seems oft so strong,  
God is the Ruler yet.  
This is my Father's world; why should my heart be sad?  
The Lord is King, let the heavens ring!  
God reigns; let the earth be glad.

Words: Maltbie D. Babcock (1858-1901) P.D.; Music: English; adapt. Franklin L. Sheppard (1852-1930), P.D.; CCLI #678905 Music (TERRA BEATA 6.6.8.6 D): English; adapt. Franklin L. Sheppard (1852-1930), P.D.

\* God's Greeting / We Greet Each Other

# "Rejoice, give thanks and sing!"

Announcements

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Sung Prayer of Confession: PP 195

*"Create in me a Clean Heart O God" 2x*

Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.  
Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from Thy presence, O Lord,  
and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation,  
and renew a right spirit within me.

*"Create in Me a Clean Heart"* Psalm 51: 10-12, Arr. ©1986 Maranatha! Music  
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Words of Assurance

Song of Response: "Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me"

1. What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer  
There is no more for heaven now to give  
He is my joy my righteousness and freedom  
My steadfast love my deep and boundless peace  
To this I hold my hope is only Jesus  
For my life is wholly bound to his  
Oh how strange and divine I can sing all is mine  
Yet not I but through Christ in me
2. The night is dark but I am not forsaken  
For by my side the Saviour he will stay  
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing  
For in my need his power is displayed  
To this I hold my Shepherd will defend me  
Through the deepest valley he will lead  
Oh the night has been won and I shall overcome  
Yet not I but through Christ in me

3. No fate I dread I know I am forgiven  
The future sure the price it has been paid  
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon  
And he was raised to overthrow the grave  
To this I hold my sin has been defeated  
Jesus now and ever is my plea  
Oh the chains are released I can sing I am free  
Yet not I but through Christ in me.
  
4. With every breath I long to follow Jesus  
For he has said that he will bring me home  
And day by day I know he will renew me  
Until I stand with joy before the throne  
To this I hold my hope is only Jesus  
All the glory evermore to him  
When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat  
Yet not I but through Christ in me

*Ending*

When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat  
Yet not I but through Christ in me  
Yet not I but through Christ in me

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Offering: General Fund

Offertory Video: *“When We See Your Face” – Sovereign Grace*

*(Immediately following the offering children ages 3 – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade  
are invited to attend Children and Worship)*

\* Song of Preparation: *“Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”* 2x

Turn your eyes upon Jesus,  
Look full in His wonderful face,  
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim  
In the light of His glory and grace.

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*"Your festal banner wave on high,"*

Scripture Reading: Matthew 5:1-8

Prayer of Illumination

Message: *"Blessed are the Pure in heart"*

Time of Prayer

*"The cross of Christ your King."*

\* Song of Application: LUYH #117 v. 1,3,5 *"Blest Are They"*

1. Blest are they, the poor in spirit;  
theirs is the kingdom of God.  
Blest are they, full of sorrow;  
they shall be consoled.

*Refrain*

*Rejoice and be glad!  
Blessed are you;  
holy are you.  
Rejoice and be glad!  
Yours is the kingdom of God.*

3. Blest are they who show mercy;  
mercy shall be theirs.  
Blest are they, the pure of heart;  
they shall see God.

*Refrain*

5. Blest are you who suffer hate,  
all because of me.  
Rejoice and be glad, yours is the kingdom;  
shine for all to see.

*Refrain*

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\* Proclamation of our Faith: Our World Belongs to God

Leader: Our hope for a new earth is not tied to  
what humans can do,

**People: for we believe that one day every challenge  
to God's rule and every resistance to his will  
shall be crushed.**

**Then his kingdom shall come fully,  
and our Lord shall rule forever.**

Leader: With the whole creation we wait  
for the purifying fire of judgment.

**People: For then we will see the Lord face to face.**

Leader: He will heal our hurts, end our wars,  
and make the crooked straight.

**People: Then we will join in the new song to the Lamb  
without blemish who made us a kingdom  
and priests.**

Leader: God will be all in all, righteousness  
and peace will flourish,

**People: everything will be made new,  
and every eye will see at last  
that our world belongs to God! Hallelujah!  
Come, Lord Jesus.**

\* God's Blessing

\* Parting Praise: LUYH #659 v. 1-4 *"Nearer Still Nearer"*

1. Nearer, still nearer, close to thy heart,  
draw me, my Savior, so precious thou art.  
Fold me, O fold me close to thy breast;  
shelter me safe in that haven of rest,  
shelter me safe in that haven of rest.
2. Nearer, still nearer, nothing I bring,  
naught as an offering to Jesus, my King—  
only my sinful, now contrite heart;  
grant me the cleansing thy blood doth impart,  
grant me the cleansing thy blood doth impart.

3. Nearer, still nearer, Lord, to be thine,  
sin with its follies I gladly resign,  
all of its pleasures, pomp and its pride;  
give me but Jesus, my Lord crucified,  
give me but Jesus, my Lord crucified.

**Acapella**

4. Nearer, still nearer, while life shall last,  
till safe in glory my anchor is cast;  
through endless ages, ever to be  
nearer, my Savior, still nearer to thee,  
nearer, my Savior, still nearer to thee.

*Words and Music: Lelia N. Morris (1862-1929), P.D.; CCLI# 678905*

Postlude

**Welcome** to a time of praise and worship of the Lord our God. Let us fill His house with songs of praise and feast upon His word. We especially welcome every visitor today. We are very glad you came. May the peace and joy of the Lord be yours. After the morning service all are invited to the fellowship hall next to the sanctuary for a cup of coffee or juice and continued fellowship.

Tech Team	Today: June 16	Next Week: June 23
Sound:	Henry H.	Mardy S.
Projection:	France B.	Beth B.
Video:	Isaac D.	Tim H.
Offering:	General Fund	General Fund

# First CRC

## Bulletin Announcements

**June 16, 2024**

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

### **OUR CHURCH FAMILY:**

**Congratulations to our graduates!** 8<sup>th</sup> Graders: Millie Faber, Emmalyn Stevens, Noah VanderKooy, Leah & Andy Vander Kooy; High School: Jase Hillsinger (Sedro-Woolley), Kiera Link (MVC), Ellie Vanden Bosch (MVC); College: Kera Boon (Skagit), Josie Droog (Dordt). May the Lord lead and guide you as you go forward!

### **Memorial Service Updates:**

The service for **Hank Vander Veen** will be this Monday the 17<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm here at First CRC.

**Church Council assignments for the 2024-2025 church year are as follows:** Council and Elder President - Darrel Lagerway, Council and Elder Clerk - Henry Hammingh, Council and Elder Vicar - Eliot Blom, Records Clerk - Henry Van Zanten, Deacon President - Mardick Stevens, Deacon Treasurer - Jon Vander Kooy, Deacon Vicar - Derek Blanken, Deacon Secretary - Harmen De Jong, Deacons Helping Hands & Transportation Coordinator - Brad De Kok, Benevolence and Neighbors in Need - Terry Dykstra.

### **Christian Education Fund:**

**Pledge forms for the 2024-2025 school year are due by June 30.** The cost of the ministry for the 2024-2025 school year is \$118,008.00. Please return your pledge forms in mailbox #85. Thank you to all those who pledged and paid in the amount of \$115,015.00 for the 2023-2024 school year by May 31, 2024.

If you have any questions regarding your pledges, please contact Katie Jungquist, 428-3818.

### **Worship Service YouTube Links:**

June 9, 2024: <https://youtu.be/BmYi5DS07q4>



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](https://firstcrcmv.com/?page_id=1509)

Dear Friends,

Along with the Ten Commandments, the Twenty-third Psalm, the Lord's Prayer, and a few other passages of Scripture – the Beatitudes of Jesus are some of the more familiar words of Scripture. Together we can affirm them, meditate upon them, and maybe even engrave them on plaques to hang on our walls. Yet, the main question is this: How are we to *live* in response to them?

This is the question that we hope to keep in front of us as we study them together throughout the months ahead. May God bless us as we do so!

In His Grace, Pastor John and Pastor Brad

May 5 – "Intro to the Beatitudes" (Matt. 5:1-12)

May 12 – "Blessed are Those Who Mourn" (Matt. 5:4)

May 19 – "Blessed are the Poor in Spirit" (Matt. 5:3)

May 26 – "Blessed are the Meek" (Matt. 5:5)

June 2 – "Blessed are those who Hunger and Thirst for Righteousness" (Matt. 5:6)

June 9 – "Blessed are the Merciful" (Matt. 5:7)

June 16 - "Blessed are the Pure in Heart" (Matt. 5:8)

June 23 – "Blessed are the Peacemakers" (Matt. 5:9)

June 30 – "Blessed are Those who are Persecuted" (Matt. 5:10-12)

### **CALENDAR:**

#### **Greeters/Coffee Hosts:**

June 16: Brooke K., Jack & Trudy VK

Next week, June 23:

**Worship Team:** June 16: Eliot B., Heidi B., Kayla & Ella VH

Next Week, June 23: Henry & Pam VZ, France B. & Emmalyn S.

#### **Nursery:**

June 16: Glenda K., Macy & Lexi VP

Next Week, Jun 23: Juliana LC., Lauren VB

#### **Children in Worship:**

June 16: Angela S., Justus V.

Next Week, June 23: Sheri L., Julissa O.

## **Today:**

**Father's Day!**

## **Upcoming Events:**

**Monday, June 17, 1:30 pm:** Funeral Service for Hank Vander Veen

**June 30:** Christian Education Pledges due.

## **ORGANIZATIONS WE SUPPORT:**

**Cascade Family Bible Camp –July 4-8** Join us at Warm Beach Camp in Stanwood, WA, for a rejuvenating experience! Embrace fellowship, worship, and camping or lodging in a stunning environment, perfect for revitalizing your daily walk. Engage with thought-provoking speakers, relish in programs tailored for kids of all ages, and indulge in a variety of activities including swimming, mini golf, tennis & basketball courts, volleyball, bocce, climbing wall, rockets, family games, a carnival and more! Secure your spot by registering online today at <https://cascadefamilybiblecamp.org/registration-info>

## **CRC COMMUNICATIONS:**

**Thrive Faith Formation Tip** - Albert Einstein said, "There are only two ways to live your life. One is as though nothing is a miracle; the other is as though everything is a miracle." How might you become more attentive to God's miraculous work all around you? Learn more at [crcna.org/FaithPracticesProject](http://crcna.org/FaithPracticesProject)

**Thriving Essentials 1-Hour Overview (June 27th)** - Thriving Essentials is a training course for elders, deacons, church staff, and any volunteer ministry leader. This one-hour webinar will give you an overview of what the full course involves including discussions on four key concepts of Mission, Discipleship, Discernment, and Leadership. Attend this online preview June 27 (1pm EDT) to see if the full course is right for your church. Register now at [crcna.org/essentials](http://crcna.org/essentials)

**Kids Corner: Father's Day** - Check out this week's kids' devotion at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net). This week, when you celebrate your earthly father or other good men in your life, remember all the good things he does for you. Also, take some time to celebrate your heavenly Father. He is always there for you, no matter what. Check out all the great content at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net), like the Summertime Collection.

**Groundwork: Christian Civility: Defending Our Faith without Being Defensive** - How do we disagree without being disagreeable, or handle conflicts when people slander or talk against us? Join Groundwork as we study 1 Peter 3:8-17 and Titus 3:1-11 to seek biblical wisdom for responding to and navigating a divisive culture in faithful and Christlike ways. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

**Position Opening** - Resonate Global Mission is hiring! We seek a full time Leadership Developer - E Asia Region. The successful candidate will work in collaboration with local partners to plant a diverse, locally-rooted, and globally connected congregation among the diaspora and Japanese people to faithfully proclaim and live out the good news of Jesus. The focus from the beginning will also be to walk with and develop local leaders who collaborate in creating the faith community. Learn more and apply at <https://crcna.pinpointhq.com/>



How can  
we  
**PRAY**  
for you?

People to be remembered with prayers, cards, letters & words of encouragement. Email the office at [secretary@firstcrcmv.com](mailto: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:**

The service for **Hank Vander Veen** is tomorrow, Monday the 17<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm.

Please continue to pray for **Derick and Arnola Roos** and family as Arnola has been diagnosed with ALS.

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; **Clarence Vander Griend** at Home Place in Burlington; **Sally Reehoorn** at Creekside in Burlington; **Bev Van Slageren** with family in Grandview, WA.

**OTHER REQUESTS: (CRC Communications)**

**Monday June 10 - Resonate: Campus ministries**

Brian Bork, Resonate's campus ministry leader, asks you to pray for campus ministries throughout Canada and the United States that are transitioning staff, vision, or more this summer. "Pray that they might hear the voice of God as they discern the way forward, and come to know how best to serve their campuses and communities," he asks.

**Tuesday June 11 - ReFrame: Chinese ministry**

Pray for students at Wheaton University who will be viewing an art installation from our Chinese ministry team. May they learn about the spread of Christianity in China and how media ministry continues to help share the gospel in this challenging context.

**Wednesday June 12 - Calvin Theological Seminary: Summer**

Pray for students as they begin summer routines—placements for graduates, summer ministry sites, work, travel, and more. Ask God to keep forming students through their summer activities.

**Thursday June 13 - Resonate: Nicaragua**

Resonate missionaries Kate and Vinnie Adams in Nicaragua give thanks that their church community, International Christian Fellowship, has celebrated seven baptisms over the past few months. Give thanks for how God is working through this church community, which Vinnie helps to lead.

**Friday June 14 - Communications: Synod 2024**

Today is the first full day of Synod 2024, the annual assembly of delegates from all CRCNA classes. The theme for worship and prayer this year is "God with Us." As delegates, staff, and visitors begin their work together, please pray that in their interactions, conversations, and decisions they may sense God's presence and listen for the leading of the Holy Spirit.

**Saturday June 15 - Thrive: Committees**

Please pray for the advisory committees meeting at synod today, asking that they may have clarity, grace, and Spirit-led understanding in their communication and discernment.

**Sunday June 16 - *World Renew: Refugee Sunday***

Over 100 million people have been forcibly displaced worldwide due to persecution, conflict, violence, or human rights violations. We continue to serve and advocate for these vulnerable populations. On this Refugee Sunday and beyond, please join us in praying that God will keep these families safe, providing food and shelter and good health through disaster response, refugee resettlement, and more.