

Welcome to First Christian Reformed Church!
Pastor John Knoester
June 30, 2024 ♦ 10:30 A.M. Worship Service

* Please stand in body or in spirit.

"Blest are you who suffer hate, all because of me."

Prelude

Welcome

* Opening Hymn: 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: I Corinthians 1:2-3

Leader: To those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus,
called to be saints,
together with all those who in every place
call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,
both their Lord and ours:

**People: Grace to you and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ.**

* Opening Hymn of Praise: LUYH #575 v. 1-4

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul praise him, for he is your help and salvation!
Come, all who hear; brothers and sisters, draw near.
Join me in glad adoration!
2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things
is wondrously reigning,
sheltering you under his wings, oh, so gently sustaining.
Have you not seen all that is needful has been
sent by his gracious ordaining?
3. Praise to the Lord, who will prosper
your work and defend you;
surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do
as with his love he befriends you.
4. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that has life and breath,
come now with praises before Him!
Let the amen sound from his people again.
Gladly forever adore him!

Words: Joachim Neander, 1680; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1863, alt., P.D.; Music:
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* God's Greeting / We Greet Each Other

"Rejoice and be glad,"

Announcements

Call to Confession (Isaiah 30:15,18)

Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance: (I Peter 2:24)

Song of Response: LUYH #669 v. 1-3,5

"How Blest Are They Whose Trespass"

1. How blest are they whose trespass
has freely been forgiven,
whose sins are wholly covered
before the sight of heaven.
Blest they to whom the LORD God
does not impute their sin,
who have a guileless spirit,
whose heart is true within.
2. While I kept guilty silence,
my strength was spent with grief:
your hand was heavy on me;
my soul found no relief.
But when I owned my trespass
and did not hide my sin,
then you forgave my guilt, LORD,
restored my life within.
3. So let the godly seek you
in times when you are near;
no whelming floods shall reach them
or cause their hearts to fear.
O LORD, you are my refuge,
you are my hiding place,
and you surround me always
with songs of saving grace.
5. The sorrows of the wicked
increase from year to year,
but those who trust the LORD God
know love instead of fear.
Then in the LORD be joyful,
in song lift up your voice;
be glad in God, you righteous:
rejoice, O saints, rejoice!

Words: *Psalter*, 1912, alt., P.D.CCLI #678905

Offering: General Fund

Offertory Video: *"The Night Song"* by CityAlight

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

* Song of Preparation: LUYH #749 v. 1-2 *"Spirit of the Living God"*

1. Spirit of the living God,
fall afresh on me;
Spirit of the living God,
fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God,
fall afresh on me.
2. Spirit of the living God,
move among us all;
make us one in heart and mind,
make us one in love;
humble, caring, selfless, sharing.
Spirit of the living God,
fill our lives with love.

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"Yours is the kingdom;"

Scripture Reading: Matthew 5:1-12

Prayer of Illumination

Message:

"Blessed are Those Who are Persecuted because of Righteousness"

Time of Prayer

"Shine for all to see."

*Song of Application: LUYH #117 “Blest Are They” v. 1-5

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.*

2. Blest are they, the lowly ones;
they shall inherit the earth.
Blest are they who hunger and thirst;
they shall have their fill.

Refrain

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

Refrain

4. Blest are they who seek peace;
they are the children of God.
Blest are they who suffer in faith;
the glory of God is theirs.

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:

Leader: God holds this world in sovereign love.
He kept his promise, sending Jesus into the world.
He poured out his Spirit and broadcast his news
that sinners who repent and believe in Jesus
can live and breathe and move again
as members of the family of God.

**People: We rejoice in the goodness of God,
renounce the works of darkness,
and dedicate ourselves to holy living.**

Leader: As covenant partners, called to faithful obedience,
and set free for joyful praise, we offer our hearts
and lives to do God's work in his world.
With tempered impatience,
eager to see injustice ended,
we expect the Day of the Lord.

**People: And we are confident that the light that shines
in the present darkness will fill the earth
when Christ appears.
Come, Lord Jesus! Our world belongs to you.**

—Our World Belongs to God, st. 5-6

* God's Blessing

* Parting Praise: LUYH #366 v. 1-4 *"My Jesus, I Love Thee"*

1. My Jesus, I love thee, I know thou art mine;
for thee all the follies of sin I resign;
my gracious Redeemer, my Savior art thou;
if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.
2. I love thee because thou hast first loved me
and purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree;
I love thee for wearing the thorns on thy brow;
if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.
3. I'll love thee in life, I will love thee in death,
and praise thee as long as thou lendest me breath,
and say when the death-dew lies cold on my brow:
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

Acapella

4. In mansions of glory and endless delight,
I'll ever adore thee in heaven so bright.
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow;
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

Words: William R. Featherstone, ca. 1862, P.D.; Music: Adoniram J. Gordon, 1876, P.D.; CCLI #678905

* Postlude

Welcome! We invite all of you to praise God with hearts and hands and voices. Let us be mindful of the wonders God has given us. Come rejoice in God and together sing praises to His name. Reach out in warmth to all who have gathered in the house of the Lord. 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: June 30	Next Week: July 7
Mardy S.	Henry VZ	Tim H.
Projection:	Tim H.	Maddie D.
Video:	France B.	Isaac D.
Offering:	General Fund	General Fund

First CRC Bulletin Announcements

June 30, 2024

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

OUR CHURCH FAMILY:

Christian Education Fund:

In order for the Christian Education Fund to continue for next school year we still need \$6,350.00 in pledges by June 30, 2024. The total cost of the ministry for the 2024-2025 school year is \$118,008.00. Please return your pledge forms in mailbox #85.

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

Attention all First CRC Members! Church Committee Update: On **Monday, July 15** the Executive Committee will be meeting to update/approve our current church committee lists. When it comes to various committees for our church family we do our best to 'recruit,' but just like our personal families sometimes it's simply more expedient to assign. Here's how you can help us in advance: If there is a specific church committee that you would like to serve on - please let Beth know no later than **Sunday, July 14**. In addition, if you would like to be 'removed' from a current committee that you are serving on please let her know that as well. If we don't hear from you - please don't be surprised if you find your name assigned to a committee this fall. We promise to do our best to match one's gifts accordingly. Thank you in advance for your willingness to serve!

The family of Hank & Anjean Vander Veen would like to thank all of you for giving condolences to all of us with the recent passing of Dad as well as Mom. We rejoice that they are again together in heaven!

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 23, 2024: https://youtu.be/b_2zdkecsbQ

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 30: Henry & Sharon K., Hank & Sylvia VZ

Next week, July 7: Greg & Tish A, Sarah Z., Juliana LC

Worship Team: June 30: Greg & Beth B., Adriana & Tessa S.

Next Week, July 7: Men's Group

Nursery:

Jun 30: Jeannette F., Maddie D.

Next Week, July 7: Warm Beach Camp – No Nursery

Children in Worship:

June 30: Tim VH, Lauren VDB

Next Week, July 7: No Children's Worship

Upcoming Events:

Cascade Family Bible Camp: July 4-8

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:

Wish You Could Do More for Ministry? - Through gifts in a will, many everyday people give substantially more than would ever be possible during their lifetimes. Email advancement@crcna.org to learn more how you can support Thrive in your estate plans.

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - The faith practice of remembering centers our attention on what God has done in our lives, deepening our assurance that God is with us here and now, and expanding our hope and anticipation for what God will yet do. Take some time this week to make a “faith timeline” to remember what God has done in your life and in the lives of people you love. Learn more at crcna.org/FaithPracticesProject

Kids Corner: The Power of Prayer - Check out this week’s kids’ devotion at www.kidscorner.net. When kids pray, it makes a difference! Sometimes, we might think that God only hears grown-up prayers, but God also wants kids to care about and pray for our families and friends. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like the Faith Practices for Families Ebook Collection.

Groundwork: Adopt the Mindset of Christ - As Christians, many of us long to make the world a better place. Join our Groundwork conversation as we study Philippians 2:1-11, Matthew 22:15-45, 1 Peter 2:21-23, and Matthew 20:24-28 to study the servant mindset Jesus modeled. Together we'll glean biblical wisdom for discerning the relationship between faith and power and we'll discuss the importance of developing Christlikeness. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

World Renew DRS Response to Iowa Flooding - After heavy rain and severe flooding in northwestern Iowa last weekend (6/22/24), World Renew DRS is making plans to help the homeowners and churches who were most affected to clean up and rebuild as the flood water recedes. Please pray for those who have lost their homes and possessions, for DRS volunteers and staff, and others working to assist people in need. You can help flood survivors in Iowa and across the U.S. with your financial gift at <http://worldrenew.net/springstorms2024-donate>, by calling 1-800-552-7972, or by mailing your check made out to World Renew DRS, with "Spring Storms 2024" in the memo line, to: World Renew, 8970 Byron Commerce Dr, SW, Byron Center, MI 49315.



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:

Please continue to pray for **Arnola Roos**.

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 24 - ReFrame: Portuguese ministry

Members of our Portuguese ministry team are planning a family conference to share new ways to incorporate the Bible into family life. Pray that this event will help more families in Brazil access and apply Jesus' teachings on a regular basis.

Tuesday June 25 - World Renew: Clean water

Clean water is essential to good health, but for one-third of the global population it remains out of reach. World Renew helps communities to establish safe, consistent water sources and teach proper sanitation and hygiene practices. Please pray for all who do not have access to clean water. May God purify, protect, and multiply their water sources so that their communities may thrive.

Wednesday June 26 - Resonate: Detroit

Safe, dignified, and affordable housing can be tough to find in Detroit. Hased Community Church has been providing housing for two families and five individuals. The church also has two active housing rehabilitation projects and four waiting to begin. Give thanks for this church as they share the love of Christ in their city, and please pray for this work.

Thursday June 27 - Thrive: Chaplains

Our chaplains who serve in industrial or corporate settings help to meet the needs of employees impacted by crises at home or at work who may not have a spiritual support network. Our workplace chaplains are regularly called on to offer spiritual care to employees experiencing grief, trauma, and crisis. Please pray for these chaplains and the people they serve.

Friday June 28 - *World Renew: Human trafficking awareness*

Every 30 seconds, a child is trafficked. One in seven girls is married before reaching age 15. More than 600 million women live in regions of the world where domestic violence is not a crime. World Renew works to help bring justice where there is inequity, training families about the dangers of child trafficking, and working with government officials to help end these systemic issues. Ask God to bring justice into regions where injustice prevails.

Saturday June 29 - *Resonate: Haiti*

Despite the challenges Haiti is facing, particularly in the capital of Port-au-Prince, young people in other parts of the country are hard at work through Resonate partner IMPACT Clubs. Please pray for these students as they grow as disciples of Christ and leaders in their communities.

Sunday June 30 - *Thrive: Summer*

Pray for a gentle and smoothly executed transition into summer programming across congregational ministries. Pray for an excitement for what God has in store for each ministry in the summer months.