

Welcome to First Christian Reformed Church!

Pastor John Knoester

July 21, 2024 ♦ 10:30 A.M. Worship Service

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

"He said, 'Freely, freely, you have received,'"

Prelude

Welcome

*** Opening Hymn: LUYH #551 v. 1, 3-6**

"All Creatures of our God and King"

All Sing

1. All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice with us and sing:
alleluia, alleluia!
O burning sun with golden beam,
and shining moon with silver gleam,
O praise him, O praise him,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Women Only

3. Cool flowing water, pure and clear,
make music for your Lord to hear;
alleluia, alleluia!
Fierce fire, so masterful and bright,
providing us with warmth and light,
O praise him, O praise him,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Men Only

4. Earth ever fertile, day by day
bring forth your blessings on our way,
alleluia, alleluia!
All flowers and fruits that in you grow,
let them his glory also show:
O praise him, O praise him,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

All Sing

5. All you who are of tender heart,
Forgiving others, take your part;
alleluia, alleluia!
All you who pain and sorrow bear,
Praise God and on him cast your care:
O praise him, O praise him,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

All Sing

6. Let all things their Creator bless,
and worship him in humbleness,
alleluia, alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, Three in One:
O praise him, O praise him,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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*Call to Worship: I Corinthians 1:2-3

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made;

People: let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Leader: God made the bright, warm sunshine
and the freezing-cold snow.
God made the little tiny flowers
and the great big pine trees.

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Leader: God made the peaceful ponds
and the crashing waves.
God made the cornfields and the rocky mountains.

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Leader: God made the creeping caterpillars
and kicking kangaroos.
God made you, and God made me.

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Leader: Come, let us praise God for making all things good!

* 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.
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.

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* God's Greeting / We Greet Each Other

"Freely, freely give;"

Announcements

Call to Confession (Isaiah 30:15,18)

As God's creatures we are made in his image
to represent him on earth
and to live in loving communion with him.
By sovereign appointment we are
earth-keepers and caretakers:
loving our neighbor, tending the creation,
and meeting our needs.
God uses our skills in the unfolding and well-being of his world.
Yet often we neglect our task.

Recalling our task leads us to confess our sin
and to yearn for God's forgiveness.
—from *Our World Belongs to God*, st. 10

Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance: (I Peter 2:24)

Song of Response: *"There is a Redeemer"* LUYH #833 v. 1-3

1. There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son;
precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.

Chorus:

*Thank You, O my Father, for giving us Your Son;
and leaving Your Spirit 'til the work on earth is done.*

2. Jesus, my Redeemer, name above all names;
precious Lamb of God, Messiah, hope for sinners slain.

Chorus

3. When I stand in glory, I will see His face;
there I'll serve my King forever, in that holy place.

Chorus

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Offering: General Fund

Offertory

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

* Song of Preparation: *"Freely, Freely"* v. 1-2

1. God forgave my sin in Jesus' name,
I've been born again in Jesus' name;
And in Jesus' name I come to you
To share His love as He told me to.

Chorus:

*He said, "Freely, freely, you have received;
Freely, freely give.
Go in My name, and because you believe,
Others will know that I live."*

2. All pow'r is giv'n in Jesus' name,
In earth and heav'n in Jesus' name;
And in Jesus' name I come to you
to share His pow'r as He told me to.

Chorus

"Freely, Freely" Carol Owens, Matthew 10: 8b, ©1972 Bud John Songs, Inc.
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"Go in My name, and because you believe"

Scripture Reading: Matthew 9:35-10:10

Prayer of Illumination

Message: ***"Christ's Mission – Recognizing the Need"***

Time of Prayer

"Others will know that live."

* Hymn of Application: LUYH #175 v. 1-4

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

1. When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.
2. Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
save in the death of Christ, my God!
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them through his blood.
3. See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Acapella

4. Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were a present far too small.
Love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.

Words: Isaac Watts, 1707, P.D.; Music: Lowell Mason, 1824, P.D. CCLI #678905

* Proclamation of our Faith:

Leader: Our world, broken and scarred,
still belongs to God.

People: **He holds it together and gives us hope.**

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: God will be all in all, righteousness and peace
will flourish, everything will be made new,

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

—from *Our World Belongs to God*, st. 18, 58

* God's Blessing

* Parting Praise: GH #195 *"Our God Reigns"*

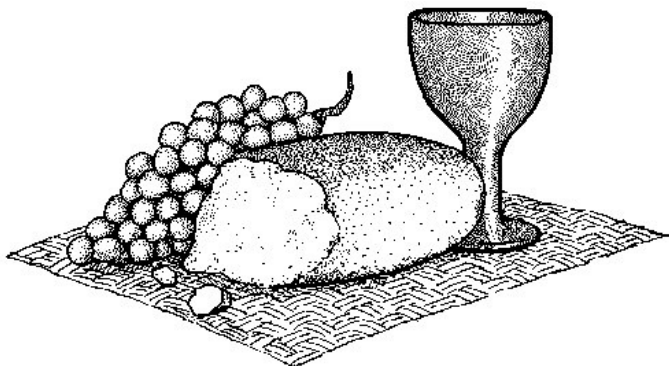
How lovely on the mountains are the feet
of Him who brings good news, good news.
Announcing peace, proclaiming news of happiness,
our God reigns, our God reigns.
Our God reigns, our God reigns,
our God reigns, our God reigns!

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Postlude

Next Week is Communion Sunday!

*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.*

From: *Our World Belongs to God* (PH – pg. 1031)

***Come share the fellowship
of the forgiven!***

Tech Team	Today: July 21	Next Week: July 28
Sound:	Henry H.	Mardick S.
Projection:	France B.	Beth B.
Video:	Brandon S.	Isaac D.
Offering:	General Fund	1st: General Fund 2nd: Benevolence

First CRC Bulletin

Announcements

July 21, 2024

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

OUR CHURCH FAMILY:

Dear First Family, From August 10th through the 17th, **Julie, Adriana, Tessa Speck, Kiera Link, and Ellie Vanden Bosch** will travel to Abbotsford, British Columbia, to participate in a SERVE Mission Trip. In the weeks leading up, one specific way we can begin to pray for the group is for an uneventful border crossing on the 10th and the 17th.

“Tish and I would like to thank Everyone for all your Prayers and cards. It is so amazing to watch God work. He opens doors even in times of sorrow. You are all truly a Blessed Family to us.” – Greg and Tish

Good news! The large print Today mags ARE IN YOUR MAILBOXES!

Don't forget to take a glance at your Worship Schedule if you are a volunteer! We know summer can get busy. If you need a replacement, please call the person on for the following Sunday and then let Beth know of your switcheroo. Thank you!

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Loved the movie “Driving Miss Daisy”? There is a sign-up sheet by the coffee for those who would be willing to pick up and take Shirley Boonstra home each Sunday morning with us. Please take a moment to take a look at it and volunteer today. Thank you!

Danielle Van Zanten and Ryan Burkholder are thrilled to announce their wedding on August 3, in Houston, B.C. They will have an open house reception here at First CRC on Saturday, August 17 from 2-4p.m. Please join us in celebrating their love and commitment. Please RSVP by August 12 to Henry and Pam Van Zanten by text at 360-757-0540 or email at hpvanz@gmail.com.

Dear Friends,

In our recent study of the Beatitudes we observed how these teachings provide an excellent blueprint for how a person initially becomes a Christian and then through the power of the Holy Spirit begins to mature in the faith. One of the important pieces in our spiritual maturity is how we carry out Christ’s mission in the world around us. The latter part of Matthew 9 and all of Matthew 10 provide us with some important instructions on how to engage in this important mission together. In the weeks to come we're going to take a closer look at some of these instructions and then apply them to our own lives here today. May God lead and guide us in our study together.

In His Grace,

Pastor John

July 21 – “Christ’s Mission – Recognizing the Need” (Matthew 9:35-10:10)

July 28 – “Christ’s Mission – Ministry Expectations” (Matthew 10:11-23)

Aug. 25 – “Christ’s Mission – No Fear” (Matthew 10:24-33)

Sept. ?? – “Christ’s Mission – Costly Discipleship” (Matthew 34-42)

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:

July 14, 2024: <https://youtu.be/oFjzQSJMbYk>

CALENDAR:

Greeters/Coffee Hosts:

July 21: Eric & Teresa VK, Keith & Jean R.

Next week, July 28: Terri & Joni B., Kevin & Glenda K.

Worship Team: July 21: Stan B., Julie, Adriana & Tessa S.

Next Week, July 28: Kevin & Glenda K. & France B. & Emmalyn S.

Nursery:

July 21: Kayla VH. & ???

Next Week, July 28: Brooke K. & Marissa VK

Children in Worship:

July 21: Angela S., Millie F.

Next Week, July 28: Heather VH & ??

Upcoming Events:

Sunday July 28: Communion

Sat., July 27, 12:-4pm: First CRC Block Party here at church!!

Sat, August 17, 2-4pm: Reception for Danielle (VZ) and Ryan Burkholder here at church. Please RSVP by August 12.

CRC COMMUNICATIONS:

Kids Corner: Devoted - Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. Is there something you are really devoted to? When we are devoted to something, we give all our time and energy to it - that's why reading our Bible and praying is called "devotions." Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like the Faith Practices for Families Ebook Collection.

Groundwork: The Trinity in Worship, Prayer, and Daily Life - The Christian belief in the Holy Trinity significantly influences our worship, prayer, and daily living. Join Groundwork as we study Matthew 28:19, 2 Corinthians 13:14, Hebrews 4:14-16, Romans 8:26-35, and Acts 2:42 to see how these biblical truths shape and inform how we glorify God and touch every aspect of our lives. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

The Banner Challenge! - This year The Banner has been tasked with a faith challenge to be almost fully reader supported in three years with no more reliance on ministry shares. This step of faith will benefit the other agencies of the CRC (like ReFrame, Resonate, Thrive, etc.) since every ministry share dollar The Banner doesn't use will flow to one of them. Are you up to undertake this faith challenge with us? We need you now more than ever! Please donate now at TheBanner.org/Give

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - Telling our faith stories to other generations is a deeply meaningful way to help us remember together what God has done. Check out our intergenerational story-starter questions at tinyurl.com/StoryStarterQuestions. 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 REQUESTS:

Please pray for all our members who are having health tests, surgeries and other health issues right now.

CONTINUING REQUESTS:

Please keep **Margaret Vander Pol** in your prayers, as she was hospitalized this past week due to a blood clot in her lung. She is home now and recuperating. Pray for Larry as he continues to walk alongside and care for Margaret.

Please continue to pray for **Greg and Tish Ackermann** upon the loss of Tish's sister Maria.

Please keep **Eleanor Klunder** in your prayers as she was hospitalized this past week due to dehydration, low blood pressure and kidney concerns. She is now home and recuperating. Pray too for Clarence and the rest of the family as they walk beside her during this anxious time.

Please pray for our youth group leader and kids who will be travelling to Abbotsford, B.C. on August 10 and coming home on August 17.

Continue to pray for **Mary Koopmans** as she recovers from the swelling from her blood clot. Please feel free to visit her again in Burlington at Where the Heart Is. She doesn't remember visits, but she sure enjoys them in the moment. Please pray for her continued healing.

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.

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 July 15 - Thrive: Lasting peace in the Middle East

God of peace, who loves us and all the people of Israel and Palestine, the powerless and the powerful alike, we cry out to you. Bring your salvation near to us, O Lord. We pray for an end to hostage taking and killings. We pray for an end to vengeance, terror, and threats. Amen.

Tuesday July 16 - World Renew: Peacebuilding

In many areas where we work, tensions between neighboring communities run high. When resources are limited, it can be difficult for some neighbors to live in peace. World Renew facilitates activities and conversations that help to break down walls and build up trust, and relationships are transformed by God's grace. Pray for God's blessings in this challenging work.

Wednesday July 17 - *ReFrame: Today devotions*

Pray for Drew, a Today reader who recently asked for prayers for sobriety. Ask God to grant him the strength and courage to become sober and to overcome his struggles with drinking and drugs. Pray that he'll find the support he needs and be able to restore his relationships with family members.

Thursday July 18 - *GEMS Girls' Clubs: Sisterhood Summit*

Our Sisterhood Summit takes place in Chicagoland July 18-20. Please pray that the GEMS Girls' Club leaders who attend will be renewed, encouraged, and equipped to reach even more girls with the hope of the gospel. Pray for safe travels and for the GEMS staff planning the event, that God may be glorified in all that takes place.

Friday July 19 - *Resonate: Colorado*

New Gate Church, a Resonate partner church plant, grew from the English-language ministry of a Korean congregation. Give thanks for the ways God is working in and through this new church as they continue to raise up volunteers and leaders.

Saturday July 20 - *Intercultural Ministry: Community*

Intercultural Ministry in Canada seeks to help the church foster a community in which all share their gifts and experience belonging. Pray that this ministry may bear fruit in the CRC. Pray for members of a multicultural church cohort specifically being coached to continue their growth in this area.

Sunday July 21 - *Calvin Theological Seminary: International students*

Over 40 percent of our students are international students. Pray for travel plans, border crossings, and transitions—especially for new students. Pray for plans being made this summer to welcome all students again in the fall.