

***Welcome to First Christian Reformed Church!***  
***Pastor Brad Diekema***  
***September 1, 2024 w 10:30 A.M. Worship Service***

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

Prelude

*"Oh, the Deep, Deep love of Jesus  
—Spread His Praise from Shore to Shore"*

Welcome

Opening Hymn of Praise: LUYH #495

"Come, All You People, Praise Our God"

1. Come, all you people, praise our God  
and tell his glorious works abroad,  
who holds our souls in life;  
who never lets our feet be moved  
and, though our faith has often proved,  
upholds us in the strife.
2. We come with offerings to God's house,  
and here we pay the solemn vows  
we uttered in distress;  
to him our all we dedicate,  
to him we wholly consecrate  
the lives his mercies bless.
3. Come, listen, all who fear the Lord,  
while I with grateful heart record  
what God has done for me;  
I cried to him in deep distress,  
and now his wondrous grace I bless,  
for he has set me free.

PSALM 66; Words: Psalter, 1912, P.D.;

Music: Charles H. Gabriel, (1856-1932), P.D. CCLI #678905

- \* Call to Worship: Based on Colossians 2:3 and Revelation 5:12

Leader: The Lord Jesus who calls us to worship him today  
is the same Jesus who refused the temptation  
to worship the evil one.

Rather than receive the glorious kingdoms  
of this world, he endured the shame of the cross,  
and today is Lord of lords and King of kings.  
Now are gathered in him all the treasures  
of wisdom and knowledge, glory, and power.  
With the saints of all ages we say,

**People: “Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain,  
to receive power and wealth and wisdom  
and strength and honor and glory and praise!”**

- \* Hymn of Praise: LUYH #516 “Bless the Lord, O My Soul”

Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and all that is within me,  
bless his holy name.

He has done great things,  
he has done great things,  
he has done great things:  
bless his holy name.

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*“Oh, the Deep, Deep love of Jesus,  
vast unmeasured boundless free”*

- \* God’s Greeting/We Greet Each Other

Announcements

Call to Confession

Seeing that we have a great High Priest  
who has entered the inmost heaven, Jesus the Son of God,  
let us therefore approach the throne of grace  
with fullest confidence,

that we may receive mercy for our failures  
and grace to help in the hour of need.

In the strength of this assurance, let us confess our sins to God.

## Prayer of Confession

### Assurance

#### \* Song of Response: LUYH # 682 "Before the Throne of God Above"

1. Before the throne of God above  
I have a strong and perfect plea,  
a great High Priest whose name is Love,  
who ever lives and pleads for me.  
My name is graven on his hands,  
my name is written on his heart;  
I know that while in heaven he stands  
no tongue can bid me thence depart,  
no tongue can bid me thence depart.
2. When Satan tempts me to despair  
and tells me of the guilt within,  
upward I look and see him there  
who made an end of all my sin.  
Because the sinless Savior died,  
my sinful soul is counted free;  
for God the Just is satisfied  
to look on him and pardon me,  
to look on him and pardon me.
3. Behold him there! The risen Lamb,  
my perfect, spotless righteousness;  
the great unchangeable "I AM,"  
the King of glory and of grace!  
One with himself I cannot die,  
my soul is purchased by his blood;  
my life is hid with Christ on high,  
with Christ, my Savior and my God,  
with Christ, my Savior and my God.

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Offertory: "He Will Keep You"

(Following the offertory video children ages 3-3rd grade  
are excused for Children and Worship)

\* Hymn of Preparation: LUYH #755 "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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*"Oh, the Deep, Deep love of Jesus,  
love of every love the best"*

Scripture Reading: Jonah 1:1-16

Prayer of Illumination

Message: "Jonah: Disobedience and Reluctance"

Time of Prayer

## *"Oh, the Deep, Deep love of Jesus"*

\* Song of Application: LUYH #796 "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

\* We Profess Our Faith: Belgic Confession Article 20:  
The Justice and Mercy of God in Christ

Pastor Brad: We believe that God—

who is perfectly merciful and also very just—  
sent the Son to assume the nature  
in which the disobedience had been committed,  
in order to bear in it the punishment of sin  
by his most bitter passion and death.

**People:      So God made known his justice toward his Son,  
who was charged with our sin,  
and he poured out his goodness and mercy on us,  
who are guilty and worthy of damnation,  
giving to us his Son to die,  
by a most perfect love,  
and raising him to life for our justification,  
in order that by him we might have immortality  
and eternal life.**

\* God's Blessing

\* Parting Praise: LUYH #948 "The Lord Bless You"

The Lord bless you, the Lord keep you;  
may his love ever, always surround you,  
protect you, and guide you in all that you do:  
our prayer for you. Amen.

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\* Postlude

**Welcome!** "O sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things" (Psalm 98:1, NRSV). We gather to sing to the Lord and celebrate his work in our lives. 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: September 1	Next Week: September 8
Sound:	Mardick S.	Tim H.
Projection:	Caleb L.	Joel L.
Video:	Brandon S.	Caleb L.
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# First CRC Bulletin Announcements

**September 1, 2024**

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

**OUR CHURCH FAMILY:**

## This Week's Deep Q's with PB & J:

In what ways have you seen Christ in the words and actions of believers and churches from a culture other than your own?

**Please join us in celebrating the 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Jim & Jerri Honeyford this morning with cake after the service!**

**You're invited to a WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY planning session** after church on September 8<sup>th</sup>. Back by popular demand, we will be studying Luke by Kristi McIleland. She will be leading us through the book of Luke. We'll share the sign-up sheet at this meeting as well. Any questions, please call Jill Rouw at 360-333-2600.

**Mark your calendars!** Sunday, September 22 will be the official start of the Sunday School year for both children and adults. The education committee will be meeting in the near future – more details on the

exact date/time to come in the days ahead.

**THE NEW COMMITTEE LISTS ARE HERE!** They are on the shelves by the church mailboxes. Please pick one up today. There are a few changes, so be sure to look to see if you might have been added to a new committee.

**If you are on the Fellowship Committee,** plan to meet after church TODAY in the Council Room right after church for a brief meeting.

**We are still in need for 3 volunteers** to fill in dates for Sept. 15, Oct. 20 & 27 to pick up and bring Shirley Boonstra to church Sunday mornings. The sign up sheet is by the coffee. Thank you!

*“Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord,  
O my soul! I will praise the Lord as long as I  
live; I will sing to my God while I have my  
being” Psalm 146:1-2*

**We would like to invite you to join choir!** Our first rehearsal will be September 15. We look forward to an awesome year of ministering to the congregation through our music. Any questions, contact Joni Beezhold.

**Starting this week there will be a “Harvest Bounty Table” in the Fellowship Hall, where if you have more food from your garden or trees than you can use, you may place it on the table by the kitchen and share your blessings with others! Please bring your own bags to take produce home. and don’t forget to take the remainder home! Beth does not want to adopt 56 zucchini.**

**New Worship Service Schedule:** In a few weeks a new *Worship Service* Schedule will be put together for the months of November-April. The schedule usually includes each week’s organist, pianist, worship team vocalists, Scripture reader, sound volunteer, projection volunteer, and video volunteer. If you are currently not on the list of volunteers and would like to volunteer in any one of these roles - please let Beth know no later than Monday, Sept. 23. If you are currently on the schedule and would like to be removed from it please let her know that too. Generally speaking, the Worship Team practices at 9:30 AM on the Sunday morning they are scheduled to sing. Thank you!



**Pastor John has been HACKED!** This past Weds., (Aug. 28) Pastor John's Microsoft account and email address was locked due to a potential identity theft. A similar thing happened to his Facebook page earlier this summer. He has a new Facebook account, but he's currently in the process of trying to recover his email account. In the meantime until further notice the best way to contact him is by phone or text directly to 360-941-5902. Do not open email from him or send email to him until this situation is rectified. In the meantime, please pray for the hacker!

**Worship Service YouTube Links:**

August 25, 2024: <https://youtu.be/PCq1tHKDgr8>

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,

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

Sept. 1 – "Disobedience and Reluctance" (Jonah 1:1-16)

Sept. 8 – "Christ's Mission – Costly Discipleship" (Matthew 34-42)

**CALENDAR:**

**Greeters/Coffee Hosts:**

September 1: Dave & Nancy V., Bob P., Simon LC

Next week, Sept. 8: Joe & Juliana LC, Brad & Crystal DK

**Worship Team:**

September 1: Julie, Adriana & Tessa S.

Next Week, September 8: Eliot B., Heidi B., France B. & Emmalyn S.

**Nursery:**

September 1: Jeannette F., France B.

Next Week, September 8: Juliana LC & Ella VH

**Children in Worship:**

September 1: Tim VH, Myra VDB

Next Week, September 8: Sheri L., Macy VDP

**Upcoming Events:**

**Sun, Sept. 8 after the service: Women's Bible Study Meeting**

**Sun., Sept. 15 after the service: Choir Resumes!!**

**Sun., Sept. 22, 9:30am: Sunday School Resumes!!**

**ORGANIZATIONS WE SUPPORT:****Join us in walking to End Hunger in 2024!**

The 2024 CROP Hunger Walk will be held on Sunday, Sept. 29 at 2:00 pm. Please note the new starting location will be at First Christian Reformed Church, which is across the street from the Mt. Vernon Christian School where we have previously started. The 3.4 mile route will be the same, as we will walk through historic downtown Mt. Vernon up to the Lions Park and back along the riverwalk. There will also be a 1-mile family walk. Strollers and leashed dogs are welcome.

**CRC Communications:**

**Thrive Faith Formation Tip** - Labor Day marks the beginning of a new season of school, church life, and work. As you engage in new and familiar activities this week, reflect on where you see God at work. Where have you witnessed love in action? Where have you seen people who are sad and lonely being befriended, those who are in need receiving help, and those who are excluded included? Make a list of the ways you see God at work in your life and in the lives of the people around you, and give thanks to God for God's ongoing love for the world. Brought to you by Thrive: [crcna.org/Thrive](http://crcna.org/Thrive)



# 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:**

**Amy Stiles** was recently diagnosed with heart issues. Please pray for her heart to strengthen and heal.

“I am feeling better every day and want to thank you for all your prayers and acts of kindness of food and flowers.” **Eleanor Klunder**

Please keep **Crystal DeKok's** son Eric in your prayers as he heals from his dirt bike accident and subsequent surgery.

Please keep **Margaret Vander Pol** in your prayers, as she is home recuperating from a blood clot. Pray for Larry as he continues to walk alongside and care for Margaret.

Please continue to pray for those who have lost loved ones recently.

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

**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)**

### **Sunday August 25 - Indigenous Family Centre: Summer**

Thank you for the support we receive from the CRCNA. Please pray for the safety, health, and well-being of our community members during the hot summer months.

**Monday August 26 - *ReFrame: Burkina Faso***

Wendinda is a faithful listener to our French radio program in Kaya, Burkina Faso. She gives thanks to God for healing her home by freeing her husband from gambling and narcotics. She also thanks God for enabling her to open a hairdressing salon and to sell beauty products.

**Tuesday August 27 - *Thrive: Children and youth ministry***

Pray for children's ministry and youth ministry staff and volunteers in our churches as they prepare to return soon to fall-season programming.

**Wednesday August 28 - *Resonate: Nicaragua***

Many Resonate missionaries serve with the Nicaragua Christian Academy. "Praise God that this school continues to serve and impact the lives of many Nicaraguan, international, and missionary students and their families," said missionaries Jessica and Liam Starkenburg.

**Thursday August 29 - *World Renew: Sustainable solutions***

The World Renew team is passionate about meeting the deepest concerns of this world with the creativity and sustainability that only the great Creator and Sustainer can provide. Praise God for the exciting ways in which long-term solutions address issues of food insecurity and injustice. Pray for continued support for projects from tree planting to refugee resettlement that offer lasting solutions.

**Friday August 30 - *Calvinist Cadet Corps: New season***

The theme of our upcoming Cadet season, based on 1 Timothy 4:12, is "Lead the Way." We pray that this theme will challenge cadets and their counselors to be leaders in their clubs, churches, and communities. We pray that the boys and men of Cadets will "Lead the Way" as they live for Jesus.

**Saturday August 31 - *Diaconal Ministries Canada: Benevolence***

Deacons often find themselves on a treadmill of providing short-term financial help that doesn't seem to really change lives. Please pray for our new diaconal coach-at-large, Anja, who offers a Financial Life Coaching program—a more sustainable solution to enhance the benevolent work of deacons. Lives are being changed, and financial stories are being rewritten—praise God!