

Welcome to First Christian Reformed Church!
May 10, 2026, 10:30am Service
Pastor John Knoester

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

"Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;"

Prelude

Opening Video: Mother's Day Video

Welcome

*** Opening Hymn of Praise: LUYH #223 v. 1-4**

"Crown Him With Many Crowns"

1. Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne;
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own;
awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee
and hail him as thy matchless King
through all eternity.
2. Crown him the Lord of life,
who triumphed o'er the grave,
who rose victorious in the strife
for those he came to save;
his glories now we sing
who died and reigns on high,
who died eternal life to bring,
and lives that death may die.
3. Crown him the Lord of love;
behold his hands and side,
rich wounds, yet visible above,
in beauty glorified;
no angels in the sky
can fully bear that sight,
but downward bend their burning eyes
at mysteries so bright.

4. Crown him the Lord of years,
the potentate of time,
creator of the rolling spheres,
ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
for thou hast died for me;
thy praise shall never, never fail
throughout eternity.

Words: sts. 1, 3, 4 Matthew Bridges, 1851; st. 2 Godfrey Thring, 1874, alt., P.D.;
Music: George J. Elvey, 1868, P.D.; CCLI #678905

* Mother's Day Prayer

* Hymn of Thanksgiving: LUYH #348 v. 1-3 "*Great is Thy Faithfulness*"

1. Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
as thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Refrain

*Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

2. Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

Refrain

3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow—
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Refrain

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* God's Greeting/We Greet Each Other

"There is no shadow of turning with thee;"

Welcome/Announcements

Call to Confession:

The psalmist models a transparent faith with these words:
Search me, O God, and know my heart;
test me and know my thoughts.
See if there is any wicked way in me,
and lead me in the way everlasting.
We express our longing for God's leading
by our own transparent confession.

—based on Psalm 139:23-24, NRSV

Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance: Psalm 139: 13-17

Reader #1: ¹³For you created my inmost being;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.

Reader #2: ¹⁴I praise you because I am fearfully and
wonderfully made;
your works are wonderful,
I know that full well.

Reader #1: ¹⁵My frame was not hidden from you
when I was made in the secret place,
when I was woven together in the depths
of the earth.

Reader #2: ¹⁶Your eyes saw my unformed body;
all the days ordained for me
were written in your book
before one of them came to be.

Reader #1: ¹⁷How precious to me are your thoughts, O God!
How vast is the sum of them!

Call to Holy Living: Proverbs 1:8-9 and Proverbs 3:5-6

⁸Listen, my son, to your father's instruction
and do not forsake your mother's teaching.

⁹They are a garland to grace your head
and a chain to adorn your neck.

- Proverbs 1:8-9

- ⁵ Trust in the LORD with all your heart
and lean not on your own understanding;
⁶ in all your ways submit to him,
and he will make your paths straight.
- Proverbs 3:5-6

* Hymn of Thanksgiving: LUYH #17 v. 1-4 *"Beautiful Savior"*

1. Beautiful Savior! King of creation!
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love thee, truly I'd serve thee,
Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
2. Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands,
robed in flowers of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer;
he makes our sorrowing spirit sing.
3. Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight,
bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
than all the angels in the sky.

Acapella

4. Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations!
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,
now and forevermore be thine!

Words: Gesangbuch, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1873, P.D.;
Music: Schleissche Volslieder, 1842, P.D.; CCLI# 678905

Offering: General Fund

Offertory Video: *"Redemption"*

*(Following the conclusion of the video children ages 3-3rd^d grade
are dismissed for Children and Worship)*

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

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

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

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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"Thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not;"

Scripture Reading: Revelation 22:7-16

Prayer of Illumination

Message: ***"The Last Testimony of Jesus Christ"***

Time of Prayer

* Hymn of Application: Celebration Hymnal #337 v. 1-4

"Nothing but the Blood"

1. What can wash away my sin?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
What can make me whole again?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Chorus

*O precious is the flow
that makes me white as snow;
no other fount I know,
nothing but the blood of Jesus.*

2. For my pardon this I see,
nothing but the blood of Jesus.
For my cleansing, this my plea,
nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Chorus

3. Nothing can for sin atone,
nothing but the blood of Jesus.
Naught of good that I have done,
nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Chorus

4. This is all my hope and peace,
nothing but the blood of Jesus.
This is all my righteousness,
nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Chorus

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"As thou has been thou forever wilt be."

* We Confess our Faith: Apostles Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to hell.**

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended to heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen**

* God's Blessing

***Parting Praise: LUYH #302 v. 1-2 “Hear Our Praises”**

1. May our homes be filled with dancing,
may our streets be filled with joy.
May injustice bow to Jesus
as the people turn and pray.

Refrain

*From the mountain to the valley,
hear our praises rise to you.
From the heavens to the nations,
hear our singing fill the air.*

2. May your light shine in the darkness
as we walk before the cross.
May your glory fill the whole earth
as the water over the seas.

Refrain x2

*From the mountain to the valley,
hear our praises rise to you.
From the heavens to the nations,
hear our singing fill the air.*

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*** 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: May 10	Next Week: May 17
Sound:	Mardick S.	Mardy S.
Projection:	Beth B.	Emily Vh
Video:	Brandon S.	Isaac D.
Offering:	General Fund	Youth Group

First CRC

Bulletin Announcements

May 10, 2026

***The Deadline for Announcements this next week is
Thursday, 9:00 a.m.***

OUR CHURCH FAMILY:

Congregational Meeting Packets are still available in the Fellowship Hall by alphabet. If you are a member please pick one up today! If you are not, and you would like to see what is on the agenda/budget, there will be extras that you can grab as well.

Upcoming Profession of Faiths: Recently the council had the privilege of hearing the individual testimonies of faith of *Emmalyn Stevens, Zoey Mitchell, James Vogel, Justus Visser, and Evan Visser*. What a joy to hear the stories of how God has been moving in each one of their lives! We look forward to celebrating their public professions of faith with the entire congregation on Pentecost Sunday, May 24. In the meantime, please commit to praying for each one of these individuals as they prepare for this important milestone in their faith journey.

May 17, Sunday morning's 2nd offering will be for the Youth Group to help fund their summer trip to Anaheim, CA.

Donation Need: A lady Brooke knows recently left an abusive relationship, has a 4-year-old and just got into a new home. She is in immediate need of a freezer and washer and dryer (can be used but in working condition). If you are able to fulfill this need, please let Beth or Brooke know. Thank you!

There is a new sign-up sheet for volunteers to pick up and bring **Joy Faber** home from church each Sunday starting in the month of June. Please sign up if you can to do this blessing for Joy.

Congregational Meeting: Save the date! Monday, May 18 at 7pm is the date for our annual Congregational Meeting. Our annual church budget will be presented for approval and informational reports from various church committees will be presented. Meeting packets will be available to pick up in person in the fellowship hall following our morning service on both May 3 and 10. All packets not picked up by the 10th will be sent out in the mail on Monday, May 11. The Council presents the following nominees for the office of elder (2 open spots): Greg Boon and Kevin Kok. The Council presents the following three nominees for the office of deacon (2 open spots): Rich Knight, Cody See, and Bryan Van Beek. If you have any questions about any items on the agenda, please don't hesitate to contact your district Elder prior to the Congregational Meeting. Absentee ballots can be placed in Beth's mailbox by her office door.

Men's Breakfast Bible Study meets every other Tuesday morning and is currently working through the books of Samuel. **They will be next meeting this Tuesday, May 12, at 7:00 am at IHOP.**

Worship Service YouTube Links:

PM, May 3 Service: <https://youtube.com/live/fqKzPaf8Z6Q?feature=share>

First CRC's Worship Services are now being livestreamed! Go to our YouTube Channel at: <https://www.youtube.com/@1stcrcmv841>
You will see the option for the worship service Livestream there.

The GriefShare Support Group at Faith Community Fellowship has begun, but the lessons are not cumulative so participants can join at any time. Come any Tuesday from now through May 19 from 6 to 8 PM.

Eternal Glory

Dear Friends,

Throughout Advent we spent time reflecting on both the first and second coming of Jesus Christ. In the months to come I'd like us to think more deeply on the final judgement, the renewal and restoration of all creation, and the establishment of God's eternal kingdom and what that means for us as believers. Revelation 21-22 directly points us to the One who is the God of truth, the God of life, and the God of justice. The God who is currently in the process of making all things new! We will use the weeks before Lent to study Rev. 21 and then the weeks after to study Rev. 22. May God indeed lead and guide us as we engage in this study together.

In His Grace, Pastor John

1. Apr. 19 – *“The River of Life (Revelation 22:1-5)*
2. May 3 – *“Trustworthy and True” (Rev. 22:6-9)*
3. May 10 – *“The Last Testimony of Jesus Christ” (Rev. 22:10-16)*
4. May 17 – *“The Water of Life” (Rev. 22:16-17)*
5. May 31 – *“Coming Soon!” (Rev. 22:17-21)*

CALENDAR:

Greeters/Coffee Hosts: Today, May 10: Adam & Katie F., Joe LC
Next Week, May 17: randy & Peggy B., Keith & Jean R.

Worship Team: Today: May 10: Greg B., Julie S., Adriana & Tessa S.
Next Week, May 17: Kevin K., Eliot B., Heidi B., Ella VH, Jennaya B.

Nursery: Today: May 10: Brooke K., Macy VDP
Next Week, May 17: Glenda K. & Nellie VDH

Children in Worship: Today: May 10: Tim VH, Nolan B.
Next Week, May 17: Jennie & Riley VV

Volunteers to Pick up and Drive Home Joy Faber:
Today, May 10: Greg Ackermann
Next week, May 17: Melba DK

Family Visiting Tonight:

5:45 pm: Steve & Katie J., Jim & Jerri H., Harmen & Sue DJ

7:00pm: Keith & Jean R., Fred F., Jeannette F., Randy & Juli O.

Family Visiting June 14:

5:45 pm: Ryanne VDP, Terry & Mandi D., Bob DG

7:00 pm: Karen S., Henry & Jayne H., Kermit & Julie H.

8:15 pm: Wayne & Rhea D., Micah & Jennie VDV, Marjo R.

TODAY:

Sunday, May 10:

9:30 Sunday School Sunday School

10:30am Worship Service

NO Choir Practice

6:30pm: Youth Group

THIS WEEK:

Fri., May 15: GEMS Pinewood Derby

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Mon., May 18, 7pm: Congregational Meeting

ORGANIZATIONS WE SUPPORT:

Cascade Family Bible Camp – July 9-13 at Warm Beach Camp, Stanwood, WA Enjoy a faith-filled getaway with fellowship, worship, and fun activities for all ages! Hear inspiring speakers, engage in dynamic kids' programs, and take part in swimming, mini golf, sports, rock climbing, zipline, laser tag and more. Register today: <https://cascadefamilybiblecamp.org>

CRC ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Happy Mother's Day! Help Support Moms and Babies - Today we celebrate the love and devotion of mothers around the world. Your gifts to World Renew today will help equip moms to give their babies the best possible start in the first 1,000 days of life and help ensure healthy futures. Please give generously today—with your support, we can share God's love and change countless lives for generations. To learn more or give online, visit worldrenew.net/first1000days

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - Mother's Day - Women were the first to witness the resurrected Jesus, and they told others the good news of the living God. When you think about your faith journey, who are the women who have told you about God? This week take some time to journal, draw, or share with a friend or family member stories about the women who have had an impact on your faith. Consider writing a note to one of them or, if possible, visiting them and thanking them in person. Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

Kids Corner Devotions: The Letter of Acts - Check out this week's kids' devotion, "The Letter of Acts" at www.kidscorner.net. The book of Acts tells an exciting story that shows God's good news is for you—Jesus loves you, forgives you, and gives you his Spirit no matter who you are or where you're from. It reminds us that God wants everyone to know his love and share it with the world! Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like the Bible Story coloring pages available on the KC activities page.

Groundwork: God Creates - The theme of creation echoes throughout the Bible. Join our Groundwork conversation as we study Genesis 1, Revelation 21:22-24, Psalm 139:13-14, Hebrews 1:1-3, and Colossians 1:15-17 to discuss what this theme reveals to us about God's

character, love, and intentions. Then we'll consider our call to reflect God's creativity with our own as bearers of his image. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.



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 **Pastor Brad Diekema and his family**, as his father has recently been diagnosed with Stage 4 pancreatic cancer. Please keep Brad's father and the rest of the family in your prayers as they absorb the weight of this diagnosis and what lies ahead.

Please pray for **Julie Walker's husband, David**, who will be having tests done for some heart issues. Pray that the doctors will be able to determine the cause of his rapid heartbeat and how best to correct it.

Please pray for **Randy Burr**, as he is having issues with a heart valve. The doctors are performing tests to see what sort of treatment will be needed. Please pray for wisdom and grace for whatever the next steps may be.

Please continue to pray for **Jim Honeyford's** hip rehabilitation.

Please continue to pray for **Dena Klunder**, who is at United General for rehabilitation. Please pray that God will bestow grace, strength and courage for Dena and the family.

SHUT INS: Nell Annema and Shirley Boonstra at Birchview Memory Care in Sedro-Woolley; Marjean DeGroot at Mountain Glen in Mount Vernon; Martha Haarsma at home in Mount Vernon, Clarence Vander Griend at Home Place in Burlington; Sally Reehorn at Creekside in Burlington.

OTHER REQUESTS: (CRC Communications)

Monday May 4 - Church Renewal: Church planting

Pray that the Holy Spirit will ignite in the church and in the classes a desire to plant churches, to come alongside church planters, and to reach people with the good news of Jesus Christ.

Tuesday May 5 - Resonate Global Mission: South Africa

Missionary Megan Ribbens and her colleague Mosky in South Africa are beginning work with a group of teen girls at a ministry for orphaned and vulnerable children. These teens will be working through the Idea Lab ministry. "Please pray with us that this work will be infused with God's presence and provision," said Megan.

Wednesday May 6 - World Renew: Seasonal storm recovery

Please pray for families around the world who have lost their homes or livelihoods, and for organizations like World Renew working to respond and bring hope. Ask God for provision as people who have already been struggling with poverty must now rebuild because of disasters.

Thursday May 7 - CRC Communications: National Day of Prayer (U.S.)

Join Christians across the United States in prayer for the nation and the world. Pray for God's guidance and wisdom for world leaders and decision-makers, for peace, for food security, and for God's work and will to be done.

Friday May 8 - ReFrame: Prayer ministry

Nicole shares that her significant other recently passed away unexpectedly, leaving her to care for her two young daughters while navigating deep grief and uncertainty. Pray for strength, comfort, and peace, asking God to provide for her needs and to carry her and her children through this difficult time.

Saturday May 9 - Thrive: Students

Pray for the students in your congregation who are nearing the end of another school year. Pray for joy in education, fruitful friendships, and continued integration of faith and learning.

Sunday May 10 - World Renew: Mother's Day

We praise God for the blessings of the loving and caring moms and mother figures in our lives. We also think of mothers around the world who experience poverty and work tirelessly to care for their families. Please join us in praying for health, safety, and provision for mothers as they strive to improve their families' well-being.