

Welcome to First Christian Reformed Church!
June 21, 2026, 10:30 am Service
Guest Pastor Michael Kooy

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

"O Master, let me walk with thee"

Prelude

Welcome

*** Opening Hymn of Praise: LUYH 532 v. 1-3**

"Be Still, for the Presence"

1. Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here.
Come, bow before him now, with reverence and fear.
In him no sin is found; we stand on holy ground.
Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here.
2. Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.
He burns with holy fire; with splendor he is crowned.
How awesome is the sight, our radiant King of light!
Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.
3. Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.
He comes to cleanse and heal, to minister his grace.
No work too hard for him; in faith receive from him.
Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.

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*** Opening Prayer**

*** Call to Worship:**

Leader: The love of God has been poured into our hearts
through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us;

People: We dwell in him and he in us.

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name;

People: Make known his deeds among the peoples.

Leader: Sing to him, sing praises to him.

People: And speak of all his marvelous works.

Leader: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God almighty.

People: who was and is and is to come!

* Song 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

“In lowly paths of service free”

Welcome/Announcements

Call to Confession:

The proof of God’s amazing love is this:
While we were sinners, Christ died for us.
Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness,
so that we may receive mercy and find grace
to help in time of need.
Trusting in God’s faithfulness and compassion,
let us confess our sin before God and one another.

—based on Romans 5:8; Hebrews 4:16, NRSV

Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance:

When the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared,
he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done,
but before of his mercy. He saved us through the washing
of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit whom he poured out
on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that,
having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs
having the hope of eternal life. —based on Titus:4-8

Call to Holy Living/God's Law:

Our Lord Jesus said: “‘You shall love the Lord your God
with all your heart, and with all your soul,
and with all your mind.’

This is the greatest and first commandment.

And a second is like it:

‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’

On these two commandments

hang all the law and the prophets.”

—from Matthew 22:37-40, NRSV

* Song of Thanksgiving: LUYH 23 v. 1-4

“Children of the Heavenly Father”

1. Children of the heavenly Father
safely in his bosom gather,
nestling bird nor star in heaven
such a refuge e’er was given.
2. God his own shall tend and nourish,
in his holy courts they flourish.
From all evil powers he spares them;
in his mighty arms he bears them.
3. Neither life nor death shall ever
from the Lord his children sever;
for to them his grace revealing,
he turns sorrow into healing.

4. God has given, he has taken,
but his children ne'er forsaken;
his the loving purpose solely
to preserve them pure and holy.

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Offertory

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

"Tell me thy secret; help me bear"

* Song of Preparation: ***"How Long, O Lord, How Long?"***

- Sovereign Grace

1. O Lord, our God, to You we come
Will You still hide Your face?
We cry before You and on our knees we pray
How long, O Lord, how long?
2. Our sorrows leave us weak and worn
Surrounded by our fears
We look to heaven through feeble faith and tears
How long, O Lord, how long?

CHORUS

*Till Your glory fills our eyes
And our faith is turned to sight
Till our thirsty souls are satisfied
How long, O Lord, how long?*

3. Our foes and enemies rejoice
Injustice seems to reign
Lord, we are shaken and we are losing strength
How long, O Lord, how long?

4. But we will trust Your steadfast love
Your grace will be our song
You bring new mercies with ev'ry rising sun
How long, O Lord, how long?

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Scripture Reading: **Colossians 3:12-17**

Prayer of Illumination

Message: ***Fruit of the Spirit: Patience***

“the strain of toil, the fret of care”

Time of Prayer

* Hymn of Application: LUYH 325 ***“Oh Master, Let Me Walk with Thee”***

1. O Master, let me walk with thee
in lowly paths of service free;
tell me thy secret; help me bear
the strain of toil, the fret of care.
2. Help me the slow of heart to move
by some clear, winning word of love;
teach me the wayward feet to stay,
and guide them in the homeward way.
3. Teach me thy patience; still with thee
in closer, dearer company,
in work that keeps faith sweet and strong,
in trust that triumphs over wrong.
4. In hope that sends a shining ray
far down the future's broadening way,
in peace that only thou canst give,
with thee, O Master, let me live.

Words: Washington Gladden (1836-1918), P.D.

* We Confess our Faith: ***The Apostle's 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 Hymn of Praise: LUYH 482 ***Soon and Very Soon***

1. Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King!
Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King!
Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We're going to see the King!
2. No more crying there— we are going to see the King!
No more crying there— we are going to see the King!
No more crying there— we are going to see the King!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We're going to see the King!
3. No more dying there— we are going to see the King!
No more dying there— we are going to see the King!
No more dying there— we are going to see the King!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We're going to see the King!

4. Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King!
 Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King!
 Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King!
 Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We're going to see the King!

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* 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 21	Next Week: June 28
Sound:	Mardick S.	Henry VZ
Projection:	Emily VH	Tim H.
Video:	Tim H.	Maddie D.
Offering:	General Fund	General Fund

First CRC

Bulletin Announcements

June 21, 2026

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

OUR CHURCH FAMILY:

The Council has approved the request from Robert and Judy Adeline to transfer their memberships from our church to Whidbey Presbyterian Church. We wish the Adelines well with their church family in Oak Harbor.

NEW DATE! The July church potluck will now be on July 19th instead of the 5th. Please change that on your calendars!

Attention all First CRC Regular Attenders! Church Committees Update: Sometime in the month of July the Executive Committee will be meeting to update/approve our current church committee lists. When it comes to the various committees for our church family we do our best to recruit, but often it's more expedient simply 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, June 28. 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 - we don't know. When it comes to committee assignments we promise to do our best to match one's gifts accordingly. Thank you in advance for your willingness to serve!

There are quite a lot of slots open for volunteers to pick up and bring **Joy Faber** home from church each Sunday this summer. Please sign up to share this blessing for Joy.

Worship Service YouTube Links:

PM, June 14 Service: <https://youtube.com/live/iyWIEhO8q6M?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.

CALENDAR:

Greeters/Coffee Hosts: Today, June 21: Spencer & Janelle D., Katie J.
Next Week, June 28: Bob P., Eliot & Sue B.

Worship Team: Today: June 21: Kevin K., Eliot B., Heidi B., Ella VH
Next Week, June 28: Beth B., Linda G., Emma S.

Nursery: Today: June 21: Mandi & Maddie D.
Next Week, June 28: Macy VDP, Riley VDV

Children in Worship: Today: June 21: Angela & Kenzie S.
Next Week, June 28: Amy S., Sadie B.

Volunteers to Pick up and Drive Home Joy Faber:

Today, June 21: Judy V.

Next week, June 28: Mardick S.

Family Visiting July 12:

5:45 pm: Jon & Katherine VH, Henry & Sharon K., Weibe & Johnna VDH

7:00 pm: Robert & Judy A., Josh & Juliana H., Hank & Sylvia VZ

8:15 pm: Michelle DK, Lexi B., Sarah Z.

TODAY:

Sunday, June 21:

10:30am Worship Service

UPCOMING EVENTS:

NEW DATE! Sun., July 19: Church Potluck

Fri. & Sat., July 10-11: Ragnar Race using our parking lot

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:

Kids Corner Devotions: Tabitha: Community Builder - Check out this week's kids' devotion, "Tabitha: Community Builder" at www.kidscorner.net. Meet a kind helper who showed God's love by making clothes and caring for people in her neighborhood. When something amazing happened, the whole community celebrated, and many hearts were filled with joy! Discover how even small acts of kindness can make a big difference and how you can use your own gifts to help others. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like The Kids Corner Activity Book Collection.

Groundwork: The Power of God's Presence and A Call for Repentance - What happens when we think of God's presence as something we can manipulate to accomplish what we want? Join Groundwork as we study

1 Samuel 4:1-7:6, which offers us a warning not to cherish outward symbols of faith without also maintaining our inward, faithful obedience to the Lord, and invites us to return and surrender our hearts to him. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Wisdom in the Age of AI Conference - How should Christians respond to Artificial Intelligence (AI) in church, education, business, healthcare, and the arts? The Wisdom in the Age of AI Conference will be held at Calvin University October 8-10 and features top keynote speakers and parallel sessions dealing with each of these topics. For more information and to register to join the conversation, visit: <https://calvin.edu/wisdomAI>

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - Today is Father's Day. Spend some time today and throughout this week reflecting on passages from Scripture that describe God as our heavenly Father. Give thanks for all the ways in which you experience God's love on a daily basis, and for earthly fathers and role models who have demonstrated God's love in your life. Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive



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 **Sherrie Van Voorst**, as she recuperates from rotator cuff surgery.

Please continue to pray for **Pastor Brad Diekema and his family**, as his father has been diagnosed with Stage 4 pancreatic cancer.

Randy's aortic heart valve replacement procedure will be this Wednesday, June 24. It is the last procedure he will need to repair his heart and noticeably increase it's function. We give glory to God that medical technology has reduced the risk and recovery time for this type of procedure! We are also very grateful for all of you, our wonderful congregation, and for all of your prayers.

Psalm 23:4 Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me. - Randy and Peggy Burr

Please continue to pray for **Dena Klunder**, who is now at Josephine in Stanwood (Room #512) for rehabilitation. There is a RSV restriction currently in place, so please call ahead before you visit. Please pray that God will give Dena and John clear decisions as to where they will reside in the future.

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 June 15 - Church Renewal: Diversity

Revelation 7:9 gives us a picture of the beautiful tapestry of heaven, describing "a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language." Pray that our congregations, classes, and denomination may continue to grow in diversity, giving us a glimpse of what heaven will be like.

Tuesday June 16 - Candidacy Committee: Candidates presented at Synod 2026

Give thanks to the Lord for the 36 candidates for the ministry of the Word he has provided for our churches! Please ask the Lord to guide and strengthen these leaders as they discern their next steps.

Wednesday June 17 - Resonate: Synod

Please pray for delegates as they review a vision, strategy, ministry plan, and financial proposal for church planting across the denomination over the next 10 years. Pray for thoughtful discussion,

discernment, and unity around this important ministry, asking that God will use these efforts to help our churches reach more people with the gospel through new faith communities.

Thursday June 18 -ReFrame: Hong Kong

Pray for a welcoming project aiming to serve immigrants to Hong Kong from mainland China. Many of these immigrants are navigating cultural shifts and language learning as they search for community in a new environment. May this ministry provide practical assistance and spiritual warmth, helping people discover the hope of the gospel as they settle into a new home.

Friday June 19 - Thrive: Juneteenth

We pray, O Lord, for change. Jesus, you revealed God through your wise words and loving deeds, and we encounter you still today in the faces of people whom society pushes to the margins. Guide us, through the love you revealed, to establish the justice you proclaimed, that all peoples may dwell in harmony and peace, united by the one love that binds us to each other and to you.

Saturday June 20 - Edmonton Native Healing Centre: Thanks and trust

Father in heaven, as your children, we lift up our need for courage, trust, and unconditional love for one another as we seek to grow hearts in right relationship with Indigenous brothers and sisters. Thank you for your Spirit's leading in many joyful ways, even when our hearts have failed to hear you calling us to live as you have created us to be. Amen.

Sunday June 21 - Canadian Indigenous Ministry Committee: National Indigenous Peoples Day, Father's Day

Creator God, we thank you for the diverse Indigenous cultures of this land. Guide us in the work of reconciliation and justice. We also pray for fathers and father figures; equip them to lead with humility and Christlike love as we walk together toward your shalom.