

Welcome to First Christian Reformed Church!
June 28, 2026, 10:30 am Service
Guest Pastor Michael Kooy

* Please stand in body or in spirit.

"Take, O Take Me as I am"

Prelude

Welcome

* Opening Hymn of Praise: LUYH 571 v. 1-3

"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"

1. Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
to his feet your tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
evermore his praises sing.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise the everlasting King!
2. Praise him for his grace and favor
to his people in distress.
Praise him, still the same as ever,
slow to chide, and swift to bless.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Glorious in his faithfulness!
3. Father-like he tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame he knows.
In his hand he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Widely yet his mercy flows!

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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: ***"Mighty to Save"***

1. Everyone needs compassion, a love that's never failing;
let mercy fall on me.

Everyone needs forgiveness, the kindness of a Savior,
the hope of nations.

Chorus

Savior, He can move the mountains.

My God is mighty to save. He is mighty to save.

Forever, Author of salvation.

He rose and conquered the grave.

Jesus conquered the grave.

2. So take me as You find me, all my fears and failures;
fill my life again.

I give my life to follow, everything I believe in.

Now I surrender.

Chorus

Bridge

Shine your light, and let the whole world see.

We're singing for the glory of the risen King. Jesus!

Shine your light, and let the whole world see.

We're singing for the glory of the risen King.

Chorus

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* God's Greeting/We Greet Each Other

"Summon Out What I Shall Be;"

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:

The LORD is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

As a father has compassion for his children,
so the LORD has compassion for those who fear him.

For he knows how we were made;
he remembers that we are dust.

But the steadfast love of the LORD is from
everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him,
and his righteousness to children's children,
to those who keep his covenant
and remember to do his commandments.

—Psalm 103:8, 13-14, 17-18, NRSV

Call to Holy Living:

Leader: The God who saved us in Jesus Christ gave this law,
saying: I am the Lord your God! You shall have no
other gods before me.

People: We will worship the Lord our God and serve only him.

Leader: You shall not make yourself an image of anything
to worship it.

**People: Living no more in bondage to earthly gods,
we will worship the Lord our God in spirit
and in truth.**

Leader: You shall not misuse the name of the Lord.

**People: We will use the holy name of God with reverence,
praising him in everything we do and say.**

Leader: You shall observe the Sabbath by keeping it holy,
for in six days you shall labor and do all your work.

**People: This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice
and be glad in it.**

Leader: You shall honor your father and mother,
that you may live long in the land the Lord your God
is giving to you.

**People: As children we will be obedient to our parents
in the Lord; as parents we will correct our children
and guide them in the training and instruction
of the Lord. We will respect the lawful authorities
appointed by God.**

Leader: You shall not murder.

**People: We will be kind and compassionate to one another,
forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave us.**

Leader: You shall not commit adultery.

**People: We will use our bodies in ways that are holy
and honorable and abstain from immorality
and impurity.**

Leader: You shall not steal.

**People: We will do what we can for our neighbor's good,
and work faithfully so that we may share
with the poor.**

Leader: You shall not give false testimony against
your neighbor.

**People: We will speak the truth with our neighbor in love,
render judgments that are true and make for peace,
and not devise in our hearts any evil against anyone.**

Leader: You shall not covet anything that belongs
to your neighbor.

**People: We will be content whatever the circumstances
through the strength of Christ within us.**

Leader: Thus we must love our neighbor as ourselves.

**People: For the Lord requires of us to do justice,
to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God.
Amen!**

* Song of Thanksgiving: ***"His Mercy is More"***

1. What love could remember no wrongs we have done
Omniscient all knowing He counts not their sum
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore
Our sins they are many His mercy is more
2. What patience would wait as we constantly roam
What Father so tender is calling us home
He welcomes the weakest the vilest the poor
Our sins they are many His mercy is more
3. What riches of kindness He lavished on us
His blood was the payment His life was the cost
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

Chorus (2x)

Praise the Lord His mercy is more
Stronger than darkness new every morn
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

Our sins they are many His mercy is more

Offering: General Fund

Offertory

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

"Set Your Seal Upon My Heart"

* Song of Preparation: LUYH 741 ***"Take, O Take Me as I Am"*** (sing 3x)

Take, O take me as I am;
summon out what I shall be;
set your seal upon my heart
and live in me.

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Scripture Reading: **Ruth 2:1-20, Titus 3:3-7**

Prayer of Illumination

Message: ***Fruit of the Spirit: Kindness***

"And Live in Me"

Time of Prayer

* Hymn of Application: LUYH 672 v. 1,2,4,5

"O Come, My Soul, Sing Praise to God"

1. O come, my soul, sing praise to God your Maker,
and all within me, praise his holy name.
Sing praise to God, forget not all his mercies;
his pardoning grace and saving love proclaim.

Refrain

*Praise him, you angels, wondrous in might;
praise him, you servants who in his will delight.*

2. Good is the Lord and full of kind compassion,
most slow to anger, plenteous in love.
Rich is his grace to all who humbly seek him,
boundless and endless as the heavens above.

Refrain

4. We fade and die like flowers that grow in beauty,
like tender grass that soon will disappear;
but evermore the love of God is changeless,
still shown to those who look to him in fear.

Refrain

*Praise him, you angels, wondrous in might;
praise him, you servants who in his will delight.*

5. High in the heavens his throne is fixed forever;
his kingdom rules o'er all from pole to pole.
Praise to the Lord through all his wide dominion;
forever praise his holy name, my soul.

Refrain

Words: *Psalter*, 1912, alt., 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! Let all who take refuge in you be glad; let them ever sing for joy." Those are the words of the psalmist in Psalm 5:11. Whoever you are, wherever you are from, we welcome you and we invite you to "be glad" with us about God's goodness and mercy. Let us "ever sing for joy" and praise God with profoundly grateful hearts. 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 28	Next Week: July 5
Sound:	Henry VZ	Henry H.
Projection:	Tim H.	Emily VH
Video:	Maddie D.	Isaac D.
Offering:	General Fund	General Fund

First CRC Bulletin Announcements

June 28, 2026

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

OUR CHURCH FAMILY:

This week, Jacob and Ashley and little Jack Pottebaum will be traveling from Iowa arriving, Lord willing, in Washington mid-week to begin serving with us in ministry. Please pray for gracious goodbyes, traveling safety and a good transition. The Pottebaum's address will be 6012 Parkside Dr., Anacortes, WA. 98221.

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 21 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 28: Bob P., Eliot & Sue B.
Next Week, July 5: Mardy & Kristi S., Brad & Crystal DK

Worship Team: Today: June 28: Beth B., Linda G., Emma S.
Next Week, July 5: Henry & Pam VZ, Mandi D., Ella VH

Nursery: Today: June 28: Macy VDP, Riley VDV
Next Week, July 5: Jeannette F., & Maddie D.

Children in Worship: Today: June 28: Amy S., Sadie B.
Next Week, July 5: Jenny VDV, Lane VDH

Volunteers to Pick up and Drive Home Joy Faber:
Today, June 28: Keith & Jean R.
Next week, July 5: 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 28:
10:30am Worship Service

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Fri. & Sat., July 10-11: Ragnar Race using our parking lot
NEW DATE! Sun., July 19: Church Potluck

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>

Join Mid-America Reformed Seminary on October 2–3 at Bethel Church in Lansing, IL, for the **2026 Center for Missions and Evangelism Conference, *From Believing to Belonging: Hospitality and Evangelism in the Local Church***. Speakers include John Bouwers, Greg Bylsma, Jon Dennis, Alan Strange, Dale Van Dyke, Heather Watkins, and Eric Watkins. Learn more and register at www.midamerica.edu/cme/conference.

CRC ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Kids Corner Devotions: Paul and Silas: God Hears Me Anywhere! - Check out this week's kids' devotion, "Paul and Silas: God Hears Me Anywhere!" at www.kidscorner.net. Ever had a day where everything feels upside down? You can pray, sing, and trust God even when things are scary or hard. Try talking to God anywhere—at home, at school, or even while brushing your teeth—and see how He hears you every time! Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like The Kids Corner Activity Book Collection.

Groundwork: God Gives Israel a King - We want a lot of things in life. Some of those are good for us; some aren't. Some align with God's will for us, and some don't. Join Groundwork as we study 1 Samuel 8:1-10:24 to see what happens when God grants Israel's request for a king and discover how God is faithful, working behind the scenes even when his people make choices that don't align with his will. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - The Bible contains several stories of older and younger people being connected through mentoring relationships. This week spend time identifying people God placed in your life (teachers, elders, mentors, family members) who have been or who continue to be instrumental in your faith formation. Thank God for placing that person in your life, and reach out to them, letting them know the impact they've had. Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

Biblical Study Tour to Italy (April 12-22, 2027) - Visit the Vatican with its Sistine Chapel and St. Peter's Cathedral; the impressive monuments of ancient Rome; Hadrian's Villa; Pompeii and Mt. Vesuvius; the spectacular Amalfi Coast; and much more! Join Jeff Weima, professor at Calvin Theological Seminary and leading biblical scholar, for this

inspirational tour. Contact Dr. Weima
at weimje@calvinseminary.edu or 616-328-3110.



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 REQUEST:

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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 Burr's valve replacement went well. Randy is gaining strength and recovering as expected. Praise and glory to the Lord for His faithfulness, grace and mercies through the storm!

Continue to pray for **Dena Klunder** who was able to be released from Josephine in Stanwood Friday (June 26) and is now at her daughter, Julie Hamilton's house. She will continue to receive therapy in the weeks ahead. Please pray thanks for the recovery Dena has experienced and pray for continued restoration and strength.

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 22 - Church Renewal: Church planting and classes

Our classes are unique in some ways and similar to each other in other ways. May the Holy Spirit lead each class in the way that fits them into a new or renewed commitment to planting churches and reaching people with the gospel.

Tuesday June 23 - Resonate: South Africa

Resonate missionaries Tara and Arendt Bosman in South Africa give thanks that one of the young adults they've been mentoring decided to be baptized! Praise God! Please pray that this young adult may continue to grow as a disciple of Christ.

Wednesday June 24 - World Renew: Conflict

Pray for an end to violence and for the protection of civilians in conflict. Ask God to protect people who are most at risk and to provide safe care for survivors of sexual violence, torture, and trauma. Lift up World Renew partners and local churches offering practical help and a compassionate presence. Ask God to guide leaders toward peace, justice, and accountability.

Thursday June 25 - ThereforeGo Ministries: SERVE 2026

SERVE is under way, and we are already hearing amazing stories about how God is at work in the lives of students and in the communities they are serving. Please pray for safety and kingdom impact throughout the summer. Looking ahead to 2027, please pray for churches considering to host SERVE next year!

Friday June 26 - ReFrame: Today devotions

Monica, a reader of Today devotions, is being released from prison after six and a half years and will be returning home. Pray for a gentle transition as she settles back into life with her family and community. Ask God to surround her with a supportive network and to grant her peace and clear guidance as she begins this new chapter.

Saturday June 27 - Thrive: Safer churches

Please pray for Thrive's ongoing abuse prevention and response work. Pray for healthy churches where abuse of power, spiritual abuse, emotional abuse, and psychological, financial, physical, and sexual abuse are unconscionable and where solace and safety are provided for people who have experienced betrayal.

Sunday June 28 - *World Renew: Refugee Sunday*

Pray for people forced by war, persecution, disaster, and hunger to flee their homes. Ask God to provide safe shelter, food, clean water, and medical care and to bring healing from grief and trauma. Praise God for churches serving as host communities that welcome newcomers with compassion. Pray that political leaders may find just and durable solutions.