

Up ~ Stay Connected

August 16-23: Let's focus our prayer for Persecuted Believers on North Korea this week. Pray for North Koreans who have escaped to China to avoid imprisonment. Pray for families to be protected and reunited. For daily prayer: <https://www.opendoorsusa.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/August-2020-PFA.pdf>

Update on **Dorothy Triemstra:** Our Mrs. T is looking forward to being home with Grace following rehab after a fall and surgery.

Walt Ackerman's surgical procedure went well. We continue to pray for healing and recovery as Walt and Carol await the timing of the second surgery.

We pray comfort and peace for the family of **Henry and Miriam Zoetewey.** Henry's brother-in-law (Carolyn's husband Warren) died peacefully this week in California.

Please pray for **Darrell and Glenda Olson** and family. Darrell is not doing well and they anticipate moving him to hospice care.

Sara Millard has been in and out of the hospital all summer awaiting surgery. Please pray for wisdom for her medical team and a breakthrough in treatment. Pray for fresh hope, healing and encouragement.

IN ~ Disciple in Place

Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer's report is available in hard copy at the welcome tables, or view online: <file:Congregation%20Report.pdf>

OUT ~ Act Locally & Globally

Blood collection is an essential service that must continue, and we follow CDC-recommended **safety protocols** at our blood drives to ensure the health of all involved. First CRC Deacons are discussing holding a blood drive.

Long Term Volunteer Opportunity: Gentleman near 32nd and Wadsworth would like help with grocery shopping and reading mail. Contact Sheri for details at sherid@viadenver.org or call 303-713-9144.

Cookie Bakers needed: VIA is partnering with Jesus on Colfax once again. JOC volunteers bring your homemade cookies as they knock on motel doors and offer to pray with the residents. Drop your cookies off at the VIA office at 9185 E. Kenyon Ave. #130 or call Sheri at 720-441-2858 for other pick up options.

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Join the Team at World Renew! - Compelled by God's deep passion for justice & mercy, we join communities around the world to renew hope, reconcile lives, and restore creation - and we have some opportunities for you to join us in this work! Please visit: <https://worldrenew.net/careers> for more details about our current career and RFP opportunities: Human Resources Director, based in Grand Rapids, MI; Country Director, Haiti; and an RFP for a Freelance Justice Mobilizing Content Creator, based in the US.

Communion Service August 16th, 2020, at 9:00AM.

We are thankful to be having summer outdoor worship services at **9:00am** Sunday, August 16th, 23rd and 30th at **Denver Christian School: 3898 S Teller Street, Lakewood, CO 80235.** Please take time to review safety guidelines:

1. Everyone who attends the service is assuming their own risk, so should consider how to best protect themselves and their families while also respecting the differences that will mean for others and their families.
2. We're asking every attendee to check their temperature before leaving for the service in the morning as well as for symptoms of sickness. *If anyone in your household has a temperature of 100.4F or higher, a cough, shortness of breath/difficulty breathing, chills, muscle aches, sore throat, new loss of taste or smell, or other symptoms of sickness, stay home and look forward to coming to a future service.*
3. Please bring your own seating and shade if you have it, you'll be in the grass. You may also consider bringing cold drinks. Children in Worship will be available for pre-schoolers, and the playground will be available after service for those that are comfortable utilizing it. Also, please arrive early enough to have some time to find space and setup. Worship begins promptly at 9:00am.
4. Enter through the main entrance at Mansfield and Teller and park in the lower lots, unless you are handicap or need assistance, then park in the first lot to your left.
5. A welcome table will be set up at the gate to the playground to take individual communion elements (keep cool, so they do not explode), bulletins if needed (also provided electronically), and colored wrist bands (**please bring yours if you have one**). Take green if you are comfortable interacting with others with appropriate social distance, yellow if you are more cautious and want others to wear masks when talking with you, and red if you want to keep extra distance between yourself and others.
 - a. **Green Band:** "I'm so happy to see you again! Come on over and let's talk! (But with appropriate social distance)"
 - b. **Yellow Band:** "I'm happy to be here...but I'm a little nervous. Please keep your distance and keep your mask on when we talk."
 - c. **Red Band:** "I need my space. Please love me by giving it to me. Hopefully, we can catch up another time."
6. Masks are required in public when appropriate social distance cannot be maintained. If you choose not to wear a mask, please distance yourself at least 25 feet from other groups so that you can sing without putting others unnecessarily at risk.
7. On the other side of the playground, a bathroom will be available if needed, but only one person at a time, so please plan accordingly.

Sign-up to help with Outdoor services:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904044aaca72eabfe3-worship>

Link for Live streaming of the service on Sunday:

<https://youtu.be/twr1cgcvlZ4>



FIRST CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

DENVER, COLORADO

Sunday, August 16, 2020

*A Family of God Living Our Faith and Growing by Joyfully surrendering to Jesus, Freely sharing our lives and Humbly embracing the Hurting...
We sense God leading us to: Disciple in place, Stay connected and Act Locally.*

Gathering

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship: from Psalm 33

Sing joyfully to the Lord, you righteous;

it is fitting for the upright to praise Him.

For the word of the Lord is right and true;

He is faithful in all He does.

The Lord loves righteousness and justice;

the earth is full of His unfailing love.

By the word of the Lord the heavens were made,

their starry host by the breath of His mouth.

For He spoke, and it came to be;

He commanded, and it stood firm.

The Lord foils the plans of the nations;

He thwarts the purposes of the peoples.

But the plans of the Lord stand firm forever,

the purposes of His heart through all generations.

*Song: *We Sing the Mighty Power of God*

1 We sing the mighty power of God
that made the mountains rise,
that spread the flowing seas abroad
and built the lofty skies.

We sing the wisdom that ordained
the sun to rule the day;
the moon shines full at His command,
and all the stars obey.

2 We sing the goodness of the Lord
that filled the earth with food;
He formed the creatures with His word
and then pronounced them good.
Lord, how Your wonders are displayed,
where'er we turn our eyes,
if we survey the ground we tread
or gaze upon the skies.

3 There's not a plant or flower below
but makes Your glories known,
and clouds arise and tempests blow
by order from your throne;
while all that borrows life from You is ever in Your care,
and everywhere that we can be,
You, God, are present there.

*Psalm 33 continued...

We wait in hope for the Lord;
He is our help and our shield.
In Him our hearts rejoice,
for we trust in His holy name.
May Your unfailing love be with us, Lord,
even as we put our hope in You.

*Song: *I'll Not Be Shaken*

For God alone I wait in silence.
My soul is still before the Lord.
He is my rock and my salvation.
My fortress strong I trust in Him.

Chorus
I'll not be shaken, I'll not be shaken,
For all my hope is in His love.
From God alone comes my salvation.
I'll wait and trust His steadfast love.

Verse 2
Put not your hope in gain of riches.
Seek not your rest in empty wealth.
The rich are weak, the poor are mighty,
Who turn to God alone for help.

Verse 3
Pour out your heart, to God our refuge.
And trust in Him to hear you cry.
No other hope will never fail you.
No other love will not run dry.

*God's Greeting

Renewal

Prayer for Intercession and Gratitude

Song: *When Peace Like A River*

When peace like a river attendeth my way,
when sorrows like sea billows roll;
whatever my lot thou hast taught me to say,
"It is well, it is well with my soul."

Refrain
It is well with my soul;
it is well, it is well with my soul.

2 Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
let this blest assurance control:
that Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
and has shed His own blood for my soul.

3 My sin— oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!—
my sin, not in part, but the whole,
is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more;
praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

4 O Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
the trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend;
even so, it is well with my soul.

Offering: Benevolence

*If you would like to give to the ongoing ministry of First CRC as a part of your worship today, you can do so by mailing a check to First CRC, through the "Church Center" App, or by texting any amount to **84321**. Offering box will be available after the service (inside the gate).*

Word

Children In Worship Dismissal

Scripture: Genesis 45:1-15

Sermon

Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right for us to give thanks and praise.

With joy we praise You, gracious God,
for You have created heaven and earth,
made us in Your image,
and kept covenant with us—
even when we fell into sin.
We give You thanks for Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who by His life, death, and resurrection
opened to us the way of everlasting life.
Therefore we join our voices with all the
saints and angels and the whole creation
to proclaim the glory of Your name.

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

We give thanks to God the Father
that our Savior, Jesus Christ, before He suffered,
gave us this memorial of His sacrifice,
until He comes again.
At His last supper, the Lord Jesus took bread,
and when He had given thanks, He broke it
and said, "This is my body, which is for you;
do this in remembrance of Me."
In the same way, He took the cup after supper
and said, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood;
do this in remembrance of Me."
For whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
Therefore we proclaim our faith
as signed and sealed in this sacrament:

**Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

God of all power, send Your Holy Spirit upon us,
that in sharing the bread we may share in the body of Christ,
that in sharing the cup we may share in His blood.
Grant that, being joined together in Christ Jesus,
we may become united in faith
and in all things become mature in the one who is our head.

Invitation

Communion

Prayer

We bless you, O God, for gifts of bread and cup,
for sustaining us in hope, every day of our lives.
We pray for Your strength to prepare us now
for Your service as we offer to You
lives of witness and worship
in the world you have made.
Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Sending

*Sending Song: *Jesus Messiah*

Verse 1
He became sin who knew no sin
That we might become His righteousness.
He humbled Himself and carried the cross.
Love so amazing, love so amazing.

Chorus
Jesus Messiah, Name above all names,
Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel.
The Rescue for sinners,
The Ransom from heaven,
Jesus Messiah Lord of all.

Verse 2
His body the bread, His blood the wine,
Broken and poured out all for love.
The whole earth trembled and the veil was torn.
Love so amazing, love so amazing.

Bridge
All our hope is in You.
All our hope is in You.
All the glory to You God.
The Light of the world.

*Blessing

*Postlude