

## OUT ~ Act Locally & Globally

**Volunteers In Action** received the following requests for long-term volunteers.

- Woman requests a long-term volunteer visitor to discuss right wing politics and keep her company. Very sharp and interesting lady who will keep you smiling and add some spark into your life (Broadway & Littleton Blvd.).
- Veteran requests a visitor to keep him company and alleviate some loneliness in his life. He has a plethora of stories and experiences to share. Requirement: a listening ear and a sense of humor (6th Ave & Havana)!
- Gentleman needs transportation to purchase groceries and put them away in his home (32nd & Wadsworth).

**VIA** receives requests for one time help such as providing transportation to an appointment, simple home repairs, or light yard work. If you are interested in helping a neighbor in need on a one time basis or long term, please contact Sheri at 720-441-2858 or [sherid@viadenver.org](mailto:sherid@viadenver.org)

**VIA Car Ministry Restarting:** Volunteers in Action is restarting our **car ministry** program for the purpose of assisting those who need a reliable vehicle to get to their employment, but are not able to afford one. A generous volunteer has offered and agreed to help organize this ministry.

Donations for reliable used vehicles are being accepted and referrals for people needing a vehicle are being accepted from deacons, church staff and those of you who may know a neighbor in need. Please call 303-713-9144 for more information or to donate a vehicle.

## IN ~ Disciple in Place

**Barnabas Foundation:** Stewarding Relationships With Humility and Grace: complete newsletter with article from Jim Bakke of The Barnabas Foundation: <https://www.barnabasfoundation.com/blog/stewarding-relationships-with-humility-and-grace>

*"In James 4:10 we read, "Humble yourselves before the Lord, and He will lift you up." So recently, I have been challenging myself, and those I lead, to take a position of humility and grace as much as possible. One friend reminded me of the story of the stoning of Stephen, found in the seventh chapter of Acts. All of Stephen's opponents had their fists clenched around stones with great anger. Stephen, on the other hand, had his hands open, arms outstretched and his eyes pointed toward Heaven. My friend asked me, "Are you taking a position more like Stephen – or of those stoning him?" ~ Jim Bakke*

### **Deacon Update:**

Did you know that the second Sunday of the month offering is designated for Christian Education Assistance Fund (CEAF)? CEAF provides financial support to those families who value Christian education for their children. We truly appreciate your giving to this Kingdom building ministry. We are unable to provide this assistance without your giving. Please remember this ministry in your prayers and in your giving habits. The CEAF accepts offerings any time not just on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday, just note CEAF on your gift.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

The Treasurer's report is available in hard copy at the welcome tables, or view online: [fileCongregation%20Report.pdf](#)

## **Worship Outside: August 23<sup>rd</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> 2020, at 9:00AM.**

We are thankful to be having summer outdoor worship services at **9:00am** Sunday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> (as well as September Sundays), 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. Please arrive early enough to have some time to find space and setup. Worship begins promptly at 9:00am. *\*Note: we will not have as many tents up this week.*
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 on communion Sundays (keep cool, so they do not explode), bulletins if needed (also provided electronically) and colored wrist bands (**please bring yours if you have one**).
  - a) **Green Band means:** "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.

### **We need your help with Outdoor services:**

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

This link has been updated for volunteers through September.

### **Link for Live streaming of the service on Sunday:**

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC2pKBRog6bWCi2Sgl9VHa\\_g/videos](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC2pKBRog6bWCi2Sgl9VHa_g/videos)



**FIRST CHRISTIAN  
REFORMED CHURCH**

DENVER, COLORADO

*Sunday, August 23, 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

\*Call to Worship: from Psalm 104

Praise the Lord, my soul.  
**Lord my God, You are very great;  
You are clothed with splendor and majesty.**

He set the earth on its foundations; it can never be moved.  
He makes springs pour water into the ravines;  
it flows between the mountains.  
They give water to all the beasts of the field;  
the wild donkeys quench their thirst.  
The birds of the sky nest by the waters;  
they sing among the branches.

He waters the mountains from His upper chambers;  
the land is satisfied by the fruit of His work.  
He makes grass grow for the cattle,  
and plants for people to cultivate—  
bringing forth food from the earth:  
wine that gladdens human hearts,  
oil to make their faces shine,  
and bread that sustains their hearts.  
The trees of the Lord are well watered,  
the cedars of Lebanon that He planted.  
There the birds make their nests;  
the stork has its home in the junipers.  
The high mountains belong to the wild goats;  
the crags are a refuge for the hyrax.

How many are Your works, Lord!  
In wisdom You made them all;  
the earth is full of Your creatures.  
I will sing to the Lord all my life;  
I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.  
May my meditation be pleasing to Him,  
as I rejoice in the Lord.

\*Songs: *O Worship the King* LUYH 2

O worship the King all glorious above,  
O gratefully sing His power and His love:  
our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,  
pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

2 O tell of His might and sing of His grace,  
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.  
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,  
and dark is His path on the wings of the storm.

3 Your bountiful care, what tongue can recite?  
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;  
it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,  
and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

4 Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,  
in You do we trust, nor find You to fail.  
Your mercies, how tender, how firm to the end,  
our Maker, Defender, Redeemer and Friend!

5 O measureless Might, unchangeable Love,  
whom angels delight to worship above!  
Your ransomed creation, with glory ablaze,  
in true adoration shall sing to Your praise!

*This Is My Father's World* LUYH 21

1 This is my Father's world, and to my list'ning 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.  
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!

\*God's Greeting

## Renewal

Prayer for Renewal

Song of Assurance: *How Deep the Father's Love for Us*

1 How deep the Father's love for us,  
How vast beyond all measure.  
That He should give His only Son  
To make a wretch His treasure.  
How great the pain of searing loss,  
The Father turns His face away.  
As wounds which mar the Chosen One  
bring many sons to glory.

2 Behold the Man upon a cross,  
my sin upon His shoulders.  
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice  
call out among the scoffers.  
It was my sin that held Him there,  
until it was accomplished.  
His dying breath has brought me life,  
I know that it is finished.

3 I will not boast in anything,  
No gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom.  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ  
His death and resurrection.  
Why should I gain from His reward,  
I cannot give an answer.  
But this I know with all my heart,  
His wounds have paid my ransom.

Offering: **General Fund** *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: Exodus 1:6-21  
The Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

Sermon: *God of the Underdog*

Prayer for Application

## Sending

\*Sending Song: Take My Life

1 Take my life and let it be  
consecrated Lord to Thee.  
Take my moments and my days,  
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.  
Take my hands and let them move,  
at the impulse of Thy love.  
Take my feet and let them be,  
swift and beautiful for Thee.

2 Take my voice and let me sing.  
Always only for my King.  
Take my lips and let them be  
filled with messages from Thee.  
Take my silver and my gold,  
not a mite would I withhold.  
Take my intellect and use  
Ev'ry power as You choose.

Chorus:  
Here am I, **all** of me  
Take my life it's **all** for Thee.

3 Take my will and make it Thine.  
It shall be no longer mine.  
Take my heart, it is Thine own,  
It shall be Thy royal throne.  
Take my love my Lord I pour.  
At Your feet its treasure store.  
Take myself and I will be  
Ever only **all** for Thee.

\*Blessing

\*Postlude

## Up ~ Stay Connected

**August 23-30:** Let's focus our prayer for Persecuted Believers in the (DRC) Democratic Republic of the Congo this week. Pray protection from Ebola over widows/widowers and orphans, and against persistent military brutality. For daily prayer, visit: <https://www.opendoorsusa.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/August-2020-PFA.pdf>

Please continue to pray for **Darrell and Glenda Olson** and family. Darrell is not doing well and is being supported with hospice care.

We continue to pray for all receiving treatment for many forms of cancer.

We thank God for the privilege of education, and seek God's protection from fear and illness, over every child and adult re-entering school in person and through long distance learning. We ask for God's wise blessing upon administration, educators, staff and students. May joy and laughter be much a part of each day.

We pray for those placed in leadership positions in our Government for godly wisdom, moral integrity and discernment.

Please pray for all those we love in assisted and independent living, feeling isolated and alone. Pray for fresh ideas for caregivers to encourage safe fellowship and get residents into the beauty of creation.

**Teachers:** *Pre-school, Home-school, Elementary, Middle/High school or College Instructors:* First CRC would like to be sure we have you on our prayer radar. If you are teaching (any grade level), please tell us about your ministry to students and how we can best pray for you, and those you educate.  
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