

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

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.

Mission Partner Margaret Njuguna in Engedi. We are all fine and staying safe – we do our best and God does the rest. The infection rates in our country have been going down in the last week and recoveries continue to outnumber the infections. We thank God for this. Attendance to public events, including houses of worship, are now open to a maximum of 100 persons, with strict observation to health protocols. At En-Gedi, I opened up for the staff to take their usual offs, but still closed to visitors. We have a few children whose immunity is boosted by diet and sometimes medication, so we are extra careful. Otherwise, we are happy and enjoying each day. megnjuguna@gmail.com, www.En-Gedichildrenwithhope.org
Praises: 1) Praise God with us for His providence (His presence with us, great health for all of us and meeting our needs); 2) Praise God for peace and stability all around us, despite the challenges of the current times.

Prayer request: Pray that some normalcy returns to the world to enable people to visit each other. Before Covid-19 shutdown, I was expecting 3 teams of visitors and 5 different families from North America and I had also planned to spend September to November in the US and western Canada visiting with many of you. I had tens of Kenyan families who wanted to visit us, but were not able to.

Worship Outside: August 30th - September 27th, 2020, at 9:00AM.

We are thankful to be having summer outdoor worship services at **9:00am** this Sunday, as well as September Sundays, at the soccer fields on the campus of **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



FIRST CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

DENVER, COLORADO

Sunday, August 30, 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.*

*Welcome to worship! If you are new to First Church, thank you for joining us!
We would love to connect with you more. Please text "visitors" to 94000 so we can know how to get in touch.*

Gathering

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship from Psalm 68

Sing to God, sing in praise of His name,
extol Him who rides on the clouds;

rejoice before Him—His name is the Lord.

A Father to the Fatherless, a Defender of widows,
is God in His holy dwelling.

God sets the lonely in families,

He leads out the prisoners with singing;

but the rebellious live in a sun-scorched land.

Praise be to the Lord, to God our Savior,

who daily bears our burdens.

Our God is a God who saves;

from the Sovereign Lord comes escape from death.

Sing to God, you kingdoms of the earth,

sing praise to the Lord,

Proclaim the power of God,

whose majesty is over Israel,

whose power is in the heavens.

Praise be to God!

*Song: *Forever*

Verse 1 Give thanks to the Lord, Our God and King.

His love endures forever.

For He is good; He is above all things,

His love endures forever.

Sing praise, sing praise!

Verse 2 With a mighty hand and an outstretched arm,

His love endures forever.

For the life that's been reborn,

His love endures forever.

Sing praise, sing praise!

Chorus:

Forever God is faithful.
Forever God is strong.
Forever God is with us.
Forever, forever...

Verse 3:

From the rising to the setting sun
His love endures forever.
And by the grace of God
We will carry on.
His love endures forever.
Sing praise, sing praise.

*Song: *I Am Not My Own*

Verse 1:

This my only comfort in my life and in my death,
You have fully paid for all my sins and all my debts.
Even when I struggle to believe,
with Your precious blood You set me free.

Chorus:

I am not my own, but belong body and soul,
In my life and in death to You Lord, Christ my Lord.

Verse 2:

You preserve my life in such a way that without You
not a hair can fall from me unless You will it to.
Even when I'm lost in desperation,
all things work together for my salvation.

Verse 3:

Always by Your Holy Spirit, You assure me
of eternal life, and make me willing and ready,
Even when I can't see my way through,
from now on to always live for You.

*God's Greeting

Renewal

Prayer for Intercession and Gratitude

Song: *He Knows My Name*

Verse 1:

I have a Maker
He formed my heart.
Before even time began,
My life was in His hand.

Chorus:

He knows my name.
He knows my every thought.
He sees each tear that falls,
And hears me when I call.

Verse 2:

I have a Father.
He calls me His own,
He'll never leave me,
No matter where I go.

Offering: **Long Scraggy** *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 2:23-3:15](#)

Sermon: *The One Who Sees*

Prayer for Application

Sending

*Sending Song: *Let It Be Said of Us*

Verse 1:

Let it be said of us
that the Lord was our passion.
That with gladness we bore
Ev'ry cross we were given.
That we fought the good fight,
that we finished the course.
Knowing within us
The pow'r of the risen Lord.

Chorus:

Let the cross be our glory.
And the Lord be our song.
By mercy made holy,
by the Spirit made strong.
Let the cross be our glory,
and the Lord be our song.
'Til the likeness of Jesus
be through us made known.
Let the cross be our glory,
and the Lord be our song.

Verse 2:

Let it be said of us
We were marked by forgiveness.
We were known by our love,
and delighted in meekness.
We were ruled by His peace
heeding unity's call.
Joined as one body,
That Christ would be seen by all.

*Blessing

*Postlude

Up ~ Stay Connected

August 30 - September 6: Let's focus our prayer on Persecuted Believers in Iraq this week. Pray for safety at Syrian border checkpoints, where there are many reports of abductions. For daily prayer, visit: <https://www.opendoorsusa.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/August-2020-PFA.pdf>

We continue to pray for **Glenda Olson**. Here is a link with a biography of **Darrell Olson**: <https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/wheat-ridge-co/darrell-olson-9323912> The family of Darrell wishes to extend their sincere thanks to the staff at Holly Creek Meadows Memory Center, Suncrest Home Health & Hospice Services and Pastor Joel Schreurs of First Christian Reformed Church. Due to the ongoing Covid Pandemic, no formal services will be held. In lieu of flowers, Memorials may be given to Denver Christian School, First Christian Reformed Church or Holly Creek Employee Appreciation Fund.

We pray for swift healing of **broken bones**: arm, back and foot injuries, torn ligaments/muscles and dislocated shoulders. We ask God for pain relief, guidance in physical therapies and restored functionality.

We continue to pray for **Sara Millard**, Calvin Seminary student, hospitalized locally while awaiting more surgery for complicated medical issues. Help us shower her with encouragement and prayer. If you would like to send Sara a note directly, just email: saramillard85@ymail.com. To send an actual card or letter: First CRC *Attention Sara Millard, 1814 South Emerson, Denver 80210; we will get those well wishes safely to her.

We praise God for much needed rain; and pray restoration for **firefighters** in this region and beyond, as they continue to battle fires to protect homes and families. We pray for gentle rain.

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. email: connections@firstcrcdenver.org

September Missionary Birthdays

Ellen Broek - 9/2

Jonathan Cady - 9/15

Caleb Starkenburg - 9/26

Marian Cady - 9/26

IN ~ Disciple in Place

Handbook of Biblical Parenting - Teaching our kids to love God is the key calling of parenthood. "A Handbook of Biblical Parenting" from Family Fire empowers you to fulfill your most important responsibilities as a parent. Get the ebook when you subscribe at familyfire.com/parentinghandbook.

Save the Date for a **September 30th** Blood Donation Drive at First CRC! We will be hosting *Vitalant*. Look for details on screening, registration and opportunities to serve from our Deacons.