

Installation of Elders and Deacons:

Leaders who can help us walk with Christ are one of God's good gifts to us. Today our church family celebrates God's faithful provision of this good gift once again as we mark the ordination and installation of new elders and deacons, an event which took place at First CRC. [Click here to watch the video and to be introduced to our new elders and deacons.](#) If you missed this video, please take a few minutes to watch it this week! Pray for our humble Elder/Deacon teams. They have committed 3 years to serving our congregation and caring for us, with God's help:

ELDER

DEACON

Call the office if you do not know which Grow Group you are in, or email mrippetoe@firstcrcdenver.org.

GG# 1 North:	William Jensen	Suzanne Natelborg (Service Advocate)
GG #2 NE:	Milt Lanser	Donn Hansum (Deacon Chair & VIA)
GG #3 SE:	Dave Cady	Craig Lohmann (Secretary)
GG #4 South:	Cathy Van Donselaar	Davinia Lyon (Vicar)
GG #5 SW:	Jim DeHaan	Beth Posthumus (Benevolence)
GG #6 NW:	Fred Ritsema	Jill Newcombe (CEAF)
Treasurer:	Kyle Van Andel	Clerk: Sandie Posthumus

Up ~ Stay Connected

In July, we target prayer for Central Asia and the Middle East:
July 19-26: *Pray for House church leaders holding mountain retreats.*

We pray for **Dorothy Triemstra**, following hospitalization for emergency hip surgery, and for Grace as she cares for her. She expects to be moved to Clermont Park soon for rehab. Cards: 5505 Bails Dr., Denver, CO 80222

We continue to pray for healing and wellness for **Annelies Shivley**. Cards can be sent to: 1875 S. Fairfax, Denver, CO 80222

Please pray for clarity for **Sara Millard's** medical teams, protection and healing for Sara, and a renewed sense of God's love for her.

Mike and Deb Van Eps would like to thank everyone for cards, meals, kindness and prayer support. Chaplain Mike is doing great following IV antibiotic treatment, and back to preaching at Clermont Park on Sundays.

IN ~ Disciple in Place

The Pit Stop is available for groups of 10 to meet, with masks and 6 feet of distance. Email rebecca@firstcrcdenver.org, or call #303-733-4936.

All of our **Post High college** and career members are invited to a gathering at the Jonker's house (3690 East Dartmouth Ave, Denver) at **6:30pm** on **Thursday, July 30**. Food and games will be provided. Please RSVP to Pastor Bret if you can make it.

OUT ~ Act Locally

Local Ministry Opportunities:

Southeast GG: Would love your help to adopt 15 more *Blessing Boxes*! Decorate and fill a "paper-copier size" box (or plastic storage container) with: non-perishable food/ laundry items (no pods)/shower or bath supplies/paper products/snacks and toothpaste, activities for kids, notes of encouragement/gift cards, etc. Call the office #303-733.4936, 9-3 Tuesday-Friday, or email: connections@firstcrcdenver.org. Filled and decorated *Blessing Boxes* can be delivered to the office **July 21-24**, so SE GG can take boxes to Joshua Station July 25/26.

Family Promise Update - The Family Promise guests are still being housed in a local hotel. There is some hope that a few of the families will be able to move into a church in Lakewood in the next month, but Family Promise is also applying for grant funding that would allow them to shelter families in hotels for the rest of the year. A return to the normal congregational housing rotation that we are a part of might not happen for quite some time. Please keep Family Promise in your prayers as they navigate these difficult times while continuing to provide housing for families in need. Specific prayers for positive responses to their grant applications would be greatly appreciated. If you have any questions about Family Promise or would like to know more about their programs please contact Pastor Bret.

Ministry Shares: Please find a letter with a bit more information and clarification on ministry shares:

Dear First CRC Denver,

Thank you for First CRC's recent gift to ministry shares.

You are a Blessing! Thank you for your church's gift to ministry shares. Your gift makes it possible for us to share God's story of grace, hope and love. We could not impact the world through missions, media, and church development without your incredible and faithful support. To learn more about the work you support visit crcna.org/ministryshares.

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To Apply For or Support the [Covid 19 Church Engagement Fund](#)

For more information on the CRCNA's response to COVID-19 please visit our website crcna.org/covid19



FIRST CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

DENVER, COLORADO

Sunday, July 19, 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 and Opening Song: *Here Again* ~ Kyle Cooper and First Band

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship: Psalm 145:9-13a

The Lord is good to all;
He has compassion on all He has made.

**All Your works praise You, Lord;
Your faithful people extol You.**

They tell of the glory of Your kingdom and speak of Your might,
**so that all people may know of Your mighty acts
and the glorious splendor of Your Kingdom.**

Your Kingdom is an everlasting Kingdom,
and Your dominion endures through all generations.

*Song: *We Will Extol You God and King* LUYH 562

We will extol You, God and King,
and bless Your holy name.
Day after day we'll sing Your praise,
forever and forever.

Refrain: One generation will call to the next:
"Our God is good, and His hand is strong!"
All of the world sings His marvelous acts,
and our voice will join with theirs in the song.

2 Great is the Lord! In all His ways
He's greatly to be praised.
Were we to search for endless days,
His greatness none could fathom.

3 We contemplate the splendor of
the world Your hand has made.
Far greater still the majesty
we see in the Creator!

4 Now may Your name be sung in every tongue,
in every place.
Singing the fame of Your great love
in every generation!

*Psalm 145:13b-19

The Lord is trustworthy in all He promises
and faithful in all He does.
The Lord upholds all who fall
and lifts up all who are bowed down.
The eyes of all look to You,
and You give them their food at the proper time.
You open Your hand
and satisfy the desires of every living thing.
The Lord is righteous in all His ways
and faithful in all He does.
The Lord is near to all who call on Him,
to all who call on Him in truth.

*Song: *Sons and Daughters* (close to the Father's heart)

Verse 1: Before He spoke creation
The God of Heaven knew our names.
Formed in His reflection
We are His glory on display.

Pre-Chorus: And His heart is good
He is always kind.
With a cross He proved
He is on my side.

Chorus: We are the sons, we are the daughters of God.
No matter where we go
We're close to the Father's heart.
And though we stumble, He will not let us fall.
We are the Lord's and He will never forsake His own.
We are the sons, we are the daughters of God.

Verse 2: His love He lavished on us
And called us children of the King.
And in His loving kindness
He chose the lowly and the weak.

Bridge: When the lies speak louder than the truth
Remind me I belong to You.
When I can't see past the dark of night,
Remind me You're always by my side.

*God's Greeting

Renewal

Call to Prayer: *The Lord is near to all who call on Him.*

Prayer for Intercession and Gratitude

Song: *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* LUYH 348

Verse 1: Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;
as Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

Refrain: Great is Thy faithfulness!
Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed Thy hand hath provided.
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Verse 2: Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon and stars in their courses above.
Join with all nature in manifold witness
to Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

Verse 3: Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow—
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Offering: *We praise God for His provision by giving Him our financial gifts. 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 text any amount to 84321. An offering box is available inside the gate.*

Word

Scripture: Genesis 28:10-19a

Sermon: Pastor Joel Schreurs

Members of First CRC share how God has been present for them.

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.

Creator God, be present with Your life-giving Word and Holy Spirit,
that we and Your entire church may be called out and made whole
through this supper. Grant that all who share the communion of the body
and blood of Your Son may be united in Him.
And may we all remain faithful in love and hope
until we feast joyfully with Christ at the coming of the kingdom.

Invitation and Communion

Sending

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 Song: *Across the Lands* LUYH 775

Verse 1: You're the Word of God the Father
from before the world began;
every star and every planet has been fashioned by Your hand.
All creation holds together by the power of Your voice.
Let the skies declare Your glory; let the land and seas rejoice!

Refrain: You're the Author of creation,
You're the Lord of everyone,
and Your cry of love rings out across the lands.

Verse 2: Yet You left the gaze of angels,
came to seek and save the lost
and exchanged the joy of heaven for the anguish of a cross.
With a prayer You fed the hungry,
with a word You calmed the sea;
yet how silently You suffered, that the guilty may go free.

Verse 3: With a shout You rose victorious,
wrestling victory from the grave,
and ascended into heaven, leading captives in Your way.
Now You stand before the Father, interceding for Your own;
from each tribe and tongue and nation
You are leading sinners home.

*Blessing

*Postlude: reprise *Across the Lands*