

## IN ~ Disciple IN Place

Our high school youth group will have its first meeting of the year on Sunday, September 20, at Matt and Eileen Ruter's house from 5-7. We will be outdoors and hope to enjoy an evening of games and food while we talk about what this year's youth group will look like. If you have any questions please contact Pastor Bret: [bret@firstcrcdenver.org](mailto:bret@firstcrcdenver.org), or Eileen Ruter.

## OUT ~ Act Locally

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.

**Help Claire Help Kids:** *Bring items to the big green box at the Welcome table.* YFC Chaplain Claire Froehlich needs *Veggie Tales*, and similar type videos and books, for kids at Mt. View (ages 13-20) and Devereux (ages 8-15). We will be collecting through **October 31**, so individually wrapped candy, *Takis*, *Fire Cheeto's* and *cup-o-noodles* would be great.

If people have "gently used" sporting equipment to donate, we need: volleyballs, basketballs, cornhole, a foosball table, and Pickleball set. We are looking for things for kids **to do** at this time when they **cannot do** recreation with others. If you think of other sports or crafts, that would be excellent!" *Activities, sports equipment and toys can be brought to Sunday services. We have a Green Collection bin \*with windmills, at the welcome table. Claire can pick up larger items, just give her a call.*

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**Seasonal full time positions are available for qualified individuals at the processing center here in Colorado.** These are paid positions that will start mid-November. Please share this information with others seeking seasonal employment: [samaritanspurse.org/occseasonaljobs](http://samaritanspurse.org/occseasonaljobs).

Hiring event at our Englewood location:

When: October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020 from 10:00 am until 3:00 pm  
Where: Rocky Mountain Ministry Center  
8648 South Peoria Street  
Englewood, CO 80112

## From the Deacons:

1. The Deacons and Council of First CRC would like to sincerely thank you for your generous giving throughout this past season and especially during this time of the coronavirus and changes in our gathering together! Our church ended fiscal year 2019-20 with a positive cash flow of \$5,483 in the black. And we have started the new fiscal year out very well. Your generous financial gifts are needed to maintain First CRC's ministry efforts, and are greatly appreciated!
2. We encourage you to participate in our **First CRC Community Blood Drive** we are holding **Wednesday, Sept. 30th, 2-6pm at First Church, in Fellowship Hall.** If you can give blood, please call *Vitalant* directly (formerly Bonfils Blood Center) at: #303-363-2300 or visit [donors.vitalant.org](http://donors.vitalant.org) to schedule a time to give. We are planning to have volunteer greeters and helpers with set up/take down. If you can help that day, please call deacon **Suzanne Natelborg** at 303-601-4840 or sign up on the volunteer sheet on your way out of church today on the welcome table. *Please invite friends and neighbors to this community event!*
3. This Sunday, **Sept. 13**, our offering is for CEAF, (our Christian Education Assistance Fund). Our church's monthly commitment for assistance is approximately \$9,000.00. We are a bit behind in this fund, so we thank you for considering this in your giving.
4. **Benevolence Fund:** Due to the challenges that the COVID-19 crises has brought to almost every household, our Benevolence Fund may be of assistance to you or someone you know. Please contact your household deacon or Beth Posthumus, Benevolence treasurer. All requests are kept confidential.  
[Beth@firstcrcdenver.org](mailto:Beth@firstcrcdenver.org)

## September Missionary Birthdays

Jonathan Cady - 9/15  
Caleb Starkenburg - 9/26  
Marian Cady - 9/26

## Up ~ Stay Connected

**September 13-20:** Pray for strengthened faith for those rebuilding, and recovering from trauma, in Aleppo (Syria). *To download the Open Doors prayer calendar app: Text PRAYER to 32500*

We pray for successful knee replacement surgery, with full recovery, for Fred Ritsema this week. We pray for strength for Kathy as she cares for him.

We continue prayer for health and well-being for Mrs. T and Grace Triemstra.

Sara Millard was released to home in Pueblo, admitted to the ER there, and is awaiting transfer back to UC Health. We pray for guidance for her medical team.

We warmly welcome: Gordon and Carol Van Zanten, Renee Brenengen and Matt Sherrer as they join us for worship this summer.

Link for Today's service:

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC2pKBRog6bWCI2Sgl9VHa\\_g/videos](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC2pKBRog6bWCI2Sgl9VHa_g/videos)

Sign up to help:

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



**FIRST CHRISTIAN  
REFORMED CHURCH**

DENVER, COLORADO

*Sunday, September 13, 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/Announcements

\*Call to Worship from Psalm 106

Praise the Lord.

**Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good;  
His love endures forever.**

Who can proclaim the mighty acts of the Lord  
or fully declare His praise?

**He rebuked the Red Sea, and it dried up;  
He led them through the depths as through a desert.**

He saved them from the hand of the foe;  
from the hand of the enemy He redeemed them.

**Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel,  
from everlasting to everlasting.**

**Praise the Lord!**

\*Song: *To Our God*

Verse 1

Up from the ashes

Your love has brought us,

Out of the darkness and into the light.

Lifting our sorrows.

Bearing our burdens.

Healing our hearts.

Chorus

To our God we lift up one voice,

To our God we lift up one song,

To our God we lift up one voice,

Singing hallelujah.

(REPEAT)

Verse 2

Chains have been broken,

Eyes have been opened,

An army of dry bones is starting to rise.

Death is defeated.

We are victorious.

For You are alive.

Interlude  
Hallelujah  
Singing hallelujah  
Hallelujah  
Singing hallelujah  
Hallelujah  
Singing hallelujah  
Hallelujah

\*God's Greeting

People of God, from where does your help come?

**Our help comes from the Lord,  
the Maker of heaven and earth.**

Grace, Mercy and peace be yours in the name of the Triune God:  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**Amen**

## Renewal

Prayer for Renewal

Song: *Give Me A Clean Heart*

Give me a clean heart so I may serve Thee.

Lord, fix my heart so that I may be used by Thee.

For I'm not worthy of all these blessings.

Give me a clean heart, Lord, and I'll follow thee.

1 I'm not asking for the riches of the land.

I'm not asking for the proud to know my name.

Please give me, Lord, a clean heart,

so that I may follow Thee.

Give me a clean heart, Lord, and I'll follow Thee.

2 Sometimes I am up, and sometimes I am down.

Sometimes I am almost level to the ground.

Please give me, Lord, a clean heart,

so that I may follow Thee.

Give me a clean heart, Lord, and I'll follow Thee.

Offering: **CEAF (Christian Education Assistance 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: Christine Nibbelink teaching

Scripture: [Exodus 14:10-31](#)

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

Sermon: *Trust Issues*

## 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.

We pray in the name of Jesus, who taught us to pray:

**Our Father in Heaven,  
Hallowed be Your name,  
Your kingdom come, Your will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.**

**Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For Yours is the Kingdom, and the power,**

**and the glory forever. Amen.**

Song: *There Is A Redeemer* LUYH 833

1 There is a Redeemer,

Jesus, God's own Son;

precious Lamb of God, Messiah,

Holy One.

Refrain

Thank you O my Father,

for giving us Your Son,

and leaving Your Spirit till

the work on earth is done.

2 Jesus, my Redeemer,  
name above all names,  
precious Lamb of God, Messiah,  
hope for sinners slain.

3 When I stand in glory

I will see His face;

there I'll serve my King forever,

in that holy place.

Invitation

Communion

## Sending

Prayer

Loving God,

You graciously feed us

with the bread of life and the cup of eternal salvation.

May we who have received this sacrament

be strengthened in Your service;

we who have sung Your praises

tell of Your glory and truth;

we who have seen the greatness of Your love

see You face to face in Your kingdom.

For You have made us Your own people

by the death and resurrection of Your Son, Our Lord,

and by the life-giving power of Your Spirit. Amen.

\*Sending Song: *Cornerstone*

Verse 1

My hope is built on nothing less

Than Jesus' blood and righteousness

I dare not trust the sweetest frame

But wholly trust in Jesus' Name

(REPEAT)

Chorus

Christ alone cornerstone

Weak made strong in the Saviour's love

Through the storm He is Lord

Lord of all

Verse 2

When darkness seems to hide His face

I rest on His unchanging grace

In every high and stormy gale

My anchor holds within the veil

My anchor holds within the veil

Verse 3

When He shall come with trumpet sound

Oh may I then in Him be found

Dressed in His righteousness alone

Faultless stand before the throne

\*Blessing

\*Postlude