

Cascade Christian Reformed Church

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Rev. Timothy Toeset—Pastor

October 25, 2009

Morning Worship — 10:30 AM

You have **let go**
of the
Commands
of **God**
and are **holding**
on to the
traditions
of **men.**

Mark 7:8

Welcome to this service of worship. We gather to give praise and thanks to the one who has given us Christ Jesus, and through him all things. Let us rejoice before the Lord as we begin a new week, support one another in prayer, and challenge one another to live as children of God in our daily lives. Please join us for refreshments and conversation in the lobby following this morning's service.

Prelude.....Jean Hofkamp, Organ
Laurie Munneke, Piano

Welcome

*Opening Song: Psalter Hymnal # 239
“Amid the Thronging Worshipers”

*Call to Worship and God's Greeting

Pastor: The earth is the Lord's, for he made it:

People: **Come, let us adore him.**

Pastor: Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness:

People: **Come, let us adore him.**

Pastor: The mercy of the Lord is everlasting:

People: **Come, let us adore him.**

Pastor: Lord, open our lips.

People: And our mouths shall proclaim your praise.

Pastor: People of God, receive God’s greeting:
Grace and peace to you from God our Father
and from the Lord Jesus Christ
through the indwelling power of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

*Greet One Another

Time of Praise *(projected on front wall)*

“We Worship and Adore You”

“We Declare Your Majesty”

“I See the Lord”

“Hide Me in Your Holiness”

“White As Snow”

Morning Prayer

Offering: First.....General Fund
Second.....New Building Fund

(The offering is the opportunity for members of the church to give as God has blessed them for the ministries and causes the church has chosen to support. Visitors are invited to show gratitude to God for his gifts by giving as well, but are not expected to do so.)

*Song: Psalter Hymnal # 421 “Spirit Divine, Inspire Our Prayer”

(The children age three through kindergarten may be dismissed for Jesus’ Little Lambs.)

Scripture: **Mark 7:1-23** *(page 997)*

Message: **CLEAN AND UNCLEAN**

Prayer

Song: Psalter Hymnal # 591 “Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

*God’s Blessing

*Closing Song: Psalter Hymnal # 631:1, 3 “Praise and Thanksgiving”

Postlude

**Please Stand If Able*

OUR VISION
We at the Cascade Christian Reformed Church seek to be a fellowship growing in understanding of God and His Word causing us to reach out to those who are unchurched, desiring to bring them into fellowship with God.

October 25, 2009
The Good News of Jesus Christ
Clean and Unclean
Mark 7:1-23

Intro: Washing your hands can become a problem. People with exaggerated fears about germs or cleanness can wash their hands fifty times a day. How frequently should we wash our conscience, our souls, our religious self? Maybe the dirt is out there somewhere.

Mark is also dealing with an influx of “outsiders” to the Gospel. Are they clean, or not dirty enough?

Scribe’s Charge and Jesus’ Initial Response (vss. 1-8)

The Committee is still around.
This discussion is a big deal. God’s will vs. Tradition.
Technical explanation.

Tradition and Law in Conflict (vss. 9-13)

Common practice to use the letter of the law to set aside resources so that obligations to parents wouldn’t have to be met. One example of such practices.

What Is True Defilement? (vss. 14-23)

These words are addressed to the crowd.
Listen up!
Disciples didn’t get it.
We don’t either.

Who Cleanses Us from True Defilement?

Is this the new and improved version or is it grace?

CALENDAR

Today:	9:30 AM	Sunday School
	10:30 AM	Worship Service
	11:45 AM	Choir Rehearsal
	4:00 PM	Reformation Day Service at 1st CRC of Mount Vernon
Tuesday:	9:45 AM	Coffee Break Bible Study/Story Hour
Wednesday:	12:00 PM	Friendship Club Meeting
	7:00 PM	Jr. High Youth Group Meets at Church
Thursday:	7:00 PM	Deacons’ Meeting
Next Sunday:		AM Offering: General Fund PM Offering: Building Fund

THE CONGREGATION is encouraged to seek God’s presence for this time of worship with a moment of personal silent prayer after being seated.

TODAY WE WELCOME Rev. Harvey Brink who will be leading our morning worship service while Pastor Tim is on vacation. Next Sunday Rev. Gordon Terpstra will lead the morning worship service and Pastor Eric Likkel will lead the evening worship service.

JESUS’ LITTLE LAMBS is a ministry for children age three through kindergarten and is held during the morning service. The children may be dismissed during the singing of song # 421, “Spirit Divine, Inspire Our Prayer.” **Parents, please bring your children directly to the classroom. The congregation’s policies now require that only a child’s mother or father may pick up the child following the worship service.** The children will be in classroom 5.

THIS MORNING’S OFFERING is for the General Fund. The continued support of each member is the backbone of our working ministries. Without your faithful support we would not be able to carry out the mission our Lord gave us: “Make disciples of all nations.”

A SECOND OFFERING will be taken this morning designated for the New Building Fund. This is an additional offering intended to be over and above General Fund giving.

REFORMATION DAY SERVICE: In place of our potluck gathering this evening, take your family and friends to the Reformation Day Service at the First Christian Reformed Church of Mount Vernon at 4:00 PM. Meet with members from area CRC's to praise God in song and the ministry of the Word, led by Rev. Bill Renkema, interim pastor at First. A nursery will be provided.

MARV BOERSEMA will have cancer surgery on October 29. Pray that the surgery will go well and that he will recover quickly.

CONGRATULATIONS to Mary Van Klaveren who will celebrate her 80th birthday on Friday, October 30. We thank God for the many years he has given her.

THE OFFERING SCHEDULE for November is as follows:

	<u>AM</u>	<u>PM</u>
November 1:	General Fund	Building Fund
November 8:	General Fund	Christian Schools
November 15:	General Fund and New Building Fund	Sam and Anne DeJong
November 22:	General Fund	Everett Gospel Mission
November 29:	General Fund	Marysville Food Bank

ATTENTION, MUSICIANS: We are planning a Christmas musical concert for the second Sunday of Advent, December 6, at 6:00 PM. Those of any age are encouraged to participate. If you wish to present a musical number in this event, please contact a member of the Worship Ministry Team. We're looking for solos or ensembles, either instrumental or vocal. Start planning and practicing now. We are looking forward to praising God with our musical talents!

CHOIR: Everyone is encouraged to join choir. Along with the Everett First CRC choir, we will present the cantata, "Emmanuel—God With Us! A Contemporary Lessons & Carols," on December 13.

BIDS are being accepted at this time for janitorial services and for lawn care. If you are interested in either of these positions, please submit your bid by Thursday afternoon, October 29, to a member of the Property Ministry Team: Dave Boersema, Rick Poortinga, Henry Van Dam. You may also contact one of them for details and job requirements.

IT'S BUDGET TIME AGAIN. All church organizations and groups with financial needs supported by the General Fund are asked to submit their information for 2010 as soon as possible to the Ministry Team that oversees them. Ministry Teams are requested to submit their budgets to the deacons this month. If you have any questions regarding this process, please contact Bernie Sytsma.

YOUTH GROUP FUNDRAISER: The Youth Group will be selling restaurant cards for \$20 each beginning October 31. The value of the card is worth \$50 at selected restaurants. Talk to a youth group member to make your purchase.

REMINDER: Operation Christmas Child boxes are due November 15. A sample box and extra brochures are on the table in the foyer.

BLANKETS FOR BURMESE: Recent communication from Dr. Roger Butz requested aid for Burmese refugees, particularly "new arrivals" who fled their homes this summer. Many of these 5,000 refugees are not in camps authorized by the government but have been given temporary "unofficial" asylum. The area where they are settling is mountainous and can be quite cold and windy in winter. Refugees have been observed sleeping in near-freezing temperatures with bare feet and only a T-shirt and trousers for warmth. Please consider helping provide blankets for these Burmese refugees by Christmas 2009. One warm wool blanket can be purchased in Mae Sot or Chiangmai and delivered where needed for about \$3. A bundle of forty blankets as they come from the factory would be \$120. Contributions marked "Blankets for Burmese" will be 100% invested in those blankets if sent to: INCOR, PO Box 531, Kent, WA 98035-0531.

OPPORTUNITY TO HELP: In these times there are more homeless and needy among us than ever. For information on how you can encourage those in hard times, see the bulletin board in the foyer or call Patti Van Dyke (360-653-8355).

JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP, grades 6–8, will meet at church on Wednesday, October 28, at 7:00 PM.

THE FRIENDSHIP CLUB will meet at the Everett Christian Reformed Church at noon on Wednesday, October 28. We have important decisions to make; so if you want the club to continue, please come and let your voice be heard. Food and place settings will be provided.

HARVEST DINNER: Mount Vernon Christian School is hosting its annual Harvest Dinner on November 6 from 5:00 - 8:00 PM (senior citizen early bird meal starts at 4:30 PM) in the Elementary school's gym at 820 West Blackburn Road in Mount Vernon. Come and enjoy a turkey dinner with all the trimmings. Tickets may be purchased at the door and cost \$10 for adults and \$4.50 for children (K - 6th grade). Preschool students are free. Questions? Please call the Mount Vernon Christian School office at 1-360-424-9157.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: Spend part of your winter in sunny New Mexico! Rehoboth Christian School is seeking volunteers for a variety of positions. Please call Abbie at 1-505-726-9603 for more information.

POSITION OPENING for Disaster Response and Preparedness Manager: You can make a difference in the lives of disaster survivors around the world. The Disaster Response Team of the Christian Reformed World Relief Committee (CRWRC), an agency of the Christian Reformed Church in North America (CRCNA), is recruiting for a Disaster Response and Preparedness Manager based in Kenya or Uganda. This position requires a university-level education and work experience in project management, financial planning, and budgeting. For details please visit www.crcna.org.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: ServiceLink, the volunteer program of the CRC, has an urgent need for a volunteer to serve with CRWRC. The CRWRC field in Zambia is looking for a Farm Manager to serve for a one year term on a farm associated with a Christian University. For further information on this position, please contact ServiceLink at volunteer@crcna.org or 1-877-279-9994.

MOMENT FOR MISSIONS—*Urbana, A Landmark on the Road to Mission:* Twenty-five thousand college students with no classes to attend or papers to write may sound a little dangerous! In this case, the danger would be for the kingdom of darkness, because these students will be informed, inspired, and engaged to serve the Lord in missions. Some of those who attend Urbana hear a call to go as missionaries or have that call confirmed. Many are challenged to participate in other ways in God's mission because they have been to the premier missions convention in America, which happens only once every three years. Should you be one of them? For more information on the Urbana Missions Convention and the travel grant we offer, see our web site at www.crwrm.org.

NEW FROM FAITH ALIVE: Just in time for Advent, “Coming Home” is a new devotional that beckons you to “come home”—to enter God's house, welcome our Savior, and look forward to his second coming. Excellent for personal and family devotions. Available November 6. Preorder online at www.FaithAliveResources.org/Coming-Home or call 1-800-333-8300.

BACK TO GOD HOUR—*And God Lets Them:* Sometimes it feels like every time we try to live by faith, some fact of life glares us back in the face. How can we have faith when the world around us is flowing against the grain of that faith? Find out on the November 1 *Back to God Hour*. Visit BacktoGodradio.net to find a station in your area or to listen to a sermon. You can also download our podcast. No station in your area? Can't listen on-line? Call or e-mail us to request that a CD to be sent to you.

KIDS CORNER—*Past Imperfect*: Granny Gecko knows someone who has been in jail for a long time, but he says he is innocent. Help Lucille and Liz solve this mystery on this week's *Kids Corner*. *Kids Corner* is a member of the HisKids.net alliance—working together to provide quality entertainment for kids that is Christ-centered and Bible-based. Visit HisKids.net to find great Christian programs and music for kids.

CROSSROAD CONNECTION—*CBI Broadcast News!* Granholm loses a California prison deal, a pregnant woman is shackled during childbirth, China is hoping to curb the harvesting of prisoner organs, and much more that's in the news. Go to www.cbi.fm to listen to *Crossroad Connection*, a restorative justice ministry of Crossroad Bible Institute.

AREA OF MINISTRY	TODAY	NEXT SUNDAY
JESUS' LITTLE LAMBS 3-Year-Olds through Kindergarten	Kim Anderson Nic Anderson	Michele Poortinga Kyle Poortinga
NURSERY AM 10:15	Gertie Kwant Henny Bartholomeus Emma Sytsma	Evie Bates Joel Faber Parker Boersema
HOSTESSES	Ann Sinnema Cora Star	Karen Ruff Ginny Boersema
GREETERS (West Door)	Marge Toeset Betty Oosterwyk	Dirk & Eleanor Van Dyke
USHERS	Jim Boersema Andy Sytsma Dean Lampers	Eldon Wichers Jim Boersema Andy Sytsma
VIDEO	Jim Van Dyke	Jim DeGroot
SOUND AM PM	Ron Haveman	Ron Haveman Bernie Sytsma

CONVERSATIONS WITH GOD

Call **Bé Grimberg** at 425-609-1002 or e-mail her at JGrimberg@bardicgrove.org with your prayer items. Items received by Thursday evening will be included in Sunday's guide.

NEW CONCERNS:

- ✠ Pray for healing and relief from pain for Marge Johnson's friend Melody who injured her back.
- ✠ Pray for Jean Hofkamp's mother as she deals with the cancer diagnosis and for wisdom for the doctors as they determine treatment.
- ✠ Pray for healing for Esther Daniels who has neck problems.
- ✠ Pray that Esther Daniels will obtain the help needed when she moves.
- ✠ Pray for Sam and Anne DeJong as they begin their ministry in Uganda.
- ✠ Pray that Pastor Tim and Marge will have a safe and relaxing vacation.
- ✠ Pray for the Christian church in Austria and for their ministry in the Czech Republic.
- ✠ Pray for Al Van Putten who is recovering from a stroke.
- ✠ Pray for the safety of the missionaries we support and for a prosperous ministry.

CONTINUING CONCERNS:

- ✠ Pray that those who are considering nomination for church office will hear God's call.
- ✠ Pray for Gertie Kwant, Katie Hilker, and Linda Stuhr as they serve with Christian Reformed World Relief Committee Disaster Response Services in Port Arthur, Texas.
- ✠ Pray that justice will be done as Melinda Duty awaits the resolution of her work situation.
- ✠ Pray for Marge Johnson who is experiencing unexplained tiredness.

OUR EXTENDED FAMILY:

- ✠ Pray for Christian schools in the difficult economy.
- ✠ Pray for God's leading in the upcoming elections.
- ✠ Pray for healing for Sam DeJong's niece Grace, whose cancer has returned. Pray also that she may come to know the Lord.
- ✠ Pray for the victims of the recent natural disasters in Samoa, American Samoa, Indonesia, and the Philippines.
- ✠ Pray for safety for our missionaries and partners in Honduras and Guinea where there is political unrest.
- ✠ Pray for Victoria Crowley who had knee surgery while in Taiwan. Pray also for her mother Lita Crowley who recently had a stent put in.
- ✠ Pray for healing for Colleen Halverson following her auto accident.
- ✠ Pray that the surgery successfully removed the entire growth from Donna Dodgen's son Michael's optic nerve so that he will not need chemo. Pray also for his relationship with the Lord.
- ✠ Pray for families who are having difficulty keeping their children in Christian schools because of the economy.
- ✠ Pray for Colton, Jean Hofkamp's cousin's young grandson, who has acute leukemia. Pray also for the family as they deal with this.

PRAISE THE LORD:

- ☺ Give thanks that Gertie, Katie, and Linda are enjoying their work in Port Arthur, Texas.