

Cascade Christian Reformed Church

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The Joy of the Cross

February 21, 2010
Morning Worship — 10:30 AM

Welcome to this service of worship! Today is the first Sunday of the Lenten season, the time before Good Friday and Easter, when we focus on Jesus, on His great sacrifice, and on our love for our Lord. Please stay for refreshments and conversation in the lobby following the service.

Prelude.....Carol Haveman, Piano

Welcome

*God's Greeting and Call to Worship

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.**

Pastor: Let us worship God, who has done great things.

People: **We rejoice in our God, who made a way through
the desert of this world.**

Pastor: Let us worship God, who has caused streams of
mercy to flow in the wasteland.

People: **We are the people God has formed through
Christ; we worship him, and we rejoice!**

Pastor: Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

People: **We praise God for the grace that has saved us.
Alleluia! We rejoice!**

*Greet One Another

Time of Praise (*projected on front wall*)

"Here I Am to Worship"

"Once Again"

"I Come to the Cross"

"Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"

"In Christ Alone"

Time of Reconciliation

Call to Confession

Pastor: Search me, O God, and know my heart;

People: **try me and know my thoughts.**

Pastor: See if there is any wicked way in me,

People: **and lead me in the way everlasting.**
—Psalm 139:23-24, NRSV

Prayer of Confession

Pastor: Righteous God, in Christ you became sin for us.
You took what we are so that we might become
what you are. But we confess that often we ignore
our sin. We confess that we too often do not
confess. We keep silent about the sin that clings to
us. But our sins are too great a burden for us.
Forgive us. In Christ take away our iniquity.
You are our stronghold, our hiding place.

May we confess our sins, that we might then rejoice
and be glad in you and in the righteousness that
flows over us as a mighty stream of grace.
In Christ,

People: Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

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.)*

Children's Message.....Sharon Hanson

*Song: Psalter Hymnal # 474 "In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

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

Scripture: **Hebrews 12:1-3** (page 1193)
Message: **THE JOY OF THE CROSS**
Prayer

*Song: Psalter Hymnal # 373:1-4 "Lift High the Cross"

*God's Blessing

*Closing Song: Psalter Hymnal # 373:7 "Lift High the Cross"

Postlude

**Please Stand If Able*

Evening Worship - 6:00 PM

Prelude.....David Poortinga, Piano

Call to Worship

*Opening Song: People's Choice

*God's Greeting

Offering.....Pregnancy Resource Center

*(All checks without written designation for the above cause
will be applied to the General Fund.)*

Time of Sharing

Evening Prayer

*Song: Psalter Hymnal # 276

"Teach Me, O Lord, Your Way of Truth"

Scripture: **Ezra 3:7-13** (page 463)

Message: **GOD'S HOUSE**

Prayer

*Song: Psalter Hymnal # 510 "I Love Your Church, O Lord"

*God's Blessing

*Closing Song: Psalter Hymnal # 638

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Postlude

**Please Stand If Able*

CALENDAR

Today:	9:30 AM	Sunday School
	10:30 AM	Worship Services
	6:00 PM	
Monday:	7:00 PM	Elders Meeting
Tuesday:	9:45 AM	Coffee Break Bible Study/Story Hour
Next Sunday:		AM Offering: General Fund
	6:00 PM	Church Potluck/Fellowship Evening
		PM Offering: Marysville Food Bank

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

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 # 474, "In the Cross of Christ I Glory." **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. As we begin preparations today for Easter, may each of us be impacted with a fresh revelation of the sacrifice and love of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Please give as God has blessed you.

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.

THIS EVENING'S OFFERING is for Pregnancy Resource Center. As Christians we know the importance that God places on the unborn child. God said to Jeremiah: "Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you; and before you were born, I consecrated you." God knows all of his children. Please give generously to this important cause.

NEXT SUNDAY MORNING we will again have the privilege and opportunity to participate in the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Be sure to take time this week to prepare your heart and mind to come appropriately to the sacrament.

CHURCH POTLUCK/FELLOWSHIP EVENING: Reserve next Sunday evening, February 28, for our monthly potluck and fellowship evening. Please bring a favorite dish plus either a salad or dessert and your own table service. Drinks will be provided. Join us for this time of fellowship, learning, and sharing food together.

CHURCH DIRECTORY: A preliminary copy of the 2010 church directory is on the table in the foyer. Please verify your family's information. If it is correct, please mark it "OK." If any changes need to be made, please note them.

WOMEN'S RETREAT: The Cascade Women's Retreat will be held April 30 - May 1 at Sambica Retreat Center in Bellevue on Lake Sammamish. Registration begins today. The cost will be \$100 per person with a \$50 deposit due at registration. If you have any questions, please talk with Cheryl DeJong or Marge Toeset. Grants are available for those who may need financial assistance.

CHRISTIAN REFORMED WORLD MISSION'S PLUGGED-IN TO MISSIONS DVD set is a great interactive curriculum for churches looking for engaging materials for young adult and adult discussion groups. The unique cultures and religious settings of places like China, Mali, Mexico, and Haiti are highlighted in this set and, along with study guides, act as stepping stones for further discussions on faith. This six-DVD set is now marked down to \$100. Contact Faith Alive at 1-800-333-8300 or sales@faithaliveresources.org to place an order.

NEW CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH (CRC) SOCIAL WEBSITE: There's a new way to connect with other CRC'ers about the nuts and bolts of "doing church." It's called The Network, and with more than 40 topic areas you'll find something for everyone. Help get the discussion started by visiting www.crcna.org/Network.

CALVIN COLLEGE invites CRC ministry leaders, lay and ordained, to a June 15-17 conference entitled, “Reformed Mission in an Age of World Christianity.” This event is planned in conjunction with the June merger assembly of the Reformed Ecumenical Council and the World Alliance of Reformed Churches, hosted by the CRC on the campus of Calvin College. This is a global event with delegates from many continents. For further details, see <http://www.calvin.edu/go/rcc>.

CRWRC: The Christian Reformed World Relief Committee (CRWRC) is currently working on a long-term relief response for the people of Haiti. In so doing, they are looking for volunteer Structural Engineers with preference given to those designated as Professional Engineers and specialized in concrete buildings. The main objective is to inspect existing structures. If this is of interest to you or if you want further information, please contact ServiceLink, the denominational volunteer office, at 1-877-279-9994 or volunteer@crcna.org.

CRWRC CELEBRATES \$6 MILLION FOR HAITI: Thank you for your prayers and donations for the people of Haiti. Of the \$6 million CRWRC has received for Haiti Response, over \$3.6 million can be matched by government and other organizations, making even more help available. To read the latest about how CRWRC is using these donations in Haiti, please visit www.crwrc.org or follow us on Facebook or Twitter.

PRAYER REQUEST FROM BACK TO GOD MINISTRIES

INTERNATIONAL: Pray for a teacher in Henan who uses Back to God Ministries Chinese-English *Today* to share the gospel with students. He writes, “Your English World website is very helpful to me too, for I am also learning English myself, just a few steps ahead of my students.”

BACK TO GOD HOUR—*Why Do Good People Suffer?* The world around us is full of suffering and pain. Is suffering a punishment for our sin? Why do good people suffer? If God is loving and just, how can that be? Find out on the February 28 *Back to God Hour*. Go to www.BacktoGod.net for local stations and times.

KIDS CORNER—*Liz for the Win (3)*: Liz discovers that in order to defeat his enemy, he must give up all his weapons. Join Liz in solving his latest adventure on this week’s *Kids Corner*. Check out the *Kids Corner* website at www.kidscorner.net for stories, devotions, puzzles, and more.

CROSSROAD CONNECTION—*The Devil Made Me Do It?* This week Dr. David Schuringa consults with cult expert Matt Slick on the rise of Satanism and the occult in prison. Slick shares how to combat it but warns we’d better be prepared for “strange” things to happen! 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	Leanne Sytsma Emma Sytsma	Gertie Kwant Amanda DeJong
NURSERY AM 10:15	Michele Poortinga Michelle Statema Kyle Poortinga	Patti Van Dyke Linda Poortinga Austin Van Dyke
HOSTESSES	Jill Boersema Jacie DeGroot	Cheryl DeJong Marge Faber
GREETERS (West Door)	Dirk & Eleanor Van Dyke	Lloyd & Jean Hofkamp
USHERS	Jim Boersema Marv Boersema Dean Lampers	Eldon Wichers Jim Boersema Marv Boersema
VIDEO	Jim DeGroot	Zachary Smith
SOUND AM PM	Ron Haveman Ron Haveman	Phil Zylstra Bernie Sytsma

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.

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 for Dena Wichers' son Dale who recently had a heart attack.

CONTINUING CONCERNS:

- ✠ Pray for Michael Chadwick who will be having surgery to close a wound on his knee and surgery to repair a hernia.
- ✠ Pray for Minnie Pohlman who is recuperating from two recent strokes.
- ✠ Pray for guidance and direction in people's decision making.
- ✠ Pray for the youth groups and for their leaders.
- ✠ Pray for John DeGroot who is receiving treatment for prostate cancer.
- ✠ Pray for the spiritual health of the congregation in this new year.

OUR EXTENDED FAMILY:

- ✠ Pray for Elaine Van's sister, Hildred Einfeld, who is in a nursing home following a stroke.
- ✠ Pray for the Toeset's son-in-law Mark's stepfather, Don Peterson, who has been out of work for some time and is now experiencing health problems.
- ✠ Pray for the weak and vulnerable in Haiti.
- ✠ Pray for healing for Carol Hansen, English teacher at Mount Vernon Christian High School, who had surgery for a cancerous tumor. Pray that she will respond well to chemo and that soon she will be strong enough to return to teaching.
- ✠ Pray for Kathy Wishert's two children, Nathan and Christina, who are both currently unemployed.
- ✠ Pray for Don and Kathy Medema and the family as they mourn the death of their daughter Karla's three-month-old son, Jayden Wayman.
- ✠ Pray for healing for Ann Sinnema's brother Sidney who recently had heart surgery.
- ✠ Pray for the people of Haiti following the major earthquake and for those who are giving aid.
- ✠ Pray for our military personnel.
- ✠ Pray that peace will be restored to Jos, Nigeria. Thank God for his protection over all CRCNA-related missionaries and families.
- ✠ Pray for those around the world who are dealing with unusual winter weather.
- ✠ Pray for Jack Crombie, Dave Duty's friend, who is dealing with significant health issues. Pray also for his wife Dorothy.
- ✠ Pray for Cory Long's father who has lung cancer and is being cared for at home.