

Cascade Christian Reformed Church

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*The Joy of the Cross:
The Curtain Is Opened*

March 7, 2010
Morning Worship — 10:30 AM

Welcome! You are invited to worship with us in the quiet of prayer, in the joy of song, and in the desire to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. Please join us for refreshments and conversation in the lobby following this morning's service.

Prelude.....Jean Hofkamp, Organ
David Poortinga, Piano

Welcome
*God's Greeting

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

*Opening Song: "Come Into the King's Chambers"
(projected on front wall)

*Call to Worship

Leader: Let us worship God,
who reconciled us to himself through Christ.

**People: We are new creations;
the old has gone, the new has come!**

Leader: Let us worship God as Christ's ambassadors.

**People: Through us and through our worship
may we announce the good news to all.**

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

**People: Praise God! We are reconciled, redeemed,
renewed!**
—based on John 4:24; 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Time of Praise *(projected on front wall)*

"I Come to the Cross"
"The Highest Place"
"Grace Flows Down"
"Oh, How Good Is Christ the Lord"

Time of Reconciliation

Call to Confession
Prayer of Confession *(Unison)*

**Almighty God,
to you all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hid.
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you
and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Morning Prayer

Children's Message.....Bé Grimberg

Offering.....General 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 # 371 “Christ, the Life of All the Living”

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

Scripture: **Hebrews 10:19-25** (page 1191)

Message: **THE JOY OF THE CROSS:
THE CURTAIN IS OPENED**

Prayer

*Song: Psalter Hymnal # 479 “I Will Sing of My Redeemer”

*God’s Blessing

*Closing Song: Psalter Hymnal # 629 “Worthy Is Christ”

Postlude

**Please Stand If Able*

Evening Worship - 6:00 PM

Prelude.....Michele Poortinga, Piano

Call to Worship

*Opening Song: Psalter Hymnal # 95 “Now with Joyful Exultation”

*God’s Greeting

Time of Sharing

Evening Prayer

Offering.....Building Fund

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

*Song: Psalter Hymnal # 276

“Teach Me, O Lord, Your Way of Truth”

Scripture: **Amos 1** (page 905)

Message: **THE PROPHETS**

Prayer

*Song: Psalter Hymnal # 446 “If You But Trust in God to Guide You”

*God’s Blessing

*Closing Song: Psalter Hymnal # 185:1

“I Will Extol You, O My God”

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.

CALENDAR

Today:	9:30 AM	Sunday School
	10:30 AM	Worship Services
	6:00 PM	
Tuesday:	9:45 AM	Coffee Break Bible Study/Story Hour
Wednesday:	12:00 PM	Friendship Club Potluck
	7:00 PM	Executive Committee Meeting
	7:00 PM	Youth Group Meets at Church
Next Sunday:	AM Offering:	General Fund
	PM Offering:	Christian Schools

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 # 371, "Christ, the Life of All the Living." **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. Lent is a time of fasting and a period of penitence for many Christians. It is also a good time to forgo some earthly pleasures and to sacrifice our time, our prayers, and our money to the Lord. Let us remember and be thankful for the eternal sacrifice Christ made for us.

THIS EVENING'S OFFERING is for the Building Fund, which enables us to expand the church to meet the needs of the congregation and the community ... in a tribute to God's glory and grace.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER:

- Elaine Hammingh's lumpectomy surgery went well and the results were positive.
- Jeannette Nobach had successful surgery to implant a pace maker last week and is recovering at her home.

THE OFFERING SCHEDULE for March is as follows:

	<u>AM</u>	<u>PM</u>
March 7:	General Fund	Building Fund
March 14:	General Fund	Christian Schools
March 21:	General Fund and New Building Fund	Everett Gospel Mission
March 28:	General Fund	Marysville Food Bank (<i>potluck</i>)

MISSIONARY SUPPORT envelopes for March have been placed in your mailboxes. Our mission offerings this month will support the work of Matt and Kristy Faber at Rift Valley Academy in Kenya, Africa, where they teach and work with children of missionaries. Please consider how you can support them with your offerings and with prayer throughout this month. Envelopes can be placed in the offering at any time during March. Extra envelopes will be available on the table in the lobby.

EASTER EGG HUNT: For the last several years Cascade CRC has been blessed to minister to an average of 170 children at the annual Easter Egg Hunt. This year we will follow that tradition and have the annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 3. Over the past several years we have stuffed over 3,000 eggs for the event. It takes many bags of candy to stuff this many eggs, so candy is the greatest need. This year we are also asking the congregation to bring prizes for the event (Play Doh, Hot Wheels or Match Box cars, pens, pencils, colored pencils, crayons, coloring books, stuffed animals, sand buckets, bubbles, puzzle books, and any other prizes that you think will work). Please prayerfully consider how you might be involved. There are many ways you can help:

- Bring candy (small, individually wrapped)
- Bring new plastic eggs (we need to add and replace some)
- Bring prizes for the event (Target, Michaels, and Dollar Tree are great places to get \$1 prizes)
- Help stuff eggs on March 27
- Help on the day of the event
- Invite neighbors and friends
- Pray for the neighborhood children and their parents who will be attending

CHOIR PRACTICE for Palm Sunday, Good Friday, and Easter will begin today following this morning's worship service. Please join us so that we will be able to have a choir for those services.

YOUTH GROUP, grades 6–12, will meet at church on Wednesday, March 10, at 7:00 PM. Come, join us for fun and fellowship!

YOUTH GROUP: Make plans now to attend *Acquire the Fire*. This youth event is coming to the Everett Events Center on April 9 and 10. Invite your friends to join you! Tickets are \$25. If you plan to attend, let Joel Faber know and give him your ticket money by March 21 .

WOMEN'S RETREAT: The Cascade Women's Retreat will be held April 30 - May 1 at Sambica Retreat Center in Bellevue on Lake Sammamish. The cost will be \$100. \$50 is due at registration and the remainder is due by Sunday, March 28. Please make checks payable to Cascade Women's Ministries. If you have any questions, please talk with Cheryl DeJong or Marge Toeset. Grants are available for those who may need financial assistance.

THE FRIENDSHIP CLUB will meet for a noon potluck at the Everett Christian Reformed Church on Wednesday, March 10. Please bring a food dish to share and your own place setting. Tom and Hennie Slotemaker will show a video of their recent cruise through the Panama Canal.

HIGH SCHOOL SPRING PLAY: Mount Vernon Christian School presents the children's play, *The Princess and the Goblin*, on March 11, 12, and 13. Adapted from the novel by George MacDonald, this magical tale of young Princess Irene finding the strength to take on the world has proved to be one of the most enduring and influential of the great 19th century children's classics. Stuart Paterson's acclaimed stage version is packed with fun and adventure while retaining the depth and visionary power of the original book. Guarded day and night and made frightened of the sinister goblins who lurk under The Great Mountain, Princess Irene fears she may never be brave enough to live outside the high walls of her father's palace. Yet, guided by her mysterious old great grandmother who lives in the attic and protected by a fearless miner-boy and a fierce young dragon, she finds both freedom and romance. This rich and magical play for the whole family will be performed at 7:00 PM on March 11 and 12 and at 2:00 PM on March 13. All tickets are \$5. Contact Mount Vernon Christian School (360-424-9157) for ticket information.

EVERETT CHRISTIAN SCHOOL ANNUAL DRIVE KICK-OFF DINNER: Come participate in an evening of celebrating God's faithfulness to ECS and building a foundation for its future on March 19 at 6:30 PM in the Everett Christian School Gym. Enjoy a relaxed sit-down dinner and the opportunity to partner with ECS. Our guest speaker for the evening will be Ron Taylor, the Superintendent of Bellevue Christian Schools and a leader in Christian education for over 25 years. There is no charge for this event. Please RSVP at 425-259-3213 by March 12.

NEW CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH (CRC) SOCIAL WEBSITE: There's a new way to connect with others in the CRC about church ministries. You can ask questions, share experiences, get resources, read blogs, and more. It's called The Network, and it covers dozens of ministry areas and roles. Check it out at www.crcna.org/Network.

CHRISTIAN REFORMED WORLD RELIEF COMMITTEE (CRWRC)—*Chile Earthquake Response*: The government of Chile is working to restore order after a catastrophic earthquake hit on February 27. The quake measured 8.8 on the Richter scale and killed at least 700 people. CRWRC is responding. Donations to CRWRC's "Chile Earthquake Response" will be directed through Actions by Churches Together (ACT) to another Christian organization to provide emergency food and supplies. For more information or to make a donation, visit www.crwrc.org or call 1-800-55-CRWRC (27972).

PRAYER REQUEST FROM BACK TO GOD MINISTRIES INTERNATIONAL: Praise God that the study of his Word is making a difference in the lives of thousands of people in Africa. One woman wrote, "I thank God who has allowed me to find the CBC (Bible study). My prayer life has been renewed." Another woman wrote that she has committed to introduce the study to others.

BACK TO GOD HOUR—*How Strong Is God?* How can God be all-powerful when we go through so many painful events like cancer, untimely death, and other dreadful experiences? Can God be both good, and all-powerful? What does the Bible say? Find out on the March 14 *Back to God Hour*. Go to www.BacktoGod.net for local stations and times.

KIDS CORNER—*The Great Jewel Heist*: The Lizarardo Detective Agency is investigating a robbery, and all the evidence points to Grandpa Anole's twin brother. Is he guilty? Join Liz on this week's *Kids Corner* to solve the case! Then write to *Kids Corner* at P O Box 506, Worth IL 60482 or go to kids@kidscorner.net for your very own Bible study.

CROSSROAD CONNECTION—*What Makes a Prophet Mad?* Little makes the prophets more angry than when the poor cannot access justice in the courts. This week representatives from Campaign for Justice share what they are doing to fight for a fair public defense system. 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	Joanie Smith Grady Poortinga	Kim Anderson Nic Anderson
NURSERY AM 10:15	Leanne Sytsma Marge Faber Emma Sytsma	Joanie Smith Linda Stuhr Jasmine DeGroot
HOSTESSES	Irene Feddema Elaine Zonnefeld	Laurie Munneke Katie Hilker
GREETERS (West Door)	Eldon & Dena Wichers	Jim & Patti Van Dyke
USHERS	Dean Lampers Jim Boersema Marv Boersema	Eldon Wichers Dean Lampers Jim Boersema
VIDEO	Joel Faber	Jim Van Dyke
SOUND AM PM	Anson Statema Bernie Sytsma	Ron Haveman David Poortinga

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 Kayla Sytsma who will have a muscle biopsy tomorrow at Children's Hospital.
- ✠ Pray for Cora Star and the family as they mourn the death of her brother-in-law.
- ✠ Pray for Becky Van Dam's mother, Fern Cochran, who has been hospitalized.

CONTINUING CONCERNS:

- ✠ Pray for healing for Elaine Hamming following lumpectomy surgery.
- ✠ Pray for Shirley Perry who has a blockage in her right kidney and for the doctors as they decide how best to treat her.
- ✠ Pray for Michael Chadwick who will be having surgery to close a wound on his knee and surgery to repair a hernia.

OUR EXTENDED FAMILY:

- ✠ Pray for Becky Van Dam's father, John Cochran, who has been hospitalized with a brain aneurysm.
- ✠ Pray for the 11-year-old son of Patti Nobach's friend who is receiving chemo at Seattle Children's Hospital. Pray also for his family.
- ✠ Pray for Roland, Bill Vos' friend, who is being treated for bladder cancer.
- ✠ Pray for Sharon Hanson's relative, Donna Rae, who had another surgery for breast cancer.
- ✠ Pray for the group in Everett that is studying the works of John Calvin.
- ✠ Pray for safety and a meaningful time for Nadia Andrienas, Joe and Henny Bartholomeus' granddaughter, and her teammates who are on a two-year mission in Vietnam with ELIC (English Language Institute/China).
- ✠ Pray for Dena Wichers' son Dale who is struggling to recover emotionally and physically from a recent heart attack.
- ✠ 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 Kathy Wishert's two children, Nathan and Christina, who are both currently unemployed.
- ✠ Pray for healing for Ann Sinnema's brother Sidney who recently had heart surgery.
- ✠ Pray for our military personnel.

PRAISE THE LORD:

- ☺ Give thanks that the tumor on Cory Long's father's lung has shrunk and that he is doing much better.
- ☺ Give thanks that Minnie Pohlman was able to worship with us again.