

Cascade Christian Reformed Church

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May 9, 2010

Morning Worship — 10:30 AM

Welcome to a time of praise and worship of the Lord our God. Let us fill his house with songs of praise and feast upon his word. We especially welcome all visitors here today. May the peace and joy of the Lord be yours. Please join us for refreshments and conversation in the lobby following this morning's service.

Prelude.....Bé Grimberg, Organ
David Poortinga, Piano

Welcome

*Greet One Another

*God's Greeting

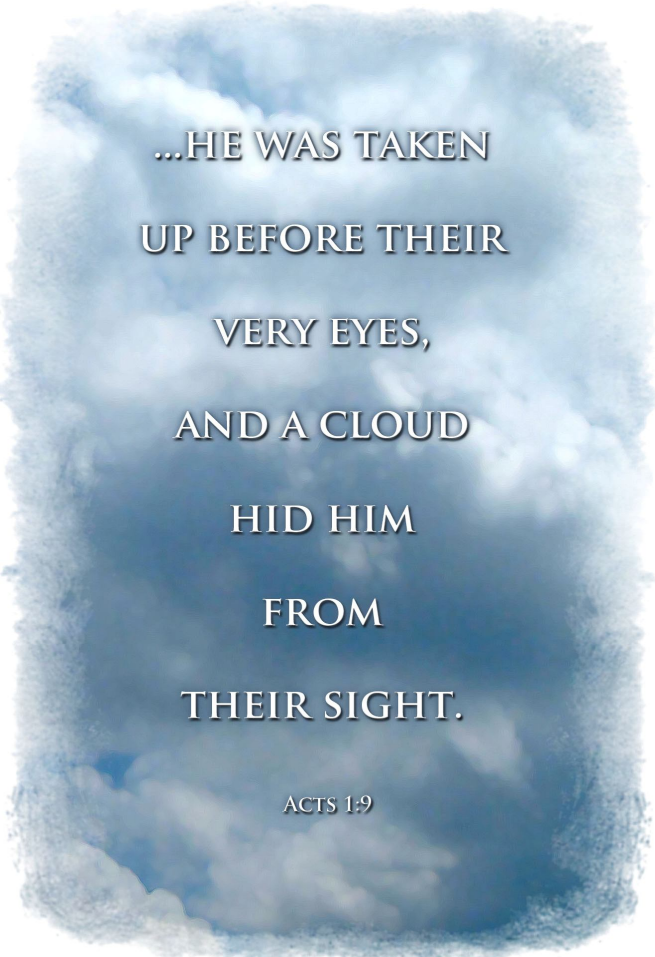
Pastor: People of God, receive God's greeting:
Grace and peace to you from God our Father
and from the Lord Jesus Christ
through the indwelling power of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

*Call to Worship

Leader: All peoples, clap your hands, shout your joy to God. For God Most High is awesome, great king of all the earth. God ascends the mountain to cheers and trumpet blasts. Sing out your praise to God, to the king, sing out your praise. For God rules the earth; sing praise with all your skill. God rules over nations, high on the sacred throne. Foreign rulers join the people of Abraham's God; all the powers of earth belong to God on high.

(Psalm 47 ICEL)



...HE WAS TAKEN
UP BEFORE THEIR
VERY EYES,
AND A CLOUD
HID HIM
FROM
THEIR SIGHT.

ACTS 1:9

Leader: God of the past, who has created and nurtured us,

People: we are here to give you thanks and praise.

Leader: God of the future, who is always ahead of us,

People: we are here to give you thanks and praise.

Leader: God of the present, who is here in the midst of us,

People: we are here to give you thanks and praise.

Leader: God of life, who is beyond us and within us,

People: we are here to rejoice in your glory and love!

Time of Praise *(projected on front wall)*

“King of Kings”

“All Hail King Jesus”

“To Him Who Sits on the Throne”

“You Are Crowned with Many Crowns”

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

A Litany for Ascension

Leader: Loving God, merciful Father, we wonder at your surpassing goodness, but we are discouraged by the evil we see in this world and in ourselves. We long to be your humble and faithful servants, but we always fall short. Even when we think we are doing your will, we are often deceived. How long before you bring an end to the world’s suffering?

People: How long, O Lord?

Leader: Amidst wars and conflicts, acts of hatred and violence, we wonder how we will ever hear your gentle whisper.

People: How long, O Lord?

Leader: We are driven and pulled under by our evil desires. We attempt to resist, but we fail utterly.

People: How long, O Lord?

Leader: We see hurting children and grieving parents, friendships broken and families torn apart, and we feel helpless.

People: Hear our prayers, O God of mercy.

Leader: How long, O Lord, how long?

[Moment of silence]

Leader: Then I heard a voice singing: “Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain. For Christ Jesus, who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us.”

People: Now, this is our assurance: Christ Jesus took on human flesh and became like one of us. And when he descended into hell, he gathered all of our sins to himself, taking away our burden of guilt. Then, after he rose from the dead, his perfect, resurrected body ascended into heaven, reuniting perfectly with the Father.

Leader: For, being fully God, Christ is not a sinful priest who must be purified. But being fully human, he understands our desires, our needs, our sorrow. He withstood temptation and suffering, and he receives our prayers with absolute empathy.

People: Hear our requests, perfect Savior, and receive our humble confessions. May the words of our prayers be a pleasing sound to the Father’s ears, through your intercession.

Leader: We trust in your unfailing love, Lord Jesus. We rejoice in your salvation. As we patiently await your coming again, let us act on the love you have

shown us and the gift you have promised. For we know that when you ascended, you did not leave us. You promised your Spirit to guide and protect us.

People: **May your church grow until the establishment of your kingdom here on earth. May we rejoice in your patient kindness and steadfast love. And may we remember your promises when all else fails.**

Leader: Now I know that the Lord saves his anointed; he answers them from his holy heaven with the saving power of his right hand.

People: **Praise be to the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Morning Prayer

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 # 414
"See, the Conqueror Mounts in Triumph"
(The children age three through kindergarten may be dismissed for Jesus' Little Lambs.)

Scripture: **Acts 1:1-14** (page 1077)
Message: **HIS ASCENSION**
Prayer

*Song: Psalter Hymnal # 408 "Rejoice, the Lord Is King"
*God's Blessing
*Closing Song: Psalter Hymnal # 406:1 "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"

Postlude

**Please Stand if Able*

Evening Worship - 6:00 PM

Prelude.....Carol Haveman, Piano

Call to Worship

*Opening Song: Psalter Hymnal # 449
"O Righteous, in the Lord Rejoice"

*God's Greeting

Time of Sharing

Evening Prayer

Offering.....Christian Schools

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

*Song: Psalter Hymnal # 528 "Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak"

Scripture: **Jeremiah 1 & 28** (page 746)
Message: **A TRUE PROPHET**
Prayer

*Song: Psalter Hymnal # 165 "Send Out Your Light and Your Truth"
*God's Blessing
*Closing Song: Psalter Hymnal # 632 "To God Be the Glory"

Postlude

**Please Stand If Able*

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
	7:00 PM	Worship Ministry Team Meeting
Wednesday:	11:05 AM	Friendship Club Mystery Trip
	7:00 PM	Cascade Youth Meets at Church
	7:00 PM	Deacons Meeting
Next Sunday:	AM Offering:	General Fund and New Building Fund
	PM Offering:	CRWRC

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 # 414, "See, the Conqueror Mounts in Triumph." **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. In the Psalms King David tells us to wait on the Lord; there is hope in his Word. If we are not ready to give to the work of the Lord, how shall the lost find him? Pray that God will use this offering to bring people into the kingdom and the family of believers.

THIS EVENING'S OFFERING is for Christian Schools. Psalm 78 says that we should tell the next generation of the glorious deeds of the Lord, of his might, and of the wonderful things he has done. This should be done so that the generations will put their trust in God. We can certainly continue this commission by giving generously to Christian schools.

ALLAN WOLFF appeared before the Executive Committee of Council to reaffirm his faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. We are happy to welcome Allan into full membership in Cascade Church.

THANK YOU for all of your prayers, cards, visits, and concern shown to me. I am doing well and hope to be in church soon. Please continue to pray for me. —Gus Roodzant

BETHANY BANKS: The deacons will be distributing the Bethany Banks after the service this morning. Please deposit your spare change in the banks during the next several weeks. Banks will be collected on Sunday, June 20. All money collected will be given to Bethany Christian Services to support the work they do with children and families. Thank you for supporting this ministry!

MISSIONARY OFFERINGS in May are for Cal and Jamie Hofland. Envelopes can be found in your mailbox or on the table in the lobby. Your gifts may be placed in the offering bags any time during the month of May. Thank you for supporting the Hoflands' work in Guinea, West Africa.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS) IS COMING! Mark your calendars for the evenings of July 12 - 16 and get ready for a "High Seas Expedition!" Watch for more information coming soon!

THE OUTREACH MINISTRY TEAM will need your help this summer, so please mark these events on your calendars and keep these dates available to participate in these Outreach Activities:

- Canvassing for VBS in the church neighborhood on Sunday, July 11 after the AM service
- Fun Day on Saturday, September 4

CASCADE YOUTH GROUP meets this Wednesday. Bring your great ideas for a one-event outreach to our community. You will select the one you want this Wednesday, May 12, 7:00 - 8:30 PM, in the youth group room. A fun team-building/trust-building/communication-building event is planned.

THE FRIENDSHIP CLUB will have its final meeting of the season on Wednesday, May 12. Please meet at 11:05 AM in the parking lot of the Everett Christian Reformed Church for the Mystery Trip. We will share rides, and food will be provided.

THE MAYFLOWER CHOIR from Holland is touring western Canada and will be in concert May 11 at Queens Avenue United Church (529 Queens Avenue, New Westminster) and on May 12 at the Free Reformed Church (3386 Mount Lehman Road, Abbotsford). Both concerts begin at 7:30 PM. Donations of \$10 per person or \$25 per family are being requested to cover the cost of their tour.

RETIREMENT OPEN HOUSE: Mount Vernon Christian School invites you to join them as they honor Mr. Dennis DeKok at a retirement open house on Saturday, May 15, from 2:00 - 5:00 PM (820 West Blackburn Road, Mount Vernon). Mr. DeKok has served forty-four years in Christian education as a dedicated teacher and as a coach and athletic director. Mr. DeKok has been instrumental in the development of the MVCHS athletic program as well as a member of the WIAA. We would like to take this opportunity to thank him for his service.

APPRECIATION DINNER: Pastor Joe Strong has been a church planter among us for ten years now and currently pastors churches in Mount Vernon and in Lynden! There will be an appreciation dinner for Joe Strong on June 5 at the Mount Vernon Christian School elementary gym. The music will start at 5:30 PM, and a pulled pork and chicken dinner will be served from 5:45 - 6:30. RSVP by sending a postcard response or by calling 360-336-2405. Please come prepared to bless the ministry.

CASCADE FAMILY BIBLE CONFERENCE: Mom doesn't have to cook at Cascade Family Bible Conference. Warm Beach Camp has recently renovated their meal service to include a family friendly buffet. Join us July 8 - 12 for an inspirational weekend without having to do the dishes. Registration forms are available on the table in the foyer or at www.cascadefamily.org.

WORLD MISSIONS Career Opportunities: Christian Reformed World Missions (CRWM) has three long-term openings available: two in West Africa and one in Asia. In West Africa openings exist for a Recording Studio Director and for a teaching team (two same-gender singles or a married couple) to tutor CRWM missionary children living in a remote location. In Asia CRWM seeks a leadership trainer (M.Div. preferred) to provide theological training and support for churches. For more information contact Lorraine Woodward at lwoodward@crcna.org or visit www.crwmm.org/serve.

GROUNDWORK—*Money and Faith:* Money is a fact of life. We need it not only to supply our basic needs but to buy those things we want as well. But is money good, evil, or neutral? Is there a spiritual aspect to money or is it simply an economic tool? Join the conversation. Tune in to Groundwork on May 16; find a local radio station or listen online at www.GroundworkOnline.com.

KIDS CORNER—*Past Imperfect:* Granny Gecko knows someone who has been in jail for a long time, but he claims he is innocent. Is he telling the truth? 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—*Why Tiger Needs the King:* This week's "letters from Prison" celebrate Ascension Day. See how the reign of Christ is not only helping inmates but can also help famous athletes. Go to www.cbi.fm to listen to *Crossroad Connection*, a restorative justice ministry of Crossroad Bible Institute.

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.

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	Patti Nobach Marge Toeset Kayla Van Kooten	Michelle Statema Cora Star Paige Boersema
HOSTESSES	Eleanor Van Dyke Linda Poortinga	Dena Wichers Myrna Boersema
GREETERS (West Door)	Eldon & Dena Wichers	Dean & Harriet Lampers
USHERS	John Schneider Dean Lampers Marv Boersema	Eldon Wichers Jim Boersema John Schneider
VIDEO	Joel Faber	Zachary Smith
SOUND AM PM	Anson Statema David Poortinga	Phil Zylstra Ron Haveman

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 Irene Van Kooten's sister Pam who has received news that her cancerous tumor is again growing.
- ✚ Pray for healing for Kristy Faber following surgery.
- ✚ Pray for healing for Tammy Miller's mother Jean who is in rehab at the Marysville Care Center following acute renal failure.
- ✚ Pray for healing and a full recovery for former Pastor Dick Vriesman who experienced a stroke and has returned to the care center in Lynden.

- ✚ Pray for healing for Katie Hilker following surgery.
- ✚ Pray for a full recovery for Gus Roodzant's grandson who was involved in a motorcycle accident.
- ✚ Pray for those affected by the break-in at Mount Vernon Christian School. Pray also for those who committed this crime.
- ✚ Pray for full healing and strength for John Hamming who recently had a small stroke.
- ✚ Pray for Elaine Hamming who is dealing with chemotherapy and shingles. Pray that her treatments will be effective.
- ✚ Pray for Jean Hofkamp's aunt as she visits Jean's mother. Pray that the radiation and chemo treatments she receives after she returns home will be effective.
- ✚ Pray for those affected by the weather in the Southeast.
- ✚ Pray for John Jacobson who is experiencing renal failure possibly caused by his leukemia medication.

CONTINUING CONCERNS:

- ✚ Pray for healing for Dong Ho and Terry Kersaan who recently had cataract surgery.
- ✚ Pray for healing for Gerard Oosterwyk who is at the Marysville Care Center recovering from colon surgery.
- ✚ Pray for Barb Overcash following an auto accident.
- ✚ Pray that Sylvia Schneider may know God's peace while she resides in a care center.
- ✚ Pray that God will inspire our youth group and leaders to be passionate about serving and pleasing him.
- ✚ Pray for Gus Roodzant who is recovering at home from a stroke.

OUR EXTENDED FAMILY:

- ✚ Pray for the Hofkamp's daughter Denise who is experiencing stress. Pray that God will show his grace and that others will help her.
- ✚ Pray for those impacted by the volcano in Iceland.
- ✚ Pray that Jean Hofkamp's mother's pain is not due to bone cancer.
- ✚ Pray that the doctors will be able to determine and treat the cause of the internal bleeding that Lloyd Hofkamp's father is experiencing.
- ✚ Pray for healing for Mary, the sister of Lloyd Hofkamp's sister-in-law, who has cancer.
- ✚ Pray for Carol Haveman's nephew Dan whose health is failing. Pray also for his family.
- ✚ Pray for healing for Cindy who has pneumonia.
- ✚ Pray that Stu Johnson's sister Susan will be freed from leg pain. Pray that the doctors will be able to find and remedy the problem.

PRAISE THE LORD:

- ☺ Give thanks that the women's retreat went well and that everyone had safe travels.
- ☺ Give thanks that the Faber family arrived in Washington safely and for God's provisions for them.