

San Jose Christian Reformed Church

“God’s love to us, God’s love through us...”

May the Lord bless us all as we worship Him this morning.
Pastor Mike Van Hofwegen will be preaching for us today.
We extend a warm welcome to all our visitors!

Sunday, April 22, 2007
Celebrating as God’s People
Third Sunday of Easter

Celebrating God’s Greatness and Love

Prelude: Our preparation for Worship

Welcome & Greetings: Elder Jake B.

Offering Praise to God: *“Great is the Lord”*
“Celebrate the Lord of Love”

Call to Worship: Praise and Prayer

Call to Worship (Leaders begin, congregation responds):

Leader 1:

The Lord Jesus who calls us to worship him today
is the same Jesus who refused the temptation
to worship the evil one.

Leader 2:

Rather than receive the glorious kingdoms of this world,
he endured the shame of the cross,
and today is Lord of lords and King of kings.

Leader 1:

Now are gathered in him all the treasures
of wisdom and knowledge, glory, and power.
With the saints of all ages we say,

All say:

**“Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain,
to receive power and wealth and wisdom
and strength and honor and glory and praise!”**
“Worthy is the Lamb”

Congregational Prayer: Elder Jake B.

Children ages 3 through grade 6 leave us for “Kids’ Life”

Offerings to God: Surrender in Gratitude and Love

Offering Ourselves: *“Shepherd of my Soul”*

Deacon’s Prayer

Offering Our Gifts: Church Ministry Fund

Special Offering: Ministry Shares

Instruction from God’s Word

Reading: John 21:1-19

Message: **“Loved and Restored”**

Prayer

Leaving to Serve

Song: *“He is Able, More Than Able”*

Blessing

Closing Song: *“My Life is in You, Lord”*

If you are a first time visitor today, please complete a “Communication Card and stop by the welcome table in the back of the sanctuary for a gift and information packet. Everyone, please join us for coffee and refreshments in the Social Hall. Classes for children and youth begin at 11:00 am.

Next Sunday at SJCRC

April 29, 9:30 AM: Worship Service – Kevin Adams will be preaching. Special Offering: Mt. Hermon. Please join us for “Coffee Time” after the morning worship service. Classes for children and youth at 11:00 am.

From Your Worship and Arts Team

Easter begins a series of Sundays called “Second Sunday of Easter,” “Third Sunday of Easter,” and so on, also including Ascension Day and Pentecost. The Easter season of the Lectionary focuses on our new life in Christ, exploring the meaning of Jesus’ resurrection for our lives as disciples. Belief in the resurrection is at the center of the Christian faith. All other beliefs hinge on the resurrection. During this time the readings of the Easter Lectionary guide us to discern the meaning and significance of Jesus’ resurrection. They also guide people in applying this understanding to their lives as disciples of Jesus Christ today.

The readings help us:

- To identify the core teachings on the resurrection and present a theological reflection on the resurrection
- To value and appreciate the meaning and significance of the resurrection for the Christian faith and our own lives as disciples of Jesus Christ, and
- To discern how we will live the experience of the risen Christ through prayer, participation in worship, service to those in need, and the witness of a Christian life. (From “Great Vigil of Easter and Easter Day principal service”, by Sarah Dylan Breuer)

From the Council

The Council presents to the membership of San Jose Christian Reformed Church the following individuals for consideration and selection to the offices of Elder and Deacon. This year we need to select two Elders and two Deacons to replace those whose terms are ending. The voting is scheduled to take place immediately after our morning worship service on May 6th.

Elders: Jacob V., Henry M., Tom B.

Deacons: Bruce B., Mike B., Scott V.

From the Deacons: March Offerings

CMF (Church Ministry Fund) \$30,559.26 – Praise God for your faithful giving!

Special Offerings, March.: Faith Promise: \$5,470.00

Ministry Shares: \$530.00

San Jose Family Shelter: \$150.00

Community Pregnancy Center: \$70.00

Home Missions: \$454.50

Church News and Announcements

Praise to God- Brad and Karen Smith prepare to begin their ministry with us!

Brad and Karen are in the process of arranging their move. They expect that their furniture and other belongings should arrive in early May and they will be planning to move into the parsonage during the first days of May. We will give you more information on that later as we will be looking for people to help them unload their containers and move everything into the parsonage during that first week of May.

We currently expect that Sunday, May 13, will be Brad's first Sunday preaching in San Jose CRC.

What does technology have to do with worship?! Worship & Tech Conference

April 28th: Zamar Media is sponsoring a conference on worship and technology. The Worship & Arts Committee highly recommends your attendance if at all possible. Those of you involved or interested in being involved with technology (sound, Power Point, lighting, facilities) are especially encouraged to attend but even those of you not directly involved in technology would benefit from some of the workshops. A complete schedule is posted on the bulletin board in the social hall. See Mavis for a postcard about the event. It will be at:

The Home Church, 1711 Winchester Blvd, Campbell, CA, 95008

Saturday, April 28, 8 am to 6 pm

Call 408-226-4323 to register.

See details at: <http://www.zamarmedia.com/batmc>

If we get a group of 4 or more, the cost is \$35 per person, otherwise \$50. Mavis plans to attend and will register a group. If the cost is prohibitive, please speak to Mavis about possible financial help from the church.

You can podcast church now! How cool is that? Miss a service? Want to experience one all over again? CDs and podcasting now available! Thanks to a generous gift of a new laptop from New Hope Korean CRC -- as a thank you for the rental of our facilities for a little over 2 years -- our sound team is now able to provide recordings of our services on CD and these recordings, in .mp3 format, will also be posted to our church website for downloading. Special thanks to Ken M., our sound expert, for setting this technology up for us. Thanks, Ken!!

Annual Memorial Weekend Campout at Lake Del Valle is May 23 thru 28.

Spaces still available. See Judy Vander Veen

Interested in joining our prayer chain? It's easy to join our Google Prayer List: please contact Mavis M.

Church Bulletin: Miss a service? Current and archived bulletins are online at www.sjcrc.org. Please have any bulletin announcements for this coming Sunday into the office this week by **Thursday evening** at the latest.

Mt. Hermon Hi-Camp Brochures are available: High school students will want to mail their application now to save a spot. Adults are encouraged to take a brochure and let it serve as a reminder to pray for and support youth in their spiritual walk.

Elder-Deacon Care Groupings

Elder/Deacon phone numbers are in the church directory. *Please inform them directly* of any need you might have.

<u>Last Name Beginning</u>	<u>Elder</u>	<u>Deacon</u>
A-B	Doug P.	Mark L.
C-F	Jake B.	Steve S.
G-Ki	Harvey V.	Dan M.
Ko-L	Steve B.	Bruce G.
M-O	Bryan P.	Doug B.
P-S	Harvey V.	Steve M.
T-Z	Randy M.	Gert B.

Please contact Harvey Vander Baan if your primary elder is unable or unavailable to provide care.

Church Officers:

Bryan P., Council President

Steve S., Deacon Chair

Harvey V., Council Vice President

Fred R., Treasurer

Randy M., Council Clerk

CRC Denominational News

World Missions: Teaching Opportunities--Want to shape lives overseas?

Teach with Christian Reformed World Missions! CRWM has great teaching opportunities around the world for the 2007-2008 school year for both certified and non-certified teachers. Visit the Teaching Opportunities page of www.crwrm.org for more information.

CRWRC: Two million Iraqis - mostly from minority groups including a large number of Christians - have fled war in their homeland. A mass exodus into Lebanon, Syria and Jordan by the persecuted victims of this disaster has led to great need. Christians must act. CRWRC plans to provide relief for refugees through churches in Syria and Jordan. To help make this possible, donate by calling 1-800-55-CRWRC or online at www.crwrc.org.

We Are Dust: We love to sing praises and rejoice when we are blessed with good jobs and healthy families. But when things go wrong, when difficulties strike, what do we do? What is there to rejoice about? Is it possible to sing praises from the pits of despair? Find out on the April 29th Back to God Hour. Go to www.BacktoGod.net for local stations and times. The Back to God Hour is the radio ministry of the CRC.

Just Follow: How is Jesus just like a map? Help Liz search for the answer 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 www.HisKids.net to find more great Christian programs for kids.

The Christian Reformed Church is One Hundred and Fifty Years Old! Did you know that our denomination is celebrating its 150th anniversary? Look for regional celebrations that are being planned throughout the coming year.

Ministry Opportunities to Serve at SJCRC

Stephen's Ministry: New training classes have begun. Would you like to find out what the training is all about? You can find out more about a particular topic of interest and drop in on our new Stephen Minister Training class. We are posting our topics in the bulletin and if a particular topic interests you, please feel free to attend our class. Class is from 7:00-9:30. If you would like the pre-class reading, let Brenda L. know at least a week in advance so she can get a copy of it to you.

Stephen's Ministry Training Classes Through May:

April 23: The Art of Listening

May 7: Distinctively Christian Caring- Part 1

May 21: Distinctively Christian Caring- Part 2

Stephen's Ministry Update: We are collaborating with three other churches: Church of the Chimes, Communities of Hope and Trinity Presbyterian. The collaboration means we will train together, do our peer supervision together and work together to provide Stephen Ministers for members of our congregations who are going through a crisis transition in their lives.

Plan to Walk! The CPC Annual Walk for Life 2007 will be held on April 28 at 9 am. Location: Los Gatos High School. Please pick up information from the "Walk for Life" table in the Social Hall and be ready to participate! Diana B. and Irena R. are the contact people for our church.

Please Support The GEMS and Cadets Walk For Life Team: Many of our GEMS and Cadets are planning to walk on Saturday, April 28, to support the "Walk For Life". If you are not planning to walk yourself, but would still like to support this worthwhile cause, please consider sponsoring our "team". Sign up to be a sponsor in the Social Hall.

Looking Ahead

April 22-28: Christian Education Week

April 29, Saturday: Walk for Life

Zamar Media Worship and Tech Conference

May 3, Thursday: National Day of Prayer-

Noon and evening prayer rallies at San Jose City Hall

May 6, Sunday: John and Brenda D. will talk about their mission trip

Town Hall Meeting

May 13, Sunday: Kids' Ministry Sunday

Pastor Brad Smith and Karen join us

May 16, Wednesday: Cadets and GEMS Pinewood Derby- everyone is invited!

May 17, Thursday: Ascension Day

May 23-28, Wednesday- Friday: Church camping trip at Del Valle

June 3, Sunday: All Church Barbeque and Volleyball Tournament

Our Church Family

Please pray for these personal needs:

- * **The B. Family:** Continue to pray for Estella and Brendan as they adjust to their lives without their husband and father. May God grant them His strength and peace for each day.
 - * **Our Sympathy to Tracie and Al K.** and family in the death of Tracie's mother (Henrietta Walker) on Saturday, March 31 in Washington State. Please pray for them as they mourn the loss of a mother and grandmother.
 - * **Estella B.'s mother, Maria C.,** is now at the Vasona Creek Healthcare Center. The tests that were to be done Tuesday, April 3, were postponed. Please continue to pray for Maria in her very aged years as she continues to experience a variety of health problems.
 - * **Charlie B., Rein G. and Cobe R.:** Please pray for these members of our church family who have continuing health problems. Remember these friends with your cards and visits: they appreciate your thoughtfulness.
 - * **Irvin D.:** Please keep Irv in your prayers. He has had to give up driving and is not able to attend Men's Life regularly. Also, he's not been feeling well and is waiting for test results.
 - * **Pastor Don Hammond's wife, Norma:** Please continue to pray for Norma as she endures bone cancer and the effects of the chemo.
 - * **Linda H.** (mother of Jennifer C.): Jennifer writes: "My mom is doing well. We are in the home stretch of chemo: I believe 2 or 3 more treatments. They are pretty positive of the results. They say she has been a "poster child" for chemo. She is feeling some cumulative effects now but tries to push through them and keep in her daily routines. We were warned that coming off the chemo can have some nasty effects as well; similar to withdrawals for about a month or so, they say. So we are not looking forward to that. After that we will do testing to see where we are at. God bless you all for keeping us in your prayers; they have been truly felt every step of the way."
 - * **Donna A.:** Please pray for Donna with her ongoing health problems.
- Congratulations to Scott and Rachel V.** on the birth of their second son, Aaron Robert, born Friday morning, April 13th. Mother and son are doing fine. We rejoice with the Vander Veen family as they welcome this new little one into their home!
- John B. will celebrate his 90th birthday** on Sunday, May 6 from 1:00-4:00 PM at 1511 Burrows Rd., Campbell, CA. Friends and church family are invited to celebrate with John. Please RSVP by April 27th to Sandi J.
- Please pray for the ministries of our church:**
- our youth (JJs and Sonlife) as they spend time learning and having fun together.
 - our ministries to children- GEMS and Cadets and our Sunday children's classes:
We enjoy good attendance and see growth in enthusiasm and numbers.
 - our men's and women's Bible studies
 - our various teams as they seek God's direction for our church

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Helping This Sunday, April 22

Greeters: Russ and Sue S.

Ushers: Bud and Agnes L., Norm B.

Hospitality: Jake and Faye B.

Audio/Visual: Wendell K., Josef C.

Coffee: Bud and Agnes L., Al and Tracie K., Hollianne G.

Nursery: Ann M., Willie K.

Kids' Life: Natalie L., Robin B., Judy V.

Helping Next Sunday, April 29

Greeters: Steve and Sally B.

Ushers: Tina V., Anthony V.

Hospitality: Randy and Mavis M.

Audio/Visual: Mike K. Scott F.

Coffee: Wendell and Patty K., Mike and Laura L., Willie K.

Nursery: Irena R., Claudio H.

Kids' Life: Patty K., Sue S., Betty P.

Schedule of Events: April 22 – April 29, 2007

This Sunday:

9:30 am – Worship Service (3rd Sunday of Easter) followed by coffee

11:00 am – Classes for Children and Youth

Monday:

7:00 pm – Stephen's Ministry Training Class: "The Art of Listening"

Tuesday:

7:00 pm – Elders and Deacons Meeting

Wednesday:

10:00 am – Coffee Break

7:00 pm – Stephen's Ministry Peer Supervision

Thursday:

7:30 pm – Praise Team

Saturday:

9:00 am – Walk for Life at Los Gatos High School

Next Sunday:

9:30 am – Worship Service (4th Sunday of Easter) followed by coffee

11:00 am – Classes for Children and Youth

*Overeaters Anonymous meets Mon., Tues. and Thurs. evenings
and Sat. mornings. Alcoholics Anonymous meets Tues. evenings.*