

# San Jose Christian Reformed Church

*“moving ahead in God’s grace...”*

*May the Lord bless us all as we worship Him here today! We extend a special welcome to our visitors. Pastor Al Helder will be preaching for us today.*

## Service of Word and Sacrament Our Dialog with God August 13, 2006

Prelude: Our time of preparation for worship

Welcome / Greetings

Hymn: *“Lord Our Lord, Your Glorious Name”* (PH #8 vs. 1,3,5)

Praise Song: *“Glorify Thy Name”*

### Confession and Assurance

Call to Confession: 1 John 1:5-8

Prayer of Confession: (in unison)

Most holy and merciful Father,  
we confess to you and one another,  
that we have sinned against you by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength.

We have not fully loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We have not always had in us the mind of Christ.

You alone know how often we have grieved you by wasting your gifts,  
by wandering from your ways, by forgetting your love.

Forgive us, we pray, most merciful Father, and free us from our sin.

Renew in us the grace and strength of your Holy Spirit,

For the sake of Jesus Christ your Son, our Savior. Amen.

Song: *“Spirit of the Living God”* (PH #424 vs. 1,2)

Assurance of Pardon

The Dedication

### Proclamation of the Word

Prayer

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

Scripture Reading: Genesis 12

Message: *Covenant Spirituality*

### Response to God

Prayer

Hymn: *“When We Walk With the Lord”* (PH #543 vs. 1,2,3)

Apostle’s Creed: in unison (on overhead)

Offering

Deacon’s Prayer

### Communion

The Thanksgiving:

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right for us to give thanks.**

**It is our joy and our peace, at all times in all places**

**to give thanks to you, holy Father,**

**almighty, everlasting God, through Christ our Lord.**

The Institution: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

The Memorial: in unison (on overhead)

Hymn: *“Lift Up Your Hearts Unto the Lord”* (PH #309 vs. 1-5)

Preparation of the Elements:

Pastor: The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.

**People: We who are many are one body, for we all share the same loaf.**

Pastor: The cup for which we give thanks is a sharing in the blood of Christ.

**People: The cup which we drink is our participation in the blood of Christ.**

The Invitation

The Dedication

The Communion: (The elders will first distribute the juice, then the bread. Please place the juice in the holders on the pew while we partake of the bread.

This enables us to partake of both elements together.)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Hymn: *“My God How Wonderful You Are”* (PH #499 vs. 1,2,6)

### The Dismissal

Pastor: The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ, our Lord: and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

**People: Amen**

Pastor: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Doxology: *“My Peace”*

*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. Please join us in the Fellowship Hall for refreshments and conversation.*

*Adult Sunday School will not meet today.*

*A class for children, preschool through grade 5 meets in the “tri-rooms”.*

## Next Sunday at SJCRC...

**August 20, 9:30 am:** *Worship Service-* Pastor Al Helder will be preaching. Special Offering: Wycliffe Bible Translators. “Coffee Time” happens immediately after the morning worship service. Adult Sunday School: “How To Read and Understand the Bible” at 11 am in the Fireside Room. A class for children, preschool through grade 5 also meets at 11 am.

## Church News and Events

**Adult Sunday School continues next Sunday at 11 am.** Pastor Al is teaching a series entitled "How to Read and Understand the Bible". This challenging and thought provoking study will deepen your appreciation for God's Word. Beginning with a comparison of *Religion* and *Revelation*, the study will continue with a review of what the Bible is and what it is not. Then we will dig into the rules of interpretation that enable Christians to understand the whole of the Bible if they are willing to follow the rules. We will also look at what happens when the rules are not followed. This will lead us into a short overview of scripture. Please join us each week.

**Your Pastoral Search Committee Update:** The Search Committee has completed Phase One and the committee has received many responses. We are currently in the process of reviewing candidates. If you know of a candidate who we should contact, please submit the name to the committee as soon as possible. A copy of the church profile is available for pastoral candidates on our church's website: [www.sjrc.org](http://www.sjrc.org).

**Save this date: Saturday, August 26, 9 am - 1 pm. Be part of this Congregational Visioning Planning Day.** We value everyone's input and ideas as we move forward. This is an exciting time as we look for God's guidance for the future of our church. *Please sign up on the sheet at a table in the social hall.*

**Stephen's Ministry:** Are you dealing with a major change or loss in your life? Death of a loved one? Relocation? Life crisis? Stephen Ministers are supportive members of our church who have been trained to be a confidential resource. If you, or someone you know, would like to talk to a Stephen Minister, please contact Pastor Al or Brenda L. We want to be there for you.

**Please help our families with babies and small children! Volunteers are still needed in the Nursery:** Nursery duty can be provided by couples or families. If several of you volunteer once or twice a year it helps our young mothers to fulfill their own teaching commitments and enables them to attend a full church service occasionally. *Volunteers for Sunday Morning Coffee Duty are also needed.* Please contact Patty K.

**Mike M. and his family invite the church family** to celebrate with them at his Eagle Scout Court of Honor. It will be held in the Fellowship Hall, Saturday, August 26, at 7:00 pm. Reception to follow.

**The August "Prayer Guide" and the July/August "Today" devotionals** are available in the information racks. Please pick up your copies.

### Looking Ahead:

*Saturday, August 26, 9 am – 1 pm:* Congregational Visioning Planning Day

*Saturday, August 26, 7 pm:* Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Mike M.

*Sunday, September 10, 12 noon:* All-Church BBQ and Potluck

Kick-off Sunday for the Church Sunday School Year

*Wednesday, September 13, 7 pm:* GEMS and Cadets first meeting

*Saturday, September 23, 10 am:* All-Church 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Bike Hike

***Thank you, Church Family, for volunteering to help with our children's ministries on Sunday mornings!***

***We still have a few openings:***

### Teachers for Kids' Life

(during the morning worship service) for grades 1-6  
**Jr. High (JJs) Sunday School Teacher at 11am**

*Volunteer and share Christ's love with the kids in our church and community.*

*You can make a difference!*

*Please call Grace M. for more information.*

*Thank you!*

## Deacons' Report

July 2006: CMF (Church Ministry Fund) \$23, 114.00 vs. a monthly budget of \$26,416.00

Special Offerings for July: Faith Promise: \$798.00

Ministry Shares: \$55.00

C.A.R.E.: \$311.00

San Jose Family Shelter (breakfast supplies): \$508.00

Habitat for Humanity International: \$266.00

## CRC Denominational News

**CRWRC:** "In Indonesia they praise our work and it seems to be getting around," says CRWRC's tsunami project manager, Grace Wiebe. By quickly kick starting local economies with livelihood programs, and involving locals in the design of their own homes, CRWRC has steadily gained the respect and trust of the tsunami survivors it's working to serve. To know more about the wonderful relief work God's doing through CRWRC, visit [www.crwrc.org](http://www.crwrc.org)

**An Everyday Relationship:** Do you spend time worshiping God every day at home? Or do you go only to weekly church or seldom worship at all? A lack of daily worship might mean that you are spiritually sick or spiritually dead. On August 20th Back to God Hour, we'll explore what real daily worship involves. Don't miss this important program. Check out our website at [www.BacktoGod.net](http://www.BacktoGod.net) for local stations and times.

## Our Church Family

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### Please pray for these personal needs:

- \* **Jim L.** – Jim had successful back surgery for a herniated disc this past Tuesday. He returned home from the hospital on Wednesday and we praise God with Jim and his family that he is doing so well. He thanks the congregation for their prayers and for Pastor Al's visits. Please continue to pray for Jim for a complete and full recovery.
- \* **Cathie G.** – Cathie will have surgery this coming Wednesday at Santa Teresa Kaiser to remove a small growth on her kidney. Please pray for a successful surgery with good results. Remember both Cathie and Gene during this time.
- \* **Charlie B.** – Continue to pray for Charlie as he makes progress with his new leg. He thanks our congregation for our continued prayers and support.
- \* **Irvin D., Bill G., 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.
- \* **From Cobe** – “Thank you to the congregation for remembering me with cards and prayers. You are so good to me! Love, Cobe”

**Please pray for our church** as we continue with the visioning process and as the search team continues to look for a new pastor. Pray for wisdom and guidance for each team member. Pray for each member of our congregation as we go through this time together. May God bring a new beginning with unity and love to our church.

**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	Josef C.	Mark L.
C-F	Tom B.	Steve S.
G-Ki	Harvey V.	Dan M.
Ko-L	Steve B.	Bruce G.
M-O	Bryan P.	Doug B.
P-S	Jeff B.	Steve M.
T-Z	Randy M.	Gert B.

To contact Pastor Al Helder: Please call his cell phone: (209) 614-5761 or the church office: (408) 266-4412 Email: [PastorAl@sjcr.org](mailto:PastorAl@sjcr.org)

**Church Bulletin:** Miss a service? Current and archived bulletins are online at [www.sjcr.org](http://www.sjcr.org). *Please have any bulletin announcements for this coming Sunday* into the office by Thursday evening at the latest.

### Helping This Sunday, August 13

**Greeters:** Eugene and Cathy G.  
**Ushers:** Fred and Irena R..  
**Hospitality:** Steve and Sally B.  
**Audio/Visual:** Randy A., Josef C.  
**Coffee:** Carl and Lucille H., Wendell and Patty K., Tina V.  
**Nursery:** Cecelia C., Marilie C.  
**Kids' Life:** Patty K./Rose S., Arlene D., Judy V.

### Helping Next Sunday, August 20

**Greeters:** Gert B., Pat V.  
**Ushers:** Case and Leigh Ann V.  
**Hospitality:** Josef and Cecelia C.  
**Audio/Visual:** Sean S., Scott F.  
**Coffee:** Al and Tracie K., Mike and Laura L., Brenda L.  
**Nursery:** Kelly B., Isaac V.  
**Kids' Life:** Paula G., Sue S., Alexis S

### Schedule of Events: August 13 – 20, 2006

#### *Today:*

9:30 am – Worship and Communion  
10:40 am – Refreshments and Fellowship  
11:00 am – Class for Preschool – Grade 5 (no Adult Sunday School)

#### *Wednesday:*

7:00 pm – Stephen's Ministry Supervision and Training Meeting

#### *Thursday:*

7:30 pm – Praise Team

#### *Saturday:*

8:00 am – Men's Life Bible Study

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