

San Jose Christian Reformed Church

“moving ahead in God’s grace...”

Welcome! We pray that the Lord will bless us all as we meet Him here today. If you have come today as a visitor, we would appreciate it if you would fill out a “**Communication Card**”. Pastor Al Helder will be preaching for us today.

Worship and Celebration Sunday: July 2, 2006

Coming Together to Worship Our God

Prelude: Preparing ourselves for worship

Welcome and Greetings

Praising our God:

*May Jesus Christ Be Praised
Joyful, Joyful We Adore You*

Gratitude and Intercession for an Independence Day

Responsive Prayer of Thanksgiving (see insert)

Thanksgiving Song: *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending*

Responsive Prayer of Intercession: (see insert)

Intercession Song: *God of Justice Ever Flowing*

Congregational Prayer

Response: *Change My Heart, O God*

Children ages 3 to grade 6 leave for “Kid’s Life”

Offering of Gratitude and Love

Offering: Church Ministry Fund

Special Offering: Faith Promise

Offertory: Jason, Paul and Isaac V.- *Exalt the Lord*

Receiving the Word of God

Scripture Reading: Genesis 1:26-31

Message: Stewardship: Christian Spirituality at Work

Prayer

Hymn: *Creation Sings!*

Departing to Serve

Blessing

Closing Song: *My Country ‘Tis of Thee*

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. Class for children, preschool through grade 5, meets at 11 am.

Next Sunday at SJCRC...

July 9, 9:30 am: Morning Worship and Communion- Pastor Al Helder will be preaching. Special Offering: Ministry Shares. “Coffee Time” happens immediately after the morning worship service. Class for children, preschool through grade 5, meets at 11 am.

Church News and Events

Children’s Bulletin: Special bulletins for children (including Bible stories and games) are available today from the ushers. Kids, make sure you get your copy!

Your Pastoral Search Committee is eager to meet you and communicate with you. Please pick up a brochure from the entryway of the sanctuary and read about each of our search team members. We appreciate your input, prayers and encouragement!

Mark your calendars now for events in July:

Saturday, July 22- All-Church Beach BBQ and Potluck

Saturday, July 23- Congregational Town Hall Meeting in the Fireside Room

Sunday, July 30- Sonlife (high school) Pool Party at the Plug’s: Alumni are invited, and we especially want to welcome incoming freshmen!

Volunteers Needed! Please prayerfully consider how you can help in these ministries of our church:

1. Family Shelter Breakfast on July 8: we still have one spot open for *this coming Saturday!* Please sign up on the sheet by the coffee window in the Social Hall. Thank you to all our young people who signed up last week!

2. Nursery and Sunday Morning Coffee Duty: We need adults and youth to work in the nursery during the morning worship service, and we need adults to bring cookies and serve during coffee time. Please contact Patty K.

The Synod (governing body) of the CRC met the week of June 15 in Grand Rapids, Michigan. A “Daily Roundup” of their discussions and decisions is available on the table in the sanctuary entry.

The new schedules for greeters, ushers, coffee servers and nursery volunteers are available and in your mailboxes in the social hall. Pick them up today!

The new 2006 Church Directory is available. Get yours today after the morning service in the entry of the sanctuary.

The new July “Today” devotionals are available in the information racks. Please pick up your copies.

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

Our Church Family

Please pray for these personal needs:

- * **Charlie B.** – Charlie is making good progress. He is currently being fitted for a prosthesis.
- * **Rich M.** – Rich had a cancerous mole removed from his face last Thursday. He also suffers from severe arthritis. Please pray for healing for Rich.
- * **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.

Greetings from Ed and Arlene D.! They are currently in Gdansk, Poland spending time with their children and grandchildren. From July 14-21 their plans are to attend a family reunion for Ed's family in Holland. They keep in touch by reading our bulletin on the webpage each week.

Please pray for all of our church family as we travel this holiday weekend and throughout the summer months.

Please pray for our church as we begin 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@sjrc.org

CRC Denominational News

Three Golden Rules: The letters WWJD became popular some years ago, and those letters still show up on bracelets, T-shirts and bumper stickers. The letters mean, "What Would Jesus Do?" On the July 9th Back to God Hour, we'll think about advantages and problems of WWJD and about three golden rules that may be more helpful. Check out our new website at www.BacktoGod.net for local stations and times.

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Helping This Sunday, July 2

Greeters: Allan and Judy V.
Ushers: Bud and Agnes L.
Hospitality: Josef and Cecelia C.
Audio/Visual: Sean S., Bruce G.
Coffee: George and Marcie W., Mitch and Donna A., Fern M.
Nursery: Irena R., Ciki C.
Kids' Life: Paula G., Harriet V., Alexis S.

Helping Next Sunday, July 9

Greeters: Russ and Sue S.
Ushers: Tina V., Anthony V.
Hospitality: Randy and Mavis M.
Audio/Visual: Randy A., Scott F.
Coffee: Randy and Sandy A., Jeff and Estella B., Carrie N.
Nursery: Laurie S., Tim S., Paul V.
Kids' Life: Natalie L., Brenda D., Betsy M.

Schedule of Events: July 2 – 9, 2006

Today:

9:30 am – Worship and Celebration
10:40 am – Refreshments and Fellowship
11:00 am – Classes for Preschool – Grade 5

Wednesday:

6:30 pm – Executive Board Meeting
7:30 pm – Elders and Deacons Meeting

Thursday:

7:30 pm – Praise Team

Saturday:

6:30 am – Family Shelter Breakfast

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

Responsive Prayers for Sunday, July 2

Responsive Prayer of Thanksgiving:

Pastor: *Lord God, on this Independence Day week receive our deep-felt thanksgiving.*

People: Thank you for the vision that created this country:

- a dream of democracy – valuing each person,
- a bill of rights – seeking justice for all,
- religious freedom with separation of church and state,
- freedom for responsible people to pursue their dreams.

Pastor: *Lord God, thank you for the huge resources you have given our nation:*

People: We are grateful

- for diversity of lands: rich farm land, forests, and beautiful mountains,
- for diversity of peoples rich in energy, creativity and dreams,
- for varieties of natural resources for us to use and develop.

Pastor: *Lord God, we are grateful for a nation with so many wonderful opportunities:*

People: Thank you for

- medical advances that stretch our imaginations,
- educational institutions, private and public, to develop people's potentials,
- for freedom of worship, to live and travel where we desire, to gather with people we enjoy, and to speak without fear.

Pastor: *Lord God, thank you for a country where we value other people:*

People:

- seeking justice for all peoples,
- sharing our food with the poor,
- sharing the land with those who feel persecution.

Song: *God Whose Giving Knows No Ending*

(Responsive Prayer of Intercession on back...)

Responsive Prayer of Intercession:

Pastor: *Lord God, together we pray for our country, that the vision of democracy, freedom, economic opportunities, along with our individual rights and responsibilities may be kept alive in our world.*

People: May we not be so individualistic that we fail to see the needs of others.

May all people respect the value and rights of others.

May we be unified in the dream of democracy and equality this country began with.

Pastor: *Lord, in prosperity keep us from greed, and make us grateful; in fearful times keep us from revenge, focused on justice and peace; in hard times enable us to share the gifts from your hand.*

People: Bless the leaders of this nation you have given.

May our elected officials be more concerned about service than power,

may they lead in the world as peace-makers,

may they lead with values that are taught in your Word.

Pastor: *Today, Father, our military has young people all over the world, and particularly those in the Middle East are in danger.*

People: Father, keep them safe, and bring peace with justice, keep them grounded when they are surrounded by chaos, keep them focused so they can return to us safely.

Pastor: *Lord God, on this Independence Day we seek your blessing on our country*

So that we may be a blessing to the world. Amen.

Song: *God of Justice Ever Flowing*