

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 here today! We extend a special welcome to our visitors. Pastor Al Helder will be preaching for us today.

Morning Worship Service

September 10, 2006

May Your Kingdom Come

Called to the Kingdom of God

Prelude: Our preparation for worship

Welcome / Greetings

Beginning with Praise:(Praise Team & Children) *Lord, I Lift Your Name on High
Indescribable*

The Kingdom is At Hand

Reader: *The Mustard Seed Kingdom*

Reader: *Yeast*

Song: *Seek Ye First*

Your Kingdom Come Part 1

Reader: Luke 11:1-4

Message: *Your Kingdom Come*

Litany: *Who Shall Enter*

Pastor: The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand;
Repent and believe the gospel. (Mark 1:14-15)

People: We believe and celebrate the kingdom of God.

But who shall enter it?

Pastor: Jesus said, “Not everybody who calls me ‘Lord, Lord’
will enter into the kingdom, but only those who do what my
Father in heaven wants them to do.” (Matt. 7:21)

**People: Then only those who are obedient to the will of God enter
into his kingdom.**

Pastor: Jesus said, “you shall be able to enter the kingdom of heaven
only if you are more faithful than the teachers of the law and the
Pharisees in doing what God requires.” (Matt. 5:20)

**People: Then only those who keep God’s law perfectly in letter and
spirit can enter.**

Pastor: Jesus said, “How difficult it is for rich people to enter the
kingdom of God! It is much harder for a rich man to enter the
kingdom than for a camel to go through the eye of a needle.”
(Mark 10:23-25)

**People: Are only those ready to give up everything fit for the
kingdom of God?**

Pastor: “Remember this. Whoever does not receive the kingdom of
God like a child will never enter.” (Mark 10:15)

**People: Then trust, dependency, and humility qualifies one for
God’s kingdom.**

Pastor: “No man, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is
fit for the kingdom of God.” (Luke 9:62)

People: Then only the totally committed can enter.

Pastor: Who shall enter the kingdom of God? How can anyone
qualify?

**People: “This is impossible for people, but not for God; everything
is possible with God.” (Mark 10:27)**

Declaration of Faith (in unison)

We are the covenant people of God because God has called us. God has
established his reign among us and in all who believe that Jesus Christ is their
Lord and Savior. We believe and have seen his grace. We have received his
forgiving love. We are the people of God – adopted into his family, citizens of
his kingdom.

Song: *We Are God’s People HFG#546 vs. 1-3*

Your Kingdom Come Part 2

Message: *May Your Kingdom Come Here*

Congregational Prayer

Song: *In My Life Lord, Be Glorified*

Your Kingdom Come Part 3

Scripture: Matthew 11:1-6

Message: *Life in God’s Kingdom*

Prayer

Song: *We Want to See Jesus Lifted High*

Deacon’s Prayer

Offering: Church Ministry Fund

Special Offering: Ministry Shares

Blessing

Closing Song: *All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name*

Postlude

*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. Today there will be a Congregational Meeting
immediately after the worship service. Please join us for “Coffee Time” at
10:40. A class for children, preschool through grade 5 meets in the “tri-
rooms” at 11 am. There is no Adult Sunday School today.
All-Church BBQ and Potluck at 12 noon: Please join us!*

Next Sunday at SJCRC...

September 17, 9:30 am: Worship Service- Pastor Al Helder will be preaching. Special Offering: C.A.R.E. Please join us for “Coffee Time” at 10:40. The adult class meets in the Fireside Room at 11:00: “How to Read and Understand the Bible”. A class for preschool through grade 5 also meets at 11 am.

Our Church Family

Please pray for these personal needs:

- * **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.
- * **Cathie G.** – Please pray for Cathie as she continues to recover at home following her recent surgery.
- * **Jim L.** –Please continue to pray for Jim for a complete and full recovery after his back surgery.
- * **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.

Congratulations to Ryan and Lindsay W. who were married on June 24. May God bless this new home as they share their lives together.

Grace M.’s mother, Alice S. passed away on Sunday, September 3, in Southern California. We extend our Christian sympathy to Mark, Grace, Jesse and Anna as they grieve the loss of a much loved mother and grandmother.

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 Coetsee | Mark Lodewyk |
| C-F | Tom Bouman | Steve Swale |
| G-Ki | Harvey Vander Baan | Dan Meester |
| Ko-L | Steve Bouman | Bruce Gally |
| M-O | Bryan Plug | Doug Benton |
| P-S | Jeff Barckley | Steve McCann |
| T-Z | Randy Moon | Gert Bamford |

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

Church News and Events

Congregational Meeting Today!: Please plan to attend a brief but important congregational meeting immediately following the morning worship service today. The congregation will select two Elders from a slate of four candidates for a two year term (with optional 3rd year). The four candidates are Steve S., Doug P., Ann M. and Jake B. If you are unable to stay for the meeting, please obtain an absentee ballot from the office or your elder.

Ministry Service Fair – Signup Sundays: Today, Sunday September 10th kicks off a new year of service and we expect all those attending this church to become actively involved in at least one Church Ministry. Representatives from Ministry Teams will be in the Social Hall on three consecutive Sundays: September 10th, 17th and 24th, to answer your questions about what they do. Be sure to pick a Ministry that you are naturally drawn to and that matches your God-given gifts. Always consider counseling with your Elder if you need help making this commitment. We all have gifts to contribute to our covenant community!

Membership Class: Pastor Al will be teaching a class on six Thursday evenings beginning September 14. Please see the bulletin insert for all the details. A sign up sheet will be in the entry of the church or in the fellowship hall after the service.

Coffee Break begins this Wednesday, September 13, 10 am: All ladies are welcome to our Wednesday morning Bible study. This year we will be using the book “Heaven: Or, I’ve Read the Book and We Win!” Please join us for another year of wonderful fellowship and Bible study.

GEMS and Cadets begin this Wednesday, September 13, 7 pm: Boys and girls in grades 1-6 are invited to our mid week kids’ clubs. A great year is planned for you- please join us!

Church Bowling League: Sign up today in the Fellowship Hall! Come out and have fun bowling with your friends from church. This is a handicap league, so you don’t have to worry about being a great bowler. For more information contact Mark M., Al K., or Wendell K.

What does it mean to be Christian Reformed? Have you ever wondered this yourself? An attractive booklet “What it Means to Be Reformed” is available for your reading. Please pick up a copy at the information table in the entry of the church.

Church News and Events (continued)

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.

Stephen's Ministry: Divorced or going through a divorce? Have you thought, "I never thought it would happen to me"? Do you have feelings of anger, sadness, frustration, rejection or guilt? You do not have to suffer alone. 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.

Volunteers for Sunday Morning Coffee Duty are also needed. Please contact Patty K.

Volunteer openings still available in Ministries for Children and Youth: Teachers for Kids' Life (during the morning worship service) for grades 1-6 and a Jr. High (JJs) Sunday School Teacher at 11am. Currently we have no volunteers for Jr. High Sunday School. Without teachers, we will have no class! Please call Grace M. for more information.

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

The September "Prayer Guide", the September/October "Today" devotionals, and the September/October/November "Our Daily Bread" devotionals are available in the information racks. Please pick up your copies.

John & Edie T., former members of this church for many years will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on September 14th. Their family will be hosting a *surprise party* for them next weekend at Pinecrest, CA. If you would like to remember them with a card or note, their children would appreciate it if you would send mail to Pat V.

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.

Plan to Come!

TODAY! Sunday, September 10, after the morning Worship Service:
Congregational Meeting

TODAY! Sunday, September 10, 12 noon: All-Church BBQ and Potluck
Kick-off Sunday for the Church Sunday School Year

Wednesday, September 13, 10 am: Coffee Break Women's Bible Study-
first meeting

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

Thursday, September 14, 7 pm: Membership Class: first of six Thursday classes

Saturday, September 23, 10 am: All-Church 16th Annual Bike Hike

Deacons' Report

August 2006: CMF (Church Ministry Fund) \$16,166.00 vs. a monthly budget of \$26,416.00

Special Offerings for August: Faith Promise: \$807.00

Ministry Shares: \$634.00

Wycliffe Bible Translators: \$561.00

Christian Schools International: \$708.00

Moment for Missions: Christian Reformed World Missions

Transforming Media in Nicaragua: Nicaragua has been a spiritual battleground between competing world and life views: traditional Catholicism, Marxism, and more recently, consumerism. The Nehemiah Center for Transformational Development was established over six years ago to develop Nicaraguan leaders who share a distinctively biblical world and life view and who are committed to asserting the lordship of Christ over all areas of life.

Director of the Center, CRWM missionary Joel Huyser, and other leaders are preparing to launch Nehemiah Media Productions. They envision Nicaraguan young people producing high-quality materials for mainstream radio and television which reflect an integral, biblical world and life view. Pray that they will be able to acquire the basic recording, photographic and editing equipment needed to begin this project and that the ministry will have a lasting and transforming impact on Nicaraguan society.

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Children and Youth Ministry News

Today is the official beginning of the church school year. It's always an exciting time for us as we begin new lessons and look forward to being with old friends and meeting new ones. Some exciting changes are also happening this year.

GEMS and Cadets begin this year with new staff and new friends as we begin our partnership with children and youth from The Journey and Communities of Hope. Pastor Don Hammond (Communities of Hope) will be leading our "opening" for all the kids at the Wednesday evening kids' clubs. Twenty minutes of lively singing, games, and inspirational talks will get the kids excited and engaged about the evening ahead of them. Pastor Jeff W. (The Journey) will be working along with our own Randy M. as Cadet counselor, and our GEMS counselors will be Tonya M., Grace M., Andrea V., and our newest counselor, Liz F.. We can hardly wait to get started!

This year will be the first in over 15 years that Allan V. will not be working with our boys in Cadets. Allan, you have faithfully served our families for so long- it is with sadness that we let you go. We are so thankful for all you have done!

Next Sunday we also begin a new year with the "Walk With Me" curriculum. Our teachers enjoy using the materials, and the children in preschool through grade six enjoy learning from lessons that are fun and faithful to our reformed tradition. The class divisions are as follows: Kids' Life I: preschool through kindergarten, Kids' Life II: grades 1-3, and Kids' Life III: grades 4-6. Teachers will meet your children when they are excused for the morning worship service and help them find their classroom. Please remember us in prayer as we begin our new lessons and as we still look for teachers to share the load.

At 11:00 Sandy A. continues her work with children in preschool through grade 5 in FUNday School. She teaches not only our kids, but children from Friendship Agape Church as well. Sandy, we appreciate your dedication to this group of children!

Sonlife (high school) Sunday School meets in the Loft at 11:00. Our new study materials are "Questions Worth Asking", a contemporary study of the Heidelberg Catechism. This study was used a few years ago with great success. We also welcome several individuals who have stepped forward to help our head Sonlife leader, Jacob V.!

A need still exists for teachers for JJs (junior high) Sunday School. Please consider spending a couple of Sundays a month with our wonderful young people. Brenda D. will be leading some of their lessons, but she cannot do it alone. If you have any questions about this position, please contact Grace M. (227-8721). And thank you, John and Brenda, for the work you do with our JJs!

As a congregation we have all promised to "receive these children in love, help instruct them in the faith, and encourage and sustain them in the fellowship of believers." Thank you for your support and prayers for our children and youth.

Helping This Sunday, September 10

Greeters: Russ and Sue S.

Ushers: Tina V., Anthony V.

Hospitality: Harvey and Carol V.

Audio/Visual: Mavis M., Carl H.

Coffee: Henry and Ann M., Dan and Betsy M., Sherrie S.

Nursery: Laura L., Briana L., Michael K.

Kids' Life: Natalie L., Arlene D., Judy V.

Helping Next Sunday, September 17

Greeters: Steve and Sally B.

Ushers: Case and Leigh Ann V.

Hospitality: Jeff and Estella B.

Audio/Visual: Randy A., Steve M.

Coffee: Ken and Cheryl M., Randy and Mavis M., Gert B.

Nursery: Natalie L., Zach M., Rochelle S.

Kids' Life: Tiffany B., Sue S., Betsy M.

Schedule of Events: September 10 – September 17, 2006

This Sunday:

9:30 am – Worship, followed by Congregational Meeting

10:40 am – Refreshments and Fellowship

11:00 am – Class for Preschool – Grade 5 (No adult class today)

12 noon – All-Church Potluck/BBQ to "kick-off" the church school year

Tuesday:

7:30 pm – Council Meeting

Wednesday:

10:00 am – Coffee Break Women's Bible Study begins

7:00 pm – First GEMS and Cadets Meeting

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

Next Sunday:

9:30 am – Worship

10:40 am – Refreshments and Fellowship

11:00 am – Classes for Preschool through Adults

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