

First CRC Fulton
August 26, 2021
Matthew 19:1-9
Not this Way from the Beginning
Bulletin/Leader

Prelude: His Mercy is More - Keith and Kristyn Getty

Welcome and Call To Worship - Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended to heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father
almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the
dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic* church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Greeting - Pastor John

Invitation to Worship through Song:

Create in Me a Clean Heart
Change My Heart, O God
You are My All in All

Reading: Pastor John

Leader: You shall have no other gods before me.

All: For from him and through him and to him are all things.

To him be the glory forever!

L: You shall not make for yourself an idol.

A: In Christ we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.

L: You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God, For the Lord will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name.

**A: Let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise--
the fruit of lips that confess his name.**

L: Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God.

A: Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God.

L: Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live

long in the land the Lord your God is giving you.

A: Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord.

L: You shall not murder.

A: Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

L: You shall not commit adultery.

A: You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body.

L: You shall not steal.

A: He who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with his hands, so that he may have something to share with those in need.

L: You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

A: Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ.

L: You shall not covet your neighbor's house or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

A: I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances.

Worship through Song:

The Power of Your Love

My Jesus I Love Thee

God is So Good

Congregational Prayer: Stacy S.

Special Music: Bodey S.

Children's Message:

God Speaks to Us Through His Word: Matthew 19:1-9

¹Now when Jesus had finished these sayings, he went away from Galilee and entered the region of Judea beyond the Jordan. ²And large crowds followed him, and he healed them there.

³And Pharisees came up to him and tested him by asking, “Is it lawful to divorce one's wife for any cause?” ⁴He answered, “Have you not read that he who created them from the beginning made them male and female, ⁵and said, ‘Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh’? ⁶So they are no longer two but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate.” ⁷They said to him, “Why then did Moses command one to give a certificate of divorce and to send her away?” ⁸He said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart Moses allowed you to divorce your wives, but from the beginning it was not so. ⁹And I say to you: whoever divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, and marries another, commits adultery.”

Message: Not this Way from the Beginning - Pastor John

We Depart with God's Blessing

Announcements -

Parting Song: Now Unto the King Eternal

Blessing: Pastor John

Church News

**Remember in prayer our members in care facilities
and those that are home bound:**

Dorothy B

Carroll E

Bernie V

Ken B

John S

Albert W

Jeanette B

Betty S

Mark S

We welcome Pastor John Byker to First CRC to share God's word with us this morning.

Thank you - I would like to thank the congregation for all the birthday cards that I received on my 90th birthday. It was nice to be remembered by my church family. I would also like to thank all of you that sent me a note or a card down through the year.
God bless all of you, Betty Schaver

Deacons' News

Please place your offerings in the plates located on the back table.

Offering received 9/19/21

Amount budgeted per week: \$1,827.82

Amount received: \$2,683.00

Amount over: \$ 855.18

Faith Promise: \$68.00

Offerings today: General Fund-World Renew

Offerings Next Sunday:

Youth Group

We had a great group of kids for Youth Group this past Sunday evening. We played some fun games and sang some great worship songs. We also discussed our summer SERVE mission trip. We have to pre-register on November 1 for the site we would like to go to, the sites fill up fast. We have our top 3 choices: Cadillac, MI (July 30 - August 6, 2022), Sioux Fall, SD (July 16 - July 23, 2022), and Holland, MI (June 18 - June 25, 2022). Visit thereforego.com for more info on the sites. We will need to know who plans to attend by October 31, 2021. We will post more info regarding SERVE later :) We also picked our lesson material for the next 4 weeks (when Pastor Michael is not giving the lesson). We will be studying faithfulness with Sadie Robertson Huff's lesson material "Fire & Faithfulness."

We will not meet next Sunday, we will meet every other Sunday evening! Our next meeting will be Sunday, Oct. 3, 2021.

If you have any questions please let us know.

Have a Blessed week, Rollie, Jeff & Chris

Community News

Coat Collection It's time to clean out your closets and bring your coats you no longer need to First CRC for the Annual Coat Giveaway that will be held in November.

Fall Festival – Please join us on October 2, from 2-6 p.m. for a Fall Festival at Unity Christian School at 711 10th St. in Fulton. There will be a vendor/craft fair, game booths, chili cook-off, photo booth, a pumpkin patch, food and more.

Stars Go Dim will be in Fulton again with amazing opening artist, Tim Timmons and local singer Alex Fischbach. The show will be on Sunday, October 17 and will start at 6:30 p.m. at CrossView Church-703 14th Ave. Fulton. A love offering will be taken. If you have seen Stars Go Dim you know they are an amazing live band.

Iron Sharpens Iron-A one-day conference for women (13 years and older) featuring inspiring keynote speakers, breakout seminars uniquely designed for women and Christ-centered worship on Saturday, October 30, 2021 at Calvary Church in Moline, Illinois. Keynote Speakers are Allison Allen and Nancy Hicks. You may register at FocalPointMinistries.net.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, September 26	Worship Service	9:00 a.m.
Tuesday, September 28	GEMS & Cadets	6:30 p.m.

	Today	Next Sunday
Recorder & Sound	Paul T	Joe V
Nursery	Amy D	Alida H

Attendant		
Snack Provider	Leanna S	Amy D
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Children's Message		Stacy S

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