

AVCRC exists to reach people, bringing them to a loving relationship with Jesus and membership in the Christian Community; helping them to grow in their faith, guiding them to serve in their gifted ministry, and honouring God with their lives.



## Sunday May 12, 2019

Welcome to this time of worship! We offer our time, attention and praise - our very selves - to God. Yet, they say that worship is as much God's gift to us as our gift to him. God reveals himself to us. We hear good news proclaimed. We are encouraged by the Holy Spirit and the presence of other believers. May God and we ourselves be blessed this morning.

**Songs:** "10,000 Reasons"; "Nobody loves me like You"; "Build my Life"

### Celebration of the Lord's Supper

**Song:** "How deep the Father's Love for Us"

**Song of Thanks:** "Agnus Dei" with "Thou art Worthy"

### Morning Prayer

**Offering:** ( Budget )      **Song:** "Holy, Holy, Holy"

**Scripture:** **John 10: 27-29** (pg. 1040); **Acts 9:36-43** (pg. 1066);  
**Revelation 7:3, 9-17** (pg. 1196)

**Message:** "Already but not Yet"

### Blessing

**Song:** "Salvation belongs to The Lord"

**Church council News:** On May 2, council met to pray, think and talk about priorities for the coming years. We intentionally did not have an agenda and we resisted making decisions. This was about listening for God's leading. We can't say that an idea or direction became crystal clear to us, but we strive to listen humbly for what God calls us to do. On Thursday, May 9, church visitors will join us from Victoria Christ Community CRC. This is a regular opportunity for churches to meet and assess the work we are doing. If you wish, arrangements can be made for anyone to meet briefly with the church visitors.

**Youth Bible Study:** This past Wednesday, we held our final Wednesday evening meeting for the season. *Through the summer, watch for news of a lake day or hike or other events.* Thanks to John K, Alsie S and Daylin K who joined us through the year. This past Friday, we hosted a city wide youth event and another will be held next month and *Gateway Church on June 14.*

## **Please Keep These Matters in your Prayers:**

- Janay G was injured in a quad accident; give thanks that it was not as serious as it could have been. Janay asks that we pray for a hospital roommate named Monica.

- On May 24 -26, a group from our church will attend the youth convention, History Maker. On that same weekend, Willem C will attend The Canadian National Gathering of the CRC in Edmonton.

- Pray for peace in Israel and Palestine. A ceasefire agreement has been reached but only after 4 Israelis and at least 22 Palestinians were killed in a surge of violence. Pray for peace in Sri Lanka where Easter bombings at churches have led to increased tension and in some instances, retaliation.

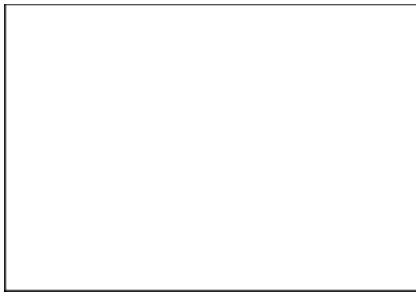
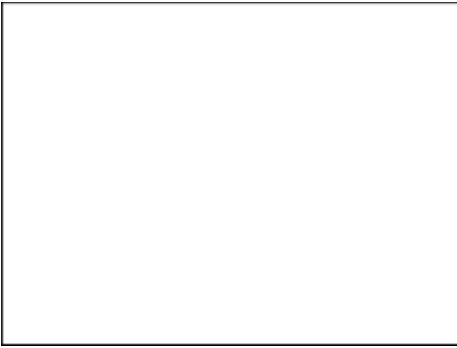
- A 1,500-page report released this past week, compiled the *Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services*, based on thousands of scientific studies. It has concluded that as many as one million plant and animal species are now at risk of extinction because of human consumption. We, and people all over the world rely upon these ecosystems for their survival.

*God, forgive us. We know not what we do. Help us to know what to do to change our ways -- buy less, slow down, avoid waste -- so that we not only take care of the world you created, and not only care for those vulnerable to suffering because of this threat, but also live as though our lives have been marked, changed, transformed by your love, which has created and sustains all things.*

## **Weekly calendar: ( Check the website for updates )**

Today:	1:00-3:00pm	We ♥ PA at M'kola Housing complex on 8th Ave.
Monday:	2:00pm	City Council meeting (not a ministry of our church, but this is a central part of a community that we serve)
Monday:	7:00 pm	Faithwalking 101 - Session Two
Wednesday:	10:00 am	Coffee Break/Ladies Bible Study
Thursday:	6:00pm	Church Council meeting

**You're invited: Better Together: An evening for churches involved in supporting refugees:** Are you involved in refugee support, or interested in getting involved? Join Rebecca Walker (from World Renew's refugee office) and Dena Nicolai (Chaplain and Refugee Support Mobilizer in Vancouver) for an evening of sharing and conversation. Thursday, May 30, 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm at Christ Community Church Nanaimo. Contact [dena@van1crc.org](mailto:dena@van1crc.org) or 604-928-3094 if you have questions or to RSVP.



<b><u>OFFERING SCHEDULE</u></b>	<b><u>COUNTER</u></b>	<b><u>HELPERS</u></b>
May 12 - Budget	Erin K	Renger D & Margrit D
May 19 - Bethesda	John R	John K & Elaine V
May 26 - Young Life	Patty T	Kim M & Lois L

	<b><u>GREETERS</u></b>	<b><u>NURSERY</u></b>
May 12	Bev & Brian H	Carol D, Pat B, Curtis
May 19	Alice & Theo V	Roy K, Kim M, Bethany
May 26	Alice & Theo V	Alsie S, Helle C, Levi

	<b><u>COFFEE MAKERS</u></b>	<b><u>LIBRARIAN</u></b>	<b><u>SECURITY</u></b>
May 12	Roy & Joanne K	Bev H	John R
May 19	Johan & Annemarie S	Joan W	John R
May 26	Harry & Marjie A	Anita B	John R

**AVCRC WELCOMES YOU!**

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