

First Christian Reformed Church  
Lynden, Washington  
February 21, 2021  
*First Sunday of Lent*

**Call to Worship:** *Psalm 147:1, 10, 11*

*Praise the LORD!*

*For it is good to sing praises to our God;  
for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.  
His delight is not in the strength of the horse,  
nor his pleasure in the legs of a man,  
but the LORD takes pleasure in those who fear him,  
in those who hope in his steadfast love.*

**God's Greeting**

***Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing***

Come, thou fount of every blessing,  
Tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
Call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet,  
Sung by flaming tongues above.  
Praise the mount – I'm fixed upon it,  
Mount of God's redeeming love.

Oh, to grace how great a debtor  
Daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let thy goodness, like a fetter,  
Bind my wandering heart to thee:  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,  
Prone to leave the God I love;  
Here's my heart, O take and seal it;  
Seal it for thy courts above.

("Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing", text by Robert Robinson, 1758, alt., tune J. Wyeth's *Repository of Sacred Music*, Part II, 1813, CCLI #358926, Streaming License 20317932)

**Lent Reading:** *Exodus 32:1*

**Prayer of Confession**

**Our Assurance:** *How Blest Are They Whose Trespass*

How blest are they whose trespass has freely been forgiven,  
Whose sins are wholly covered before the sight of heaven.  
Blest they to whom the LORD God does not impute their sin,  
Who have a guileless spirit, whose heart is true within.

So let the godly seek you in times when you are near;  
No whelming floods shall reach them or cause their hearts to fear.  
O LORD, you are my refuge, You are my hiding place,  
And you surround me always with songs of saving grace.

("How Blest Are They Whose Trespasses" text Psalm 32, music Chretien Urhan, 1834, arr. Edward F. Rimbault, 1867, CCLI #358926, Streaming License 20317932)

**Morning Prayer**

**Scripture:** Acts 15:36-41 (ESV)

<sup>36</sup> After some days Paul said to Barnabas, "Let us return and visit the brothers in every city where we proclaimed the word of the Lord, and see how they are."

<sup>37</sup> Now Barnabas wanted to take with them John called Mark. <sup>38</sup> But Paul thought best not to take with them one who had withdrawn from them in Pamphylia and had not gone with them to the work. <sup>39</sup> And there arose a sharp disagreement, so that they separated from each other. Barnabas took Mark with him and sailed away to Cyprus, <sup>40</sup> but Paul chose Silas and departed, having been commended by the brothers to the grace of the Lord. <sup>41</sup> And he went through Syria and Cilicia, strengthening the churches.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Message:** *When Christians Have Conflict*

***Man of Sorrows, What a Name***

Man of Sorrows, what a name for the Son of God, who came  
Ruined sinners to reclaim: Hallelujah, what a Savior!

Guilty, helpless, lost were we; blameless Lamb of God was He,  
Sacrificed to set us free: Hallelujah, what a Savior!

("Man of Sorrows – What a Name" text and tune Philipp P. Bliss, 1875, alt., CCLI #358926, Streaming License 20317932)

**Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**

***Nothing But the Blood***

What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

*Refrain:* O! precious is the flow that makes me white as snow;  
No other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus.

This is all my hope and peace, nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
This is all my righteousness, nothing but the blood of Jesus. *Refrain*

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**God's Blessing**

***My Faith Looks Up to Thee***

My faith looks up to Thee,  
Thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine!  
Now hear me while I pray; take all my guilt away.  
Oh let me from this day be wholly Thine!

While life's dark maze I tread,  
And griefs around me spread be Thou my Guide.  
Bid darkness turn to day; wipe sorrow's tears away;  
Nor let me ever stray from Thee aside!

("My Faith Looks Up to Thee" text Ray Palmer, 1830, Public Domain, CCLI# 358926 Streaming License #20317932)

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