

First Christian Reformed Church  
Lynden, Washington  
February 28, 2021  
*Second Sunday of Lent*

**Call to Worship:** *Based on Isaiah 43:19-21*

Let us worship God, who has done great things.

**We rejoice in our God,  
who made a way through the desert of this world.**

Let us worship God, who has caused streams of mercy to flow in the wasteland.

**We are the people God has formed through Christ;  
we worship him, and we rejoice!**

Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

**We praise God for the grace that has saved us.**

**Alleluia! We rejoice!**

**God's Greeting**

***I Will Sing of My Redeemer***

I will sing of my Redeemer, and His wondrous love to me;

On the cruel cross He suffered, from the curse to set me free.

*Refrain:* Sing, O, sing of my Redeemer,  
With His blood He purchased me;  
On the cross He sealed my pardon,  
Paid the debt and made me free.

I will tell the wondrous story, how my lost estate to save,  
In His boundless love and mercy, He the ransom freely gave. *Refrain*

I will praise my dear Redeemer; His triumphant power I'll tell,  
How the victory He giveth over sin and death and hell. *Refrain*

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**Lent Reading:** *I Samuel 8:19-20*

**Prayer of Confession**

***In the Presence***

In the presence of a holy God  
There's new meaning now to grace.  
You took all my sins upon yourself;  
I can only stand amazed.

*Refrain:* And I cry holy, holy, holy God, how awesome is your name.  
Holy, holy, holy God, how majestic is your reign;  
And I am changed in the presence of a holy God.

In the presence of your infinite might,  
I'm so small and frail and weak;  
When I see your power and wisdom, Lord,  
I have no words left to speak. *Refrain*

In the presence of your glory  
All my crowns lie in the dust.  
You are righteous in your judgments, Lord;  
You are faithful, true and just. *Refrain*

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**Morning Prayer**

**Scripture:** Acts 16:1-10 (ESV)

<sup>1</sup> Paul came also to Derbe and to Lystra. A disciple was there, named Timothy, the son of a Jewish woman who was a believer, but his father was a Greek. <sup>2</sup> He was well spoken of by the brothers at Lystra and Iconium. <sup>3</sup> Paul wanted Timothy to accompany him, and he took him and circumcised him because of the Jews who were in those places, for they all knew that his father was a Greek. <sup>4</sup> As they went on their way through the cities, they delivered to them for observance the decisions that had been reached by the apostles and elders who were in Jerusalem. <sup>5</sup> So the churches were strengthened in the faith, and they increased in numbers daily. <sup>6</sup> And they went through the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia. <sup>7</sup> And when they had come up to Mysia, they attempted to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus did not allow them. <sup>8</sup> So, passing by Mysia, they went down to Troas. <sup>9</sup> And a vision appeared to Paul in the night: a man of Macedonia was standing there, urging him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." <sup>10</sup> And when Paul had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go on into Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Message:** *When God's Ways Are Not Our Ways*

**Lead Me, Guide Me**

*Refrain:* Lead me, guide me, along the way,  
For if You lead me, I cannot stray.  
Lord, let me walk each day with You,  
Lead me my whole life through.

I am weak and I need your strength and power  
To endure with grace my weakest hour.  
Help me through the darkness your face to see.  
Lead me, O Lord, lead me. *Refrain*

I am lost if You take Your hand from me,  
I am blind without Your light to see.  
Lord, forever may I Your servant be.  
Lead me, O Lord, lead me. *Refrain*

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**God's Blessing**

**May the Mind of Christ My Savior**

May the mind of Christ, my Savior, live in me from day to day,  
By His love and power controlling all I do and say.

May we run the race before us, strong and brave to face the foe,  
Looking only unto Jesus as we onward go.

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