

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
March 7, 2021
Third Sunday of Lent

Call to Worship: *Based on John 4:24; II Corinthians 5:17-21*

Let us worship God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ.

We are new creations; the old has gone, the new has come!

Let us worship God as Christ's ambassadors.

**Through us and through our worship
may we announce the good news to all.**

Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

Praise God! We are reconciled, redeemed, renewed!

God's Greeting

Wonderful, Merciful Savior

Wonderful, merciful Savior, Precious Redeemer and Friend;

Who would have thought that a Lamb could rescue the souls of men?

Oh, You rescue the souls of men.

Refrain: You are the One that we praise, You are the One we adore.

You give the healing and grace our hearts always hunger for,

Oh, our hearts always hunger for.

Counselor, Comforter, Keeper, Spirit we long to embrace;

You offer hope when our hearts have hopelessly lost the way,

Oh, we hopelessly lost the way. *Refrain*

Almighty, infinite Father, Faithfully loving Your own;

Here in our weakness You find us falling before Your throne,

Oh, we're falling before Your throne. *Refrain*

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Lent Reading: *II Kings 13:17-19*

And Elisha said [to King Joash], "Open the window eastward," and he opened it.

Then Elisha said, "Shoot," and he shot. And Elisha said, "The Lord's arrow of victory, the arrow of victory over Syria! For you shall fight the Syrians in Aphek until you have made an end of them." And Elisha said, "Take the arrows," and he took them. And he said to the king of Israel, "Strike the ground with them." And he struck three times and stopped. Then the man of God was angry with him and said, "You should have struck five or six times; then you would have struck down Syria until you had made an end of it, but now you will strike down Syria only three times."

Prayer of Confession

Christ Our Hope in Life and Death

What is our hope in life and death? Christ alone, Christ alone.

What is our only confidence? That our souls to Him belong.

Who holds our days within His hand? What comes apart from His command?

And what will keep us to the end? The love of Christ, in which we stand.

Refrain: O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal;

O sing hallelujah! Now and ever we confess

Christ our hope in life and death.

What truth can calm the troubled soul? God is good, God is good.
Where is His grace and goodness known? In our great Redeemer's blood.
Who holds our faith when fears arise? Who stands above the stormy trial?
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh unto the shore, the rock of Christ?

Refrain: O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal;
O sing hallelujah! Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death.

Unto the grave, what will we sing? "Christ, He lives; Christ, He lives!"
And what reward will heaven bring? Everlasting life with Him.
There we will rise to meet the Lord, then sin and death will be destroyed,
And we will feast in endless joy, when Christ is ours forevermore. *Refrain*

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Morning Prayer

Scripture: *Acts 16:11-15 (ESV)*

¹¹ So, setting sail from Troas, we made a direct voyage to Samothrace, and the following day to Neapolis, ¹² and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city some days. ¹³ And on the Sabbath day we went outside the gate to the riverside, where we supposed there was a place of prayer, and we sat down and spoke to the women who had come together. ¹⁴ One who heard us was a woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple goods, who was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to pay attention to what was said by Paul. ¹⁵ And after she was baptized, and her household as well, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my house and stay." And she prevailed upon us.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: *The Conversion of Lydia*

I Know Whom I Have Believed

I know not why God's wondrous grace to me he has made known.
Nor why, unworthy, Christ in love redeemed me for his own.

Refrain: But "I know whom I have believed,
And am persuaded that he is able
To keep that which I've committed
Unto him against that day."

I know not how the Spirit moves, convincing us of sin,
Revealing Jesus through the Word, creating faith in him. *Refrain*

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God's Blessing

Lead On, O King Eternal

Lead on, O King Eternal, we follow, not with fears;
For gladness breaks like morning where'er your face appears.
Your cross is lifted o'er us; we journey in its light.
The crown awaits the conquest; lead on, O God of might.

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