

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
March 14, 2021
Fourth Sunday of Lent and Missions Emphasis

Call to Worship

All who thirst, come to the water.
Come, all who are weary; come, all who yearn for forgiveness.
The Holy Spirit through Jesus Christ has washed over us,
and our gracious and holy God beckons and blesses us.
Drink deeply of these living waters.
Glory to you, O Lord, glory to you.

God's Greeting

Song for the Nations

May we be a shining light to the nations,
A shining light to the peoples of the earth,
Till the whole world sees the glory of Your name.
May Your pure light shine through us.

May we sing a song of joy to the nations,
A song of praise to the peoples of the earth,
Till the whole world rings with the praises of your name.
May Your song be sung through us.

May Your kingdom come to the nations,
Your will be done in the peoples of the earth,
Till the whole world knows that Jesus Christ is Lord.
May Your kingdom come on earth.

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Lent Reading: *Jonah 4:10-11*

And the Lord said, "You pity the plant, for which you did not labor, nor did you make it grow, which came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should not I pity Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than 120,000 persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also much cattle?"

Prayer of Confession

Beneath the Cross

Beneath the cross of Jesus I find a place to stand,
And wonder at such mercy that calls me as I am.
For hands that should discard me hold wounds which tell me come.
Beneath the cross of Jesus my unworthy soul is won.

Beneath the cross of Jesus, His family is my own.
Once strangers chasing selfish dreams; now, one through grace alone.
How could I now dishonor the ones that You have loved?
Beneath the cross of Jesus, see children called by God.

Beneath the cross of Jesus, the path before the crown,
We follow in His footsteps where promised hope is found.
How great the joy before us to be His perfect bride.
Beneath the cross of Jesus, we will gladly live our lives.

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Morning Prayer

Scripture: *Genesis 1:26-31*

²⁶ Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

²⁷ So God created man in his own image,
in the image of God he created him;
male and female he created them.

²⁸ And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth." ²⁹ And God said, "Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food." ³⁰ And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. ³¹ And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: *Made in the Image of God*

Hear the Call of the Kingdom

Hear the call of the Kingdom, lift your eyes to the King.
Let His song rise within you as a fragrant offering
Of how God, rich in mercy, came in Christ to redeem
All who trust in His unfailing grace.

Refrain: King of heaven, we will answer the call;
We will follow, bringing hope to the world,
Filled with passion, filled with power to proclaim
Salvation in Jesus' name.

Hear the call of the Kingdom to reach out to the lost;
With the Father's compassion, in the wonder of the cross.
Bringing peace and forgiveness and a hope yet to come,
Let the nations put their trust in Him. *Refrain*

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God's Blessing

Let Us Go

Father, in your presence we have gathered.
May your Spirit reign in us, we ask.
Free us from the things that do not matter.
Let us focus on the glory of this task.

Strengthen our feet; don't let them stumble.
Grant us all the wisdom of your grace.
Fill our hearts with love and make them humble.
Teach us, Father, how to run this holy race.

Refrain: Let us go in the love of the Father,
Let us go in the glory of the Son.
Let us go in the Spirit's mighty power.
For your kingdom let us go.
So that others unto you may come.

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Offering: SERVE@Home is a faith-forming experience where communities, congregations and students involved all experience lasting transformation. Once again, the SERVE team has pivoted from a planned SERVE week with students from around the US to SERVE@Home this July for our local congregation and students. For more information, contact Molly H.

Offerings can be placed in the basket as you leave the sanctuary, mailed to the church office (1010 Front Street, Lynden, WA 98264), dropped off (place in the mailbox), through a bill pay service, or electronically with Tithe.ly (www.tithe.ly or through the app).

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