

First Christian Reformed Church

Lynden, Washington

April 18, 2021

Call to Worship: *Exodus 15:11, 13, 17, 18*

Who among the gods is like you, LORD?

Who is like you—

majestic in holiness, awesome in glory, working wonders?

In your unfailing love

you will lead the people you have redeemed.

In your strength you will guide them to your holy dwelling.

You will bring them in and plant them

on the mountain of your inheritance—

the place, LORD, you made for your dwelling,

the sanctuary, Lord, your hands established.

The LORD reigns for ever and ever.

God's Greeting

See, What a Morning

See, what a morning, gloriously bright,

With the dawning of hope in Jerusalem;

Folded the grave-clothes, tomb filled with light,

As the angels announce, "Christ is risen!"

See God's salvation plan,

Wrought in love, borne in pain, paid in sacrifice,

Fulfilled in Christ, the Man,

For He lives: Christ is risen from the dead.

One with the Father, Ancient of Days,

Through the Spirit who clothes faith with certainty.

Honor and blessing, glory and praise

To the King crowned with pow'r and authority.

And we are raised with Him;

Death is dead, love has won, Christ has conquered.

And we shall reign with Him,

For He lives: Christ is risen from the dead.

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Now With Joyful Exultation

Now with joyful exultation let us sing to God our praise;

To the Rock of our salvation loud hosannas let us raise.

Thankful tribute gladly bringing, let us come before him now,

And, with psalms his praises singing, joyful in his presence bow.

For how great a God, and glorious, is the Lord of whom we sing;

Over idol gods victorious, great is he, our God and King.

In his hand are earth's deep places, also his are all the hills;

His the sea whose bounds he traces, His the land his bounty fills.

To the Lord, such might revealing, let us come with reverence meet,

And, before our Maker kneeling, let us worship at his feet.

He is our own God who leads us, we the people of his care;

With a shepherd's hand he feeds us as his flock in pastures fair.

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Call to Confession: Isaiah 55:6-7

*“Seek the LORD while he may be found;
call upon him while he is near;
let the wicked forsake his way,
and the unrighteous man his thoughts;
let him return to the LORD, that he may
have compassion on him,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.*

Prayer of Confession

Assurance: Isaiah 55:9, 11-12

*For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.
**so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.**
“For you shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.*

Presentation of Bibles to 3rd Graders (During the 9:00 AM worship service.)

When We Walk with the Lord

When we walk with the Lord in the light of his Word,
What a glory he sheds on our way!
While we do his good will he abides with us still,
And with all who will trust and obey.

Refrain: Trust and obey, for there's no other way
To be happy in Jesus but to trust and obey.

Then in fellowship sweet we will sit at his feet,
Or we'll walk by his side in the way;
What he says we will do, where he sends we will go,
Never fear, only trust and obey. *Refrain*

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Morning Prayer

Scripture: Acts 16:16-24 (ESV)

¹⁶As we were going to the place of prayer, we were met by a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners much gain by fortune-telling. ¹⁷She followed Paul and us, crying out, “These men are servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to you the way of salvation.” ¹⁸And this she kept doing for many days. Paul, having become greatly annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, “I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.” And it came out that very hour.

¹⁹But when her owners saw that their hope of gain was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the rulers. ²⁰And when they had brought them to the magistrates, they said, “These men are Jews, and they are disturbing our city. ²¹They advocate customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to accept or practice.” ²²The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates tore the garments off them and gave orders to beat them with rods. ²³And when they had inflicted many blows upon them, they threw them into prison, ordering the jailer to keep them safely. ²⁴Having received this order, he put them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks.

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Message: *About Dungeons and Demons*

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

O Master, let me walk with thee
In lowly paths of service free;
Tell me thy secret; help me bear
The strain of toil, the fret of care.

Teach me thy patience; still with thee
In closer, dearer company,
In work that keeps faith sweet and strong,
In trust that triumphs over wrong;

In hope that sends a shining ray
Far down the future's broadening way,
In peace that only thou canst give,
With thee, O Master, let me live.

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God's Blessing

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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Offerings and tithes can be placed in the baskets in the narthex,
mailed to the church office (1010 Front Street, Lynden, WA 98264), dropped off in the church mailbox,
through a bill pay service, or electronically at www.tithe.ly (or through the app). To give to the First
CRC operating fund, use a blue envelope (on the Welcome Center) or designate on memo line.

This week the offering is for *Seafarers Ministry*, a ministry to those working on cargo and cruise ships,
providing them with Bibles, care packages, and other services while in port. Rev. John V is a retired
CRC pastor who spearheads this ministry and works out of both Whatcom County and Florida ports.

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