

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
May 2, 2021

Call to Worship: *Based on Matthew 5:14, 16*

You are the light of the world.

May our light shine before others, and may we give glory to our Father in heaven.

God's Greeting

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne.
Hark! How the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee;
And hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of life: who triumphed o'er the grave,
Who rose victorious to the strife for those He came to save;
His glories now we sing, who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

Crown Him the Lord of heaven: one with the Father known,
One with the Spirit through Him given from yonder glorious throne.
To Thee be endless praise, for Thou for us hast died;
Be Thou, O Lord, through endless days adored and magnified.

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All Creatures of Our God and King

All creatures of our God and King,
Lift up your voice and with us sing, Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam,
Thou silver moon with softer gleam,
O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou flowing water, pure and clear,
Make music for thy Lord to hear, Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thou fire so masterful and bright,
That givest man both warm and light,
O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless,
And worship Him in humbleness. O praise Him! Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, Three in One!
O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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Call to Confession: *John 13:34-35*

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.

Prayer of Confession

Assurance: *Romans 5:6-8*

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Ministry of Music: *Amazing Grace – My Chains Are Gone*

Morning Prayer

Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak

Lord, speak to me that I may speak
In living echoes of Your tone.
As You have sought, so let me seek
Your erring children lost and lone.

O use me, Lord, use even me,
Just as You will, and when, and where
Until Your blessed face I see,
Your rest, Your joy, Your glory share.

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Scripture: Acts 17:1-9 (ESV)

¹Now when they had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where there was a synagogue of the Jews. ²And Paul went in, as was his custom, and on three Sabbath days he reasoned with them from the Scriptures, ³explaining and proving that it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead, and saying, "This Jesus, whom I proclaim to you, is the Christ." ⁴And some of them were persuaded and joined Paul and Silas, as did a great many of the devout Greeks and not a few of the leading women. ⁵But the Jews were jealous, and taking some wicked men of the rabble, they formed a mob, set the city in an uproar, and attacked the house of Jason, seeking to bring them out to the crowd. ⁶And when they could not find them, they dragged Jason and some of the brothers before the city authorities, shouting, "These men who have turned the world upside down have come here also, ⁷and Jason has received them, and they are all acting against the decrees of Caesar, saying that there is another king, Jesus." ⁸And the people and the city authorities were disturbed when they heard these things. ⁹And when they had taken money as security from Jason and the rest, they let them go.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: *Turning the World Upside Down*

The Old Rugged Cross

On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross, the emblem of suffering and shame;
And I love that old cross where the dearest and best for a world of lost sinners was slain.

Refrain: So I'll cherish the old rugged cross, 'til my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross, and exchange it some day for a crown.

O, that old rugged cross, so despised by the world, has a wondrous attraction for me;
For the dear Lamb of God, left His glory above, to bear it to dark Calvary. *Refrain*

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God's Blessing

The Old Rugged Cross

To the old rugged cross I will ever be true, its shame and reproach gladly bear;
Then He'll call me some day to my home far away, where His glory forever I'll share.

Refrain: So I'll cherish the old rugged cross, 'til my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross, and exchange it some day for a crown.

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*Immediately following the last song, all First CRC members
are asked to be seated for a brief congregational meeting.
Deacons will pass out ballots to select new elders and deacons
and to vote on the parking lot repaving project.
You are welcome to leave after returning your ballot.*

Pastors: Mike B, Robert W

Prayer: Larry K

Music: Patrick and Jason J, Lee V, Nancy Z

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).

If you would like to give to the First CRC operating fund, please use a blue envelope (on the Welcome Center) or
designate on memo line.

This week the offering is for Christian School Tuition Assistance. This fund is used to help cover tuition cost of
First church families who send their children to Christian schools.

A nursery is available with paging system for children under 3 years during the 10:30 AM worship service in the
Education Building.

Children's Church is available for children 3 years – 2nd grade during the 10:30 AM service. Children are dismissed to
the Education Building during the worship service.

Worship services are also broadcast live in the church basement and streamed online for anyone unable to worship in
the sanctuary.

An assistive listening system is available in the sanctuary; to use this system, switch hearing aids to "T".

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