

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
May 9, 2021

Call to Worship: based on *Our World Belongs to God*, st. 29

Jesus ascended in triumph to his heavenly throne.

There he hears our prayers, pleads our cause before the Father, and rules the world.

Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

Come, let us worship and bow down.

God's Greeting

How Great is Our God

The splendor of the King, and clothed in majesty;

Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice.

He wraps Himself in light, and darkness tries to hide,

And trembles at His voice, and trembles at His voice.

Refrain: How great is our God! Sing with me: How great is our God!

All will see how great, how great is our God!

From age to age He stands, and time is in His hands;

Beginning and the End, Beginning and the End.

The God-head, three in one, and Father, Spirit, Son,

The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb. *Refrain*

Name above all names, worthy of all praise.

My heart will sing: How great is Our God! *Refrain*

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His Mercy is More

What love could remember no wrongs we have done?

Omniscient, all-knowing, He counts not their sum.

Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore,

Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more.

What patience would wait as we constantly roam?

What Father, so tender, is calling us home?

He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor.

Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more.

What riches of kindness He lavished on us.

His blood was the payment His life was the cost.

We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford.

Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.

Refrain: Praise the Lord, His mercy is more.

Stronger than darkness, new every morn.

Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more. *Repeat*

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Call to Confession: *Romans 7:15-20*

For I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good. So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me.

Prayer of Confession

Assurance: *Isaiah 1:18*

*“Come now, let us reason together, says the Lord:
though your sins are like scarlet,
they shall be as white as snow;
though they are red like crimson,
they shall become like wool.”*

Ministry of Music: *A Mother To Be Praised*

Morning Prayer

Ancient Words

Holy words long preserved for our walk in this world,
They resound with God's own heart.
O, let the ancient words impart.
Words of life, words of hope, give us strength, help us cope.
In this world where'er we roam,
Ancient words will guide us home.

Refrain: Ancient words, ever true, changing me and changing you;
We have come with open hearts, O, let the ancient words impart.

Holy words of our faith handed down to this age,
Came to us through sacrifice.
O, heed the faithful words of Christ.
Holy words long preserved for our walk in this world,
They resound with God's own heart,
O, let the ancient words impart; *Refrain*

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Scripture: *Acts 17:10-15 (ESV)*

¹⁰ *The brothers immediately sent Paul and Silas away by night to Berea, and when they arrived they went into the Jewish synagogue. ¹¹ Now these Jews were more noble than those in Thessalonica; they received the word with all eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see if these things were so. ¹² Many of them therefore believed, with not a few Greek women of high standing as well as men. ¹³ But when the Jews from Thessalonica learned that the word of God was proclaimed by Paul at Berea also, they came there too, agitating and stirring up the crowds. ¹⁴ Then the brothers immediately sent Paul off on his way to the sea, but Silas and Timothy remained there. ¹⁵ Those who conducted Paul brought him as far as Athens, and after receiving a command for Silas and Timothy to come to him as soon as possible, they departed.*

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: *The Women of Berea*

In Christ Alone

In Christ alone, my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song,
This Cornerstone, this solid ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
My Comforter, my all in all,
Here in the love of Christ, I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh,
Fullness of God, in helpless Babe.
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save.
'Til on the cross, as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied.
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid,
Here in the death of Christ I live.

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God's Blessing

In Christ Alone

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the pow'r of Christ in me.
From life's first cry, to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand.
'Til He returns or calls me home,
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

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This week the offering is for Building the Future, which is in place to fund future building projects of our church. For more information, talk to a member of the Long-Range Ministry Team.

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".

On the bulletin, bold font is a response by the congregation. You are invited to join if you feel comfortable.

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