

First Christian Reformed Church  
Lynden, Washington  
June 27, 2021

**SERVE Video**

\* **Call to Worship:**

Let us worship the eternal God,  
the source of love and life, who creates us.

**Let us worship Jesus Christ,  
the risen one, who lives among us.**

Let us worship the Spirit,  
the holy fire, who renews us.

**To the one true God be praise  
in all times and places,  
through the grace of Jesus Christ.**

\* **God's Greeting**

\* ***Christ the Eternal Lord***

Christ the eternal Lord whose promise here we claim,  
Whose gifts of grace are freely poured  
On all who name your Name;  
With thankfulness and praise we stand before your throne,  
Intent to serve you all our days and make your glory known.

Christ the unchanging Word to every passing age,  
Whose timeless teachings still are heard  
Set forth on Scripture's page;  
Transform our thought and mind, enlighten all who read,  
Within your word by faith to find the bread of life indeed.

Christ the redeeming Son who shares our human birth,  
And by his death salvation won for every child of earth;  
Inspire our hearts, we pray, to tell your love abroad,  
That all may honor Christ today and follow him as Lord.

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\* ***Here I Am to Worship***

Light of the world, You stepped down into darkness,  
Opened my eyes, let me see.  
Beauty that made this heart adore You,  
Hope of a life spent with You.

*Refrain:* So here I am to worship, here I am to bow down  
Here I am to say that You're my God.  
You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy,  
Altogether wonderful to me.

King of all days, oh so highly exalted,  
Glorious in heaven above.  
Humbly You came to the earth You created,  
All for love's sake became poor. *Refrain*

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**Call to Confession:** *Psalm 139:23-24 (ESV)*

*Search me, O God, and know my heart!*

*Try me and know my thoughts!*

*And see if there be any grievous way in me,  
and lead me in the way everlasting!*

**Prayer of Confession**

**Assurance of Pardon:** Hebrews 10:10, NIV; Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 66

We have been made holy  
through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

**This is God's gospel promise:  
to forgive our sins and give us eternal life by grace alone  
because of Christ's one sacrifice  
finished on the cross.**

**Power of the Cross**

Children 3 years – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade are invited to Children's Church in the Education Building at this time.  
(During 10:30 AM service only.)

O, to see the dawn of the darkest day;  
Christ on the road to Calvary.  
Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten, then  
Nailed to a cross of wood.  
This the power of the cross: Christ became sin for us.  
Took the blame, bore the wrath;  
We stand forgiven at the cross.

O, to see my name written in the wounds,  
For through Your suffering I am free.  
Death is crushed to death, life is mine to live,  
Won through Your selfless love.  
This the power of the cross: Son of God slain for us.  
What a love, what a cost! We stand forgiven at the cross.

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**Morning Prayer**

\* **Scripture:** *Acts 18:1-17 (ESV)*

After this Paul left Athens and went to Corinth. <sup>2</sup> And he found a Jew named Aquila, a native of Pontus, recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla, because Claudius had commanded all the Jews to leave Rome. And he went to see them, <sup>3</sup> and because he was of the same trade he stayed with them and worked, for they were tentmakers by trade. <sup>4</sup> And he reasoned in the synagogue every Sabbath, and tried to persuade Jews and Greeks. <sup>5</sup> When Silas and Timothy arrived from Macedonia, Paul was occupied with the word, testifying to the Jews that the Christ was Jesus. <sup>6</sup> And when they opposed and reviled him, he shook out his garments and said to them, "Your blood be on your own heads! I am innocent. From now on I will go to the Gentiles." <sup>7</sup> And he left there and went to the house of a man named Titius Justus, a worshiper of God. His house was next door to the synagogue. <sup>8</sup> Crispus, the ruler of the synagogue, believed in the Lord, together with his entire household. And many of the Corinthians hearing Paul believed and were baptized. <sup>9</sup> And the Lord said to Paul one night in a vision, "Do not be afraid, but go on speaking and do not be silent, <sup>10</sup> for I am with you, and no one will attack you to harm you, for I have many in this city who are my people." <sup>11</sup> And he stayed a year and six months, teaching the word of God among them.

<sup>12</sup> But when Gallio was proconsul of Achaia, the Jews made a united attack on Paul and brought him before the tribunal, <sup>13</sup> saying, "This man is persuading people to worship God contrary to the law." <sup>14</sup> But when Paul was about to open his mouth, Gallio said to the Jews, "If it were a matter of wrongdoing or vicious crime, O Jews, I would have reason to accept your complaint. <sup>15</sup> But since it is a matter of questions about words and names and your own law, see to it yourselves. I refuse to be a judge of these things." <sup>16</sup> And he drove them from the

tribunal. <sup>17</sup> And they all seized Sosthenes, the ruler of the synagogue, and beat him in front of the tribunal. But Gallio paid no attention to any of this.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Message: *Encouragement in Corinth***

**\* *We Are God's People***

We are God's people, the chosen of the Lord,  
Born of His Spirit, established by His Word.  
Our cornerstone is Christ alone,  
And strong in Him we stand;  
O let us live transparently  
And walk heart to heart and hand in hand.

We are God's loved ones, the Bride of Christ, our Lord,  
For we have known it, the love of God out-poured.  
Now let us learn how to return the gift of love once given;  
O let us share each joy and care  
And live with a zeal that pleases heaven.

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**\* *God's Blessing***

**\* *Let Us Go***

*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.

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*

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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](http://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 the Cadets. **First CRC Cadets** is a ministry for 1<sup>st</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade boys and is led by Brian Stokes and assisted by several other men in the congregation. For more information, talk to Brian, or any other Cadet leader or visit [www.calvinistcadets.org](http://www.calvinistcadets.org).*

Nursery is available with a 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 – 2<sup>nd</sup> 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, \* indicates the congregation will be standing and bold font is a response by the congregation. You are invited to join if you feel comfortable.

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