

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
August 8, 2021

SERVE Recap and Video

Call to Worship: *Psalm 92:1-3, 5*

*It is good to praise the LORD and make music to your name, O Most High,
proclaiming your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night,
to the music of the ten-stringed lyre and the melody of the harp.
How great are your works, LORD, how profound your thoughts!*

God's Greeting

How Great Thou Art

O Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed:

Refrain: Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee;
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee;
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

When through the woods and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze: *Refrain*

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
And there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art! *Refrain*

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Our Church

Here we are now, a crowd assembled, peace like incense fills the air.
Men and women, the sounds of children, young and old have come to share.
In the beauty of this place, we have gathered by His grace.

Refrain: This is our church, our family of faith, on this Holy ground we're all the same.
And we are the joy of God on display whenever we meet in Jesus' Name.
Whenever we meet in Jesus' Name.

Walls are falling, hearts disarming as his presence ushers in.
Waves of mercy fill the building as His Spirit stirs within.
In the beauty of this place, we have gathered by His grace. *Refrain*

From the suburbs to the streets we have gathered to receive.
Some with plenty, some with need, cause we are a family, His family. *Refrain*

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Call to Confession: *I John 3:4-6*

*Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness.
You know that he appeared in order to take away sins, and in him there is no sin.
No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him.*

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon: *Colossians 1:13-14*

*For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom
of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.*

Ministry of Music: *The Solid Rock*

Morning Prayer

Scripture: Acts 19:1-10 (ESV)

¹ And it happened that while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul passed through the inland country and came to Ephesus. There he found some disciples. ² And he said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" And they said, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." ³ And he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They said, "Into John's baptism." ⁴ And Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, Jesus." ⁵ On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ⁶ And when Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they began speaking in tongues and prophesying. ⁷ There were about twelve men in all. ⁸ And he entered the synagogue and for three months spoke boldly, reasoning and persuading them about the kingdom of God. ⁹ But when some became stubborn and continued in unbelief, speaking evil of the Way before the congregation, he withdrew from them and took the disciples with him, reasoning daily in the hall of Tyrannus. ¹⁰ This continued for two years, so that all the residents of Asia heard the word of the Lord, both Jews and Greeks.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: *Finding Something Missing in Ephesus*

Speak, O Lord

Teach us Lord, full obedience, holy reverence, true humility.
Test our thoughts and our attitudes, in the radiance of Your purity.
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see, Your majestic love and authority.
Words of power that can never fail; let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds; help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us.
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time, that will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises, and by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built, and the earth is filled with Your glory.

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God's Blessing

Salvation Belongs to Our God

Salvation belongs to our God, who sits upon the throne, and to the Lamb.
Praise and glory, wisdom and thanks, honor and power and strength
Be to our God forever and ever, be to our God forever and ever,
Be to our God forever and ever. Amen

We, the redeemed, shall be strong in purpose and unity, declaring aloud:
Praise and glory, wisdom and thanks, honor and power and strength
Be to our God forever and ever, be to our God forever and ever,
Be to our God forever and ever. Amen

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Prayer: Larry K

Music: Paul, Sharon, and Emily A, Cal B, Ben K, Brian K, Jack P, Evan T, Bill V

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 the Gideons, an organization with the primary purpose to win souls for Christ. One of their main ministries is the placement of Bibles in "human traffic lanes", placing almost 63 million scriptures annually.

Nursery is available with a paging system for children under 3 years during the 10:30 AM worship service in the Education Bldg.

Children's Church is available for children 3 years – 2nd grade during the 10:30 AM service.

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