

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
August 15, 2021

Call to Worship: *I Love You, Lord*

I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice
To worship You, O my soul, rejoice!
Take joy, my King, in what you hear:
May it be a sweet, sweet sound in Your ear. *Repeat All*

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God's Greeting

Rejoice, the Lord Is King!

Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, and triumph evermore:

Refrain: Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

His kingdom cannot fail, He rules o'er earth and heaven;
The keys of death and hell are to our Jesus given: *Refrain*

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Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father!
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not:
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

Refrain: Great is Thy faithfulness, great is Thy faithfulness,
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided,
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! *Refrain*

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That's Why We Praise Him

He came to live, live a perfect life;
He came to be the living Word, our light.
He came to die so we'd be reconciled;
He came to rise to show his power and might.

Refrain: That's why we praise him, that's why we sing.
That's why we offer him our everything.
That's why we bow down and worship this king,
'Cause he gave his everything;
'Cause He gave his everything.

He came to live, live again in us;
He came to be our conquering King and Friend.
He came to heal and show the lost ones his love;
He came to go prepare a place for us. *Refrain*

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Call to Confession: Psalm 25:6-7, 11

*Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love,
for they have been from of old.*

*Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions;
according to your steadfast love remember me,
for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!*

*For your name's sake, O LORD,
pardon my guilt, for it is great.*

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon: Lamentations 3:22-26

*The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases;
his mercies never come to an end;
they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.*

*"The LORD is my portion," says my soul,
"therefore I will hope in him."*

*The LORD is good to those who wait for him,
to the soul who seeks him.*

It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD.

Be Unto Your Name

We are a moment, You are forever
Lord of the Ages, God before time;
We are a vapor, You are eternal,
Love everlasting, reigning on high.

Refrain: Holy, holy, Lord God Almighty,
Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain
Highest praises, honor and glory
Be unto Your name, be unto Your name.

We are the broken, You are the healer,
Jesus, Redeemer, mighty to save;
You are the love song we'll sing forever,
Bowing before You, blessing Your name. *Refrain*

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Offertory Prayer

Offering: Seafarer's Ministry

Morning Prayer

Knowing You

Now my heart's desire is to know You more,
To be found in You and known as Yours,
To possess by faith what I could not earn,
All surpassing gift of righteousness.

Refrain: Knowing You, Jesus, knowing You
There is no greater thing.
You're my all, You're my rest,
You're my joy, my righteousness, and I love You Lord.

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Scripture: Acts 19:11-20 (ESV)

¹¹ And God was doing extraordinary miracles by the hands of Paul, ¹² so that even handkerchiefs or aprons that had touched his skin were carried away to the sick, and their diseases left them and the evil spirits came out of them. ¹³ Then some of the itinerant Jewish exorcists undertook to invoke the name of the Lord Jesus over those who had evil spirits, saying, "I adjure you by the Jesus whom Paul proclaims." ¹⁴ Seven sons of a Jewish high priest named Sceva were doing this. ¹⁵ But the evil spirit answered them, "Jesus I know, and Paul I recognize, but who are you?" ¹⁶ And the man in whom was the evil spirit leaped on them, mastered all of them and overpowered them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded. ¹⁷ And this became known to all the residents of Ephesus, both Jews and Greeks. And fear fell upon them all, and the name of the Lord Jesus was extolled. ¹⁸ Also many of those who were now believers came, confessing and divulging their practices. ¹⁹ And a number of those who had practiced magic arts brought their books together and burned them in the sight of all. And they counted the value of them and found it came to fifty thousand pieces of silver. ²⁰ So the word of the Lord continued to increase and prevail mightily.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: *Extraordinary Events in Ephesus*

In the Name of the Lord

There is strength in the name of the Lord.

There is pow'r in the name of the Lord.

There is hope in the name of the Lord.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! *Repeat All*

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God's Blessing

Glory Be to the Father

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost,

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,

World without end. Amen. Amen.

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This week the offering is for the Seafarer's Ministry a ministry to those working on cargo ships, providing them with Bibles, care packages, and other services while in port in Whatcom County. Doug V is the director of this ministry.

Nursery is available with a paging system for children under 3 years in the Education Building.

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

Worship services are 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".