

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
August 29, 2021 ~ 10:30 AM Worship Service

Call to Worship: *Psalm 143:8 (ESV)*

*Let me hear in the morning of your steadfast love,
for in you I trust.*

*Make me know the way I should go,
for to you I lift up my soul.*

God's Greeting

Lift High the Cross #373:1,5,6 (PH)

Refrain: Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore his sacred name.

Come, Christians, follow where our Savior led,
Our King victorious, Jesus Christ, our Head. *Refrain*

Let every race and every language tell
Of him who saves our lives from death and hell. *Refrain*

Set up your throne, that earth's despair may cease
Beneath the shadow of its healing peace. *Refrain*

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Our God Reigns #195 (PH)

How lovely on the mountains are the feet of him
Who brings good news, good news
Announcing peace, proclaiming news of happiness.
Our God reigns; our God reigns!
Our God reigns; our God reigns!
Our God reigns; our God reigns!

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How Great Thou Art #2:1,3 (HFG)

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!

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin; *Refrain*

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Call to Confession: *Psalm 51:10*

*Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.*

Prayer of Confession

Assurance: *Psalm 63:7-8*

*For you have been my help,
and in the shadow of your wings I will sing for joy.*

***My soul clings to you;
your right hand upholds me.***

It is Good to Sing Thy Praises

#330:1,2 (HFG)

(Children 3 years – 2nd grade are invited to Children's Church
in the Education Building at this time. Visitors welcome!)

It is good to sing Thy praises and to thank Thee, O Most High,
Showing forth Thy loving kindness
When the morning lights the sky.
It is good when night is falling of Thy faithfulness to tell.
While with sweet, melodious praises songs of adoration swell.

Thou hast filled my heart with gladness
Through the works Thy hands have wrought;
Thou hast made my life victorious;
Great Thy works and deep Thy thought.
Thou, O Lord, on high exalted, reignest evermore in might;
All Thy enemies shall perish, sin be banished from Thy sight.

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Offertory Prayer

Offering: Building the Future

Morning Prayer

Come, All You People, Praise Our God

#242:1,3 (PH)

Come, all you people, praise our God
And tell his glorious works abroad, who holds our souls in life;
He never lets our feet be moved
And, though our faith he often proved, upholds us in the strife.

Come, listen, all who fear the Lord,
While I with grateful heart record what God has done for me;
I cried to him in deep distress,
And now his wondrous grace I bless, for he has set me free.

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Scripture: *Psalm 13:1-6 (ESV)*

¹ *How long, O Lord? Will you forget me forever?*

How long will you hide your face from me?

² *How long must I take counsel in my soul
and have sorrow in my heart all the day?*

How long shall my enemy be exalted over me?

³ *Consider and answer me, O Lord my God;
light up my eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death,*

⁴ *lest my enemy say, "I have prevailed over him,"
lest my foes rejoice because I am shaken.*

⁵ *But I have trusted in your steadfast love;
my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.*

⁶ *I will sing to the Lord,
because he has dealt bountifully with me.*

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: *How Long, O Lord*

To God Be the Glory #363:1,2 (HFG)

To God be the glory, great things He hath done!
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin
And opened the lifegate that all may go in.

Refrain: Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the earth hear His voice.
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the people rejoice.
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory, great things He hath done.

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
To every believer the promise of God;
The vilest offender who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives. *Refrain*

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God's Blessing

Beautiful Savior #461:4 (PH)

Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations!
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,
Now and forevermore be thine!

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Prayer: Brian K, Neil M

Music: Mike H

Offerings and tithes can be placed in offering bag, mailed to the church (1010 Front St, Lynden, WA 98264), or sent using tithe.ly.

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 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.

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 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.

