

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
September 5, 2021
10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Staff Appreciation

Call to Worship: *adapted from Psalm 100:1-3*

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

Worship the Lord with Gladness.

Come into his presence with singing.

Knowing that the Lord is God.

It is he that made us, and we are his.

We are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Lord, help us to remember whose we are as we worship you today.

God's Greeting

Come, Now Is the Time to Worship

Come, now is the time to worship.

Come, now is the time to give your heart.

Come, just as you are, to worship.

Come, just as you are, before your God. Come.

One day every tongue will confess You are God.

One day every knee will bow.

Still the greatest treasure remains for those

Who gladly choose you now.

Come, now is the time to worship.

Come, now is the time to give your heart.

Come, just as you are, to worship.

Come, just as you are, before your God. Come.

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Majesty

Majesty, worship His majesty.

Unto Jesus be all glory, honor, and praise.

Majesty, kingdom authority

Flow from His throne unto His own; His anthem raise.

So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus.

Magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus, the King.

Majesty, worship His majesty

Jesus who died, now glorified, King of all kings.

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One Generation Will Call to the Next

We will extol you, God and King and bless your holy name.

Day after day we'll sing your praise; forever and forever.

Refrain: One generation will call to the next:

"Our God is good, and his hand is strong!"

All of the world sings his marvelous acts,

And our voice will join with theirs in the song.

We contemplate the splendor of the world your hand has made.

Far greater still the majesty we see in the Creator! *Refrain*

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Call to Confession: Lord's Day 21, Q & A 56

What do you believe concerning "the forgiveness of sins"?

**I believe that God, because of Christ's atonement,
will never hold against me any of my sins nor my sinful nature
which I need to struggle against all my life.
Rather, in his grace God grants me the righteousness of Christ
to free me forever from judgment.**

Prayer of Confession

Assurance: *Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)*

Amazing grace how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost, but now I'm found was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear and grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.

Refrain: My chains are gone, I've been set free.
My God, my Savior has ransomed me,
And like a flood His mercy rains,
Unending love, amazing grace.

The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures. *Refrain*

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow, the sun forbear to shine.
But God, who called me here below, will be forever mine.

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Offertory Prayer

Offering: Christian School Tuition Assistance

Morning Prayer

Open Our Eyes, Lord

Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus,
To reach out and touch Him, and say that we love Him.
Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen,
Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.

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Scripture: *Matthew 17:1-8 (ESV)*

¹And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. ²And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light. ³And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴And Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah." ⁵He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." ⁶When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. ⁷But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and have no fear." ⁸And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Message: *A Glimpse of Glory*

Trust and Obey

When we walk with the Lord in the light of His Word,
What a glory He sheds on our way!
While we do His good will, He abides with us still,
And with all who will trust and obey.

Refrain: Trust and obey, for there's no other way
To be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

Not a shadow can rise, not a cloud in the skies,
But His smile quickly drives it away;
Not a doubt or a fear, not a sigh or a tear,
Can remain when we trust and obey. *Refrain*

Not a burden we bear, not a sorrow we share,
But our toil He doth richly repair;
Not a grief or a loss, not a frown or a cross,
But is blest if we trust and obey. *Refrain*

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God's Blessing

We Receive Your Blessing

We receive Your blessing, we receive Your grace,
As we walk in the light shining from Your face.
May the peace that You give change the way that we live.
We receive Your blessing as we leave this place.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him, all creatures here below.
Praise Him, above You heavenly hosts.
Praise Father, Son and praise the Holy Ghost.
We receive Your blessing as we leave this place.

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Prayer: Randy L
Music: Paul & Sharon A, Brian K

Offerings and tithes can be placed in the offering bags, mailed to the church office (1010 Front Street, Lynden, WA 98264), dropped off in the church mailbox, through a bill pay service, or 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 Christian School Tuition Assistance.* Christian School Assistance is used to help cover tuition cost of First church families who send their children to Christian schools.

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 – 3rd 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".