

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
October 3, 2021
10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Call to Worship: *Psalm 143:8*

*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

This is My Father's World

#6:1,3 (HFG)

This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears;
All nature sings and round me rings the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world; I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;
His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world, O let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the Ruler yet.

This is my Father's world; the battle is not done;
Jesus, who died, shall be satisfied,
And earth and heaven be one.

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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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Days of Elijah

These are the days of Elijah, declaring the Word of the Lord;
And these are the days of Your servant, Moses,
Righteousness being restored;
And though these are days of great trials,
Of famine and darkness and sword,
Still we are the voice in the desert crying
"Prepare ye the way of the Lord." *Refrain*

Refrain: Behold He comes, riding on the clouds,
Shining like the sun at the trumpet call;
Lift your voice, it's the year of Jubilee,
And out of Zion's hill salvation comes.

And these are the days of Ezekiel,
The dry bones becoming as flesh;
And these are the days of Your servant, David,
Rebuilding a temple of praise;
And these are the days of the harvest,
The fields are as white in the world;
And we are the laborers in Your vineyard,
Declaring the Word of the Lord. *Refrain*

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Call to Confession: *Matthew 22:37-40*

³⁷ And he said to them, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. ³⁸ This is the great and first commandment. ³⁹ And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. ⁴⁰ On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets."

Prayer of Confession

Assurance: *John 8:12*

Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

Offertory Prayer

Offering: Tuition Assistance Fund

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

Morning Prayer

Ancient Words

Holy words long preserved for our walk in this world,
They resound with God's own heart.
O, let the ancient words impart.
Words of life, words of hope, give us strength, help us cope.
In this world where'er we roam,
Ancient words will guide us home.

Refrain: Ancient words, ever true,
Changing me and changing you;
We have come with open hearts,
O, let the ancient words impart.

Holy words of our faith handed down to this age,
Came to us through sacrifice.
O, heed the faithful words of Christ.
Holy words long preserved
For our walk in this world,
They resound with God's own heart,
O, let the ancient words impart. *Refrain*

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Scripture: *Acts 20:28-38 (ESV)*

Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood. ²⁹ I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; ³⁰ and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them. ³¹ Therefore be alert, remembering that for

three years I did not cease night or day to admonish every one with tears. ³² And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. ³³ I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. ³⁴ You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities and to those who were with me. ³⁵ In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.' "

³⁶ And when he had said these things, he knelt down and prayed with them all. ³⁷ And there was much weeping on the part of all; they embraced Paul and kissed him, ³⁸ being sorrowful most of all because of the word he had spoken, that they would not see his face again. And they accompanied him to the ship.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: *Paul's Exhortation in Ephesus*

Prayer

Take My Life and Let It Be

#288:1,6 (PH)

Take my life and let it be consecrated Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days;
Let them flow in endless praise, let them flow in endless praise.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store.
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all for thee, ever, only, all for thee.

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Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

The Church's One Foundation

#547: 1,4 (HFG)

(A love offering for Helping Hands for Babies will be received during this song.)

The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord
She is His new creation by water and the word;
From heaven He came and sought her to be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her, and for her life He died.

Yet she on earth hath union with God, the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won;
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we
Like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with Thee.

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God's Blessing

Go, My Children, With My Blessing

Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me;
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.
Here my Spirit's power filled you;
Here his tender comfort stilled you,
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.

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Offering *Christian School Tuition Assistance* is used to help cover tuition cost of First church families who send their children to Christian schools.

Helping Hands for Babies is a ministry of First CRC. Donations help cover expenses of the fabric and shipping for the thousands of blankets and baby clothing made by women of First CRC to send to people in need. For more information, talk to Leona O.