

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

Call to Worship: *Psalm 84:1-4*

*How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!
My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the Lord;
my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.
Even the sparrow finds a home,
and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young,
at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.
Blessed are those who dwell in your house,
ever singing your praise!*

God's Greeting

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne.
Hark! How the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee;
And hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of love: behold His hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified;
No angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends His wondering eye at mysteries so bright.

Crown Him the Lord of life: who triumphed o'er the grave,
Who rose victorious to the strife for those He came to save;
His glories now we sing, who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

Crown Him the Lord of heaven: one with the Father known,
One with the Spirit through Him given
From yonder glorious throne.
To Thee be endless praise, for Thou for us hast died;
Be Thou, O Lord, through endless days adored and magnified.

("Crown Him with Many Crowns" words Matthew Bridges and Godfrey Thring, music George J. Elvey, descant Paul Sjolund, Public Domain, 1976 by Paragon Associates, Inc. CCLI #358926 Streaming License #20317932)

Come, You Thankful People, Come

Come, you thankful people, come; raise the song of harvest home.
All is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin.
God, our maker, does provide for our needs to be supplied.
Come with all his people, come; raise the song of harvest home.

For the Lord our God shall come and shall take his harvest home;
He himself in that great day all offense shall take away,
Give his angels charge at last in the fire the weeds to cast,
But, the fruitful ears to store in his garner evermore.

Even so Lord, quickly come to Your final harvest home;
Gather all Your people in, free from sorrow, free from sin;
There forever purified, in Your presence to abide.
Come, with all Your angels come; raise the glorious harvest home.

("Come, You Thankful People, Come" words Henry Alford, 1844, tune George J. Elvey, 1858, Public Domain, CCLI# 358926 Streaming License #20317932)

Call to Confession: *Romans 13:11-14*

Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Prayer of Confession

Profession of Our Faith: Nicene Creed

**I believe in one God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only begotten of the Father before all worlds,
God from God, Light from light, very God of very God, begotten, not made;
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made.**

**Who, for us and for our salvation came down from heaven;
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,
and was made man;**

**and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried;**

**the third day he rose again,
according to the Scriptures,**

**and ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father;**

**and he will come again, with glory,
to judge the living and the dead;
whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together
is worshiped and glorified;
who spoke by the prophets.**

**And I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
I acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins;
and I look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Sing to the Lord, Sing His Praise

Sing to the Lord, sing His praise all you peoples;
New be your song as new honors you pay.
Sing of His majesty, praise Him forever,
Show His salvation from day to day.

Tell of his wondrous works, tell of his glory
Till through the nations his name is revered.
Praise and exalt him, for he is almighty;
God over all, let the Lord be feared.

Give unto God Most High glory and honor;
Come with your offerings and humbly draw near.
Worship the Lord in all beauty and splendor;
Tremble before Him with godly fear.

("Sing to the Lord, Sing His Praise" text vers., Psalter, 1912, alt., tune Lowell Mason, 1830, CCLI# 358926 Streaming #20317932)

Offertory Prayer

Offering: Missionaries in Albania

Morning Prayer

Speak, O Lord

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You, to receive the food of Your holy Word.
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and fashion us in Your likeness,
That the light of Christ might be seen today, in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all Your purposes for Your glory.

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.

("Speak, O Lord" words, music Keith Getty, Stuart Townend, © 2005 Kingsway's Thankyou Muis, CCLI #358926, Streaming #20317932)

Scripture: *John 5:28-29 (ESV)*

²⁸ Do not marvel at this, for an hour is coming when all who are in the tombs will hear his voice ²⁹ and come out, those who have done good to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil to the resurrection of judgment.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: *We Look For the Resurrection of the Dead*

Rejoice, Rejoice Believers

Rejoice, rejoice, believers, and let your lights appear;
The evening is advancing, and darker night is near.
The Bridegroom is arising and soon he will draw nigh.
Up, pray and watch and wrestle; at midnight comes the cry.

The saints, who here in patience their cross and sufferings bore,
Shall live and reign forever when sorrow is no more.
Around the throne of glory the Lamb they shall behold;
In triumph cast before him their diadems of gold.

Our hope and expectation, O Jesus, now appear;
Arise, O Sun so longed for, o'er this benighted sphere.
With hearts and hands uplifted, we plead, O Lord, to see
The day of earth's redemption that sets your people free!

("Rejoice, Rejoice Believers" words Laurentius Laurenti, 1700, tr. Sarah Borthwick Findlater, 1854, alt., The Hymnal, 1982, Public Domain, tune Swedish, arr. Henry V. Gerike, 1948, © Cponcordia Publishing House., CCLI# 358926 Streaming License #20317932)

God's Blessing

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

#637 (PH)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen. Amen.

("Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" words by Thomas Ken and music traditional Black gospel, Public Domain, CCLI #358926, Streaming License #20317932)

Pastor: Mike B
Prayer: Linsey H, Gene T
Music: Nancy Z

Offering is for Memli & Luiza, missionaries in Albania. They have been called by God and sent out by their church to plant churches among 50 unreached Muslim villages in southern Albania.

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

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

Worship services are also broadcast live in the church basement and 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".