

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
October 31, 2021 ~ 10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Call to Worship: *Revelation 15:3b-4a*

*“Great and marvelous are your deeds, Lord God Almighty.
Just and true are your ways, King of the nations.
Who will not fear you, Lord, and bring glory to your name?
For you alone are holy.”*

God’s Greeting

Holy! Holy! Holy! Lord God Almighty

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
Who wert and art and ever-more shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see.
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee;
Perfect in power, in love and purity.

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The Church’s One Foundation

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.

Elect from every nation, yet one o’er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation, one Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.

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Change My Heart, O God

Refrain: Change my heart, O God, make it ever true.
Change my heart, O God, may I be like You.

You are the Potter, I am the clay;
Mold me and make me, this is what I pray. *Refrain*

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Mold me and make me, this is what I pray. *Refrain*

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Call to Confession: *Hebrews 12:1*

*Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses,
let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles.
And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.*

Prayer of Confession

Assurance: *Christ Our Hope in Life and Death*

What is our hope in life and death? Christ alone, Christ alone.
What is our only confidence? That our souls to Him belong.
Who holds our days within His hand? What comes, apart from His command?
And what will keep us to the end? The love of Christ, in which we stand.

Refrain: O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal;
O sing hallelujah! Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death.

What truth can calm the troubled soul? God is good, God is good.
Where is His grace and goodness known? In our great Redeemer's blood.
Who holds our faith when fears arise? Who stands above the stormy trial?
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh unto the shore, the rock of Christ? *Refrain*

Unto the grave, what will we sing? "Christ, He lives; Christ, He lives!"
And what reward will heaven bring? Everlasting life with Him.
There we will rise to meet the Lord, then sin and death will be destroyed,
And we will feast in endless joy, when Christ is ours forevermore. *Refrain*

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Offertory Prayer

Offering: World Renew ~ Disaster Relief in Haiti

Morning Prayer

In Christ Alone

In Christ alone, my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song,
This Cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
My Comforter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ, I stand.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ in me.
From life's first cry, to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from His hand.
'Til He returns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

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Scripture: Acts 20:24 (ESV)

But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God.

Acts 21:12-13

¹² *When we heard this, we and the people there urged him not to go up to Jerusalem.* ¹³ *Then Paul answered, "What are you doing, weeping and breaking my heart? For I am ready not only to be imprisoned but even to die in Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus."*

II Timothy 4:6-8

⁶ *For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come.*
⁷ *I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.* ⁸ *Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing.*

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

Message: *Truth Worth Dying For*

Lead On, O King Eternal

Lead on, O King eternal, the day of march has come;
Henceforth in fields of conquest your tents will be our home.
Through days of preparation your grace has made us strong;
And now, O King eternal, we lift our battle song.

Lead on, O King Eternal, we follow, not with fears;
For gladness breaks like morning where'er your face appears.
Your cross is lifted o'er us; we journey in its light.
The crown awaits the conquest; lead on, O God of might.

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God's Blessing

Our God Reigns

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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