

First Christian Reformed Church  
Lynden, Washington  
January 16, 2022 ~ 10:30 AM Worship Service

**Call to Worship:** *Psalm 70:4*

*May all who seek you*

*Rejoice and be glad in you!*

*May those who love your salvation*

*Say evermore, "God is great!"*

**God's Greeting**

***How Great is Our God***

The splendor of the King, and clothed in majesty;  
Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice.  
He wraps Himself in light, and darkness tries to hide,  
And trembles at His voice, and trembles at His voice.

*Refrain:* How great is our God! Sing with me: how great is our God!  
All will see how great, how great is our God!

Name above all names, worthy of all praise.  
My heart will sing: How great is Our God!  
Name above all names, worthy of all praise.  
My heart will sing: How great is Our God!

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! *Refrain*

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***Here I am To Worship***

Light of the world, You stepped down into darkness,  
Opened my eyes let me see.  
Beauty that made this heart adore You,  
Hope of a life spent with You.

*Refrain:* So here I am to worship, Here I am to bow down  
Here I am to say that You're my God.  
You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy,  
Altogether wonderful to me.

King of all days, oh so highly exalted,  
Glorious in heaven above.  
Humbly You came to the earth You created,  
All for love's sake became poor. *Refrain*

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***Be Exalted, O God***

I will give thanks to Thee, O Lord, among the people.  
I will sing praises to Thee among the nations.  
For Thy steadfast love is great, is great to the heavens;  
And Thy faithfulness, Thy faithfulness to the clouds.  
Be exalted, O God, above the heavens; Let Thy glory be over all the earth.  
Be exalted, O God, above the heavens; Let Thy glory be over all the earth.

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**Call to Confession:** *Romans 12:1*

*I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God,  
present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God,  
which is your spiritual worship.*

**Prayer of Confession**

**Assurance:** *1 Peter 1:3-4*

*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!  
According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again  
to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,  
to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you.*

**How Deep the Father's Love for Us**

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure  
That He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure.  
How great the pain of searing loss. The Father turns His face away  
As wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.

Behold the Man upon the cross, my sin upon His shoulders.  
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.  
It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished;  
His dying breath has brought me life. I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything; no gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom.  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ: His death and resurrection.  
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer.  
But this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ransom.

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**Offertory Prayer**

**Offering:** First CRC Benevolence Fund

**Morning Prayer**

**Be Thou My Vision**

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;  
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art,  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my Wisdom and Thou my true Word;  
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;  
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son,  
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

High King of heaven, my victory won,  
May I reach heaven's joys, bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

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**Scripture:**

*Genesis 12:1-3 (ESV)*

<sup>1</sup> Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. <sup>2</sup> And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. <sup>3</sup> I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.

*Genesis 18:18 (ESV)*

*Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation,  
and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him.*

*Deuteronomy 8:3 (ESV)*

*Man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.*

*Hebrews 4:12 (ESV)*

*<sup>12</sup> For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any  
two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts  
and intentions of the heart.*

*I Peter 1:23 (ESV)*

*<sup>23</sup> You have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God.*

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Message:** *The Book That Made Our World and Us*

### ***God Has Spoken by His Prophets***

God has spoken by His prophets, spoken His unchanging Word,  
Each from age to age proclaiming God, the one, the righteous Lord.  
In the world's despair and turmoil one firm anchor holds us fast:  
God is King, His throne eternal, God the First and God the Last.

God has spoken by Christ Jesus, Christ, the everlasting Son,  
Brightness of the Father's glory, with the Father ever one.  
Spoken by the Word incarnate, God of God, ere time was born;  
Light of Light, to earth descending, Christ, as God in human form.

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### **God's Blessing**

#### ***God Has Spoken by His Prophets***

God is speaking by His Spirit, speaking to our hearts again;  
In the ageless Word expounding God's own message, now as then.  
Thro' the rise and fall of nations one sure faith yet standing fast:  
God abides, His Word unchanging, God the First and God the Last.

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Prayer: Bryan A, Gene T  
Music: Sharon A, Paul A, Brian K, Jack P

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