

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
March 13, 2022 – 10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Call to Worship

Come to the Lord, who is rich in grace; approach our God, who is full of mercy.

We will praise God with all our heart and glorify the name of the Most High forever.

God's Greeting

The Wonderful Cross

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died;
My richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

See, from His head, His hands, His feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down;
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Refrain: Oh, the wonderful cross, oh, the wonderful cross;
Bids me come and die, and find that I may truly live.
Oh, the wonderful cross, oh, the wonderful cross;
All who gather here by grace draw near and bless your name.

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were an offering far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all. *Refrain*

("The Wonderful Cross" hymn by Isaac Watt, words and music by Chris Tomlin, JD Watt, Jesse Reeves © 2000 WorshipTogether.com songs/Six Steps Music CCLI 358926 Streaming License 20317932)

Stronger

There is Love, that came for us. Humbled to a sinner's cross.
You broke my shame, and sinfulness. You rose again, victorious.

Faithfulness none can deny. Through the storm, and through the fire.
There is truth that sets me free, Jesus Christ who lives in me.

Refrain: You are stronger, You are stronger.
Sin is broken, You have saved me.
It is written, Christ is risen. Jesus, You are Lord of all.

No beginning, and no end. You're my hope, and my defense.
You came to seek, and save the lost. You paid it all, upon the cross. *Refrain*

So let Your name be lifted higher, be lifted higher, be lifted higher.
So let Your name be lifted higher, be lifted higher, be lifted higher. *Refrain*

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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.
Will be forever mine. You are forever mine.

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Lenten Reading: *Matthew 4:1, 10, 11*

Assurance: *Beneath the Cross*

Beneath the cross of Jesus I find a place to stand,
And wonder at such mercy that calls me as I am.
For hands that should discard me hold wounds which tell me come.
Beneath the cross of Jesus my unworthy soul is won.

Beneath the cross of Jesus, the path before the crown,
We follow in His footsteps where promised hope is found.
How great the joy before us to be His perfect bride.
Beneath the cross of Jesus, we will gladly live our lives.

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Offertory Prayer

Offering: Al & Julie

Offertory Ministry of Music: *How Great Thou Art*

Morning Prayer

Scripture: *Romans 5:3-5*

³ *We rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴ and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵ and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.*

James 1:2-4

² *Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, ³ for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. ⁴ And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.*

I Peter 4:12-14

¹² *Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³ But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴ If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you.*

Hebrews 12:2

² *Look to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.*

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: *Living on the Road of Suffering*

"Man of Sorrows," What a Name!

"Man of Sorrows!" What a name for the Son of God who came;
Ruined sinners to reclaim, hallelujah, what a Savior!

Bearing shame and scoffing rude, in my place condemned He stood;
Sealed my pardon with His blood, hallelujah, what a Savior!

Lifted up was He to die; "It is finished" was His cry;
Now in heaven exalted high; hallelujah, what a Savior!

("Man of Sorrows - What a Name" text and tune Philipp P. Bliss, 1875, alt., CCLI #358926, Streaming License 20317932)

God's Blessing

You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim

"Salvation to God, who sits on the throne!"

Let all cry aloud and honor the Son;
The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,
Fall down on their faces and worship the Lamb.

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Pastors: Robert W
Readers: Blaine & Ardelle K
Prayer: Mike S, Neil M
Music: Sharon A, Peggy B, Leah B, Shelby B, Kara T, Nathalie T, Sara T

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