

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
March 20, 2022 - 6:00 p.m. Worship Service

Call to Worship: *Psalm 105:1-4*

Give praise to the Lord, proclaim his name; make known among the nations what he has done.

Sing to him, sing praise him; tell of all his wonderful acts.

Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

Look to the Lord and his strength; seek his face always.

Opening Prayer

Jesus Saves!

We have heard the joyful sound: Jesus saves! Jesus saves!
Spread the tidings all around: Jesus saves! Jesus saves!
Bear the news to every land, climb the steeps and cross the waves;
Onward! 'tis our Lord's command; Jesus saves! Jesus saves!

Give the winds a mighty voice, Jesus saves! Jesus saves!
Let the nations now rejoice, Jesus saves! Jesus saves!
Shout salvation full and free, highest hills and deepest caves;
This our song of victory, Jesus saves! Jesus saves!

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I Love to Tell the Story

I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
Of Jesus and His glory, of Jesus and His love;
I love to tell the story, because I know 'tis true,
It satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.

Refrain: I love to tell the story! 'Twill be my theme in glory
To tell the old, old story of Jesus and His love.

I love to tell the story 'tis pleasant to repeat
What seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet;
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard
The message of salvation from God's own holy word. *Refrain*

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Lift High the Cross

Refrain: Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore his sacred name.

Come, Christians, follow where our Savior led, our King victorious, Jesus Christ, our Head. *Refrain*

Let every race and every language tell of him who saves our lives from death and hell. *Refrain*

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Affirmation: from Our World Belongs to God Article #41, 42

Joining in the mission of God, the church is sent with the gospel of the kingdom

to call everyone to know and follow Christ

and to proclaim to all the assurance that in the name of Jesus

there is forgiveness of sin and new life for all who repent and believe.

The Spirit calls all members

to embrace God's mission in their neighborhoods and in the world:

to feed the hungry, bring water to the thirsty, welcome the stranger, clothe the naked,
care for the sick and free the prisoner.

We repent of leaving this work to a few; for this mission is central to our being.

In a world estranged from God,

where happiness and peace are offered in many names and millions face confusing choices,

we witness, with respect for followers of other ways;

to the only one in whose name salvation is found: Jesus Christ.

In Jesus, God reconciles the world to himself.

God loves all creation; His compassion knows no bounds.

Offering: Dustin & Melissa

Evening 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.

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Scripture: *Acts 13:1-3 (NIV)*

¹ Now in the church at Antioch there were prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Simeon called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen (who had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch) and Saul.
² While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them."³ So after they had fasted and prayed, they placed their hands on them and sent them off.

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

Message: *Prayer and Missions*

Send the Light

There's a call comes ringing o'er the restless wave,
"Send the light! Send the light!"
There are souls to rescue, there are souls to save,
Send the light! Send the light!

Refrain: Send the light, the blessed gospel light;
Let it shine from shore to shore!
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Let it shine from shore to shore!

Let us pray that grace may everywhere abound,
"Send the light! Send the light!"
And a Christ-like spirit everywhere be found,
Send the light! Send the light! *Refrain*

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God's Blessing

Let Us Go

Father, in your presence we have gathered.
May your Spirit reign in us, we ask.
Free us from the things that do not matter.
Let us focus on the glory of this task.

Strengthen our feet; don't let them stumble.
Grant us all the wisdom of your grace.
Fill our hearts with love and make them humble.
Teach us, Father, how to run this holy race.

Refrain: Let us go in the love of the Father,
Let us go in the glory of the Son.
Let us go in the Spirit's mighty power.
For your kingdom let us go,
So that others unto you may come.

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