

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
March 27, 2022 – 10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Call to Worship

In this season of Lent we look forward to our remembrance
of Jesus' death and our celebration of his resurrection.

We pray that your Spirit will renew in us today our anticipation for these events.

**Renew our awareness that Jesus' death and resurrection
are a sure source of hope and life.**

God's Greeting

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.

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: O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal;

O sing hallelujah! Now and ever we confess Christ our hope in life and death.

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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The Power of the Cross

O, to see the dawn of the darkest day; Christ on the road to Calvary.

Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten, then nailed to a cross of wood.

This the power of the cross: Christ became sin for us.

Took the blame, bore the wrath; we stand forgiven at the cross.

O, to see the pain written on Your face, bearing the awesome weight of sin.

Every bitter thought, every evil deed crowning Your bloodstained brow.

This the power of the cross: Christ became sin for us.

Took the blame, bore the wrath; we stand forgiven at the cross.

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He Will Hold Me Fast

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;

When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast.

I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path;

For my love is often cold; He must hold me fast.

Refrain: He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;

For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

Those He saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast;

Precious in His holy sight, He will hold me fast.

He'll not let my soul be lost; His promises shall last;

Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast. *Refrain*

For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;

Justice has been satisfied; He will hold me fast.

Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast

Till our faith is turned to sight, when He comes at last. *Refrain*

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Lenten Reading: *Matthew 14:15-31*

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine!
Now hear me while I pray; take all my guilt away.
Oh let me from this day be wholly Thine!

May Thy rich grace impart
Strength to my fainting heart, my zeal inspire.
As Thou has died for me, O may my love to Thee
Pure, warm and changeless be, a living fire.

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Offertory Prayer

Offering: Envision Mission

Morning Prayer

Open My Eyes

Open my ears, that I may hear voices of truth so sharp and clear;
And while the message sounds in my ear, everything else will disappear.
Silently now I wait for You, ready, my God, Your will to do;
Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!

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Scripture: *Exodus 35:4-7 (ESV)*

Moses said to all the congregation of the people of Israel, "This is the thing that the Lord has commanded. ⁵ Take from among you a contribution to the Lord. Whoever is of a generous heart, let him bring the Lord's contribution: gold, silver, and bronze; ⁶ blue and purple and scarlet yarns and fine twined linen; goats' hair, ⁷ tanned rams' skins, and goatskins; acacia wood."

Exodus 35:20-22 Then all the congregation of the people of Israel departed from the presence of Moses. ²¹ And they came, everyone whose heart stirred him, and everyone whose spirit moved him, and brought the Lord's contribution to be used for the tent of meeting, and for all its service, and for the holy garments. ²² So they came, both men and women. All who were of a willing heart...

Exodus 36:3-7 And they received from Moses all the contribution that the people of Israel had brought for doing the work on the sanctuary. They still kept bringing him freewill offerings every morning, ⁴ so that all the craftsmen who were doing every sort of task on the sanctuary came, each from the task that he was doing, ⁵ and said to Moses, "The people bring much more than enough for doing the work that the Lord has commanded us to do." ⁶ So Moses gave command, and word was proclaimed throughout the camp, "Let no man or woman do anything more for the contribution for the sanctuary." So the people were restrained from bringing, ⁷ for the material they had was sufficient to do all the work, and more.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: *Living by Faith, Giving by Faith*

We Give Thee But Thine Own

We give Thee but Thine own, whate'er the gift may be.
All that we have is Thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from Thee.

May we Thy bounties thus as stewards true receive.
And gladly, as Thou blessest us, to Thee our firstfruits give.

And we believe Thy word, though dim our faith may be:
Whatever task we do, O Lord, we do it unto Thee.

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God's Blessing

We Receive Your Blessing

We receive Your blessing, we receive Your grace,
As we walk in the light shining from Your face.
May the peace that You give change the way that we live.
We receive Your blessing as we leave this place.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him, all creatures here below.
Praise Him, above You heavenly hosts.
Praise Father, Son and praise the Holy Ghost.
We receive Your blessing as we leave this place.

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Pastors: Mike B, Robert W
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Worship services are also broadcast live in the basement and streamed 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".

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