

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
April 3, 2022 – 10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Call to Worship: Psalm 92:1-4

*It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
to sing praises to your name, O Most High;
to declare your steadfast love in the morning,
and your faithfulness by night,
to the music of the lute and the harp,
to the melody of the lyre.
For you, O Lord, have made me glad by your work;
at the works of your hands I sing for joy.*

God's Greeting

Praise the Lord with the Sound of Trumpet #569 (PH)

Praise the Lord with the sound of trumpet,
Praise the Lord with the harp and lute,
Praise the Lord with the gentle sounding flute.
Praise the Lord in the field and forest,
Praise the Lord in the city square,
Praise the Lord anytime and anywhere.
Praise the Lord in the wind and sunshine,
Praise the Lord in the dark of night,
Praise the Lord in the rain or snow
Or in the morning light.
Praise the Lord in the deepest valley,
Praise the Lord on the highest hill,
Praise the Lord; never let your voice be still.

Praise the Lord with the crashing cymbal,
Praise the Lord with the pipe and string,
Praise the Lord with the joyful songs you sing.
Praise the Lord on a weekday morning,
Praise the Lord on a Sunday noon,
Praise the Lord by the light of sun or moon.
Praise the Lord in the time of sorrow,
Praise the Lord in the time of joy.
Praise the Lord every moment;
Nothing let your praise destroy.
Praise the Lord in the peace and quiet,
Praise the Lord in your work or play,
Praise the Lord everywhere in every way!

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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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Beneath the Cross of Jesus #253:1,2 (HFG)

Beneath the cross of Jesus I gladly take my stand:
The shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land,
A home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way,
From the burning of the noon-tide heat and the burden of the day.

Upon the cross of Jesus my eyes at time can see
The very dying form of One who suffered there for me;
And from my smitten heart, with tears, two wonders I confess;
The wonders of His glorious love and my unworthiness.

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Lenten Reading: *John 11:32-36*

Come to the Savior Now #535:1,3 (PH)

(Children 3 years–3rd grade are invited to Children's Church at this time.
Please use the front exit by the organ. Visitors are welcome!)

Come to the Savior now, he gently calls to you;
In true repentance bow, let him your heart renew.
Christ came that you may know Salvation, peace and love,
True joy on earth below, a home in heaven above.

Come to the Savior now, he offers all to you,
And on his merits you can plead for life anew.
No vain excuses frame, respond to Christ today!
None who to Jesus came were ever sent away.

("O Lord, You Are My Light" words Psalm 27:1-6, music John Goss, arr. Ussiah C. Burnap. © Public Domain CCLI #358926 Streaming License 20317932)

Offertory Prayer

Offering: Christian School Tuition Assistance

Offertory Ministry of Music: *When I Survey*

Morning Prayer

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus #621:1,3 (HFG)

O soul, are you weary and troubled?
No light in the darkness you see?
There's light for a look at the Savior,
And life more abundant and free!

Refrain: Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
Look full in His wonderful face,
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim
In the light of His glory and grace.

His word shall not fail you – He promised;
Believe Him, and all will be well:
Then go to a world that is dying,
His perfect salvation to tell! *Refrain*

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Scripture: *I Corinthians 1:18-25*

¹⁸ *For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.*

¹⁹ *For it is written,*

*“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”*

²⁰ *Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?* ²¹ *For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe.* ²² *For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom,* ²³ *but we preach Christ*

crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles,

²⁴ *but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.* ²⁵ *For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.*

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: *What the Wisdom of this World Misses*

Immortal, Invisible, God only Wise

#319:1,4 (HFG)

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days.
Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;
All praise we would render: O help us to see
‘Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee.

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God’s Blessing

Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise

#519:1,4 (HFG)

Savior, again to Thy dear name we raise
With one accord our parting hymn of praise.
Once more we pray before our worship cease;
That Thou wilt grant to us Thy word of peace.

Grant us Thy peace through-out our earthly life,
Our joy in sorrow, and our strength in strife;
Then, when Thy voice shall bid our conflict cease,
Call us, O Lord, to Thine eternal peace.

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Prayer: Bryan A, Fred Y
Music: Lee VB, Paul A, Cal B, Brian K, Ben K, Bill VS

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On the bulletin, * indicates standing and bold font is a response by the congregation. You are invited to join if you feel comfortable.

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