

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
May 29, 2022 – 10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Call to Worship: *Psalm 100*

Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.

Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.

Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us and we are his;

we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise;

give thanks to him and praise his name.

For the LORD is good and his love endures forever;

his faithfulness continues through all generations.

God's Greeting

Come, Now Is the Time to Worship

Refrain: Come, now is the time to worship.

Come, now is the time to give your heart.

Come, just as you are, to worship.

Come, just as you are, before your God. Come.

One day every tongue will confess You are God. One day every knee will bow.

Still the greatest treasure remains for those who gladly choose you now. *Refrain*

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Cornerstone

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness.

I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly trust in Jesus' Name.

Refrain: Christ alone, Cornerstone; weak made strong in the Savior's love.

Through the storm He is Lord, Lord of all.

When darkness seems to hide His face, I rest on His unchanging grace.

In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil. *Refrain*

When He shall come with trumpet sound, oh may I then in Him be found.

Dressed in His righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne. *Refrain*

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His Mercy Is More

What love could remember no wrongs we have done?

Omniscient, all-knowing, He counts not their sum.

Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore,

Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more.

What patience would wait as we constantly roam?

What Father, so tender, is calling us home?

He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor.

Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more.

What riches of kindness He lavished on us.

His blood was the payment His life was the cost.

We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford.

Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.

Refrain: Praise the Lord, His mercy is more.

Stronger than darkness, new every morn.

Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more. *Repeat Refrain*

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Call to Confession: *based on 1 John 1:8-9*

God's Word assures us: If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins

and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Lord, have mercy.

In humility and faith let us confess our sin to God.

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon: *from 1 John 1:5, 7*

This is the message we have heard from God and proclaim to you, that God is light and in God there is no darkness at all. If we walk in the light, as God is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

Living Hope

How great the chasm that lay between us.
How high the mountain I could not climb.
In desperation, I turned to heaven, and spoke your name into the night.
Then through the darkness, Your loving kindness,
Tore through the shadows of my soul.
The work is finished, the end is written, Jesus Christ, my living hope.

Who could imagine so great a mercy?
What heart could fathom such boundless grace?
The God of ages stepped down from glory, to wear my sin and bear my shame.
The cross has spoken, I am forgiven.
The king of kings calls me His own.
Beautiful Savior, I'm yours forever, Jesus Christ, my living hope.

Refrain: Hallelujah, praise the one who set me free.
Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me.
You have broken every chain, there's salvation in your name,
Jesus Christ, my living hope.

Then came the morning that sealed the promise, Your buried body began to breathe.
Out of the silence, the Roaring Lion, declared the grave has no claim on me.
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Out of the silence, the Roaring Lion, declared the grave has no claim on me.
Jesus, yours is the victory!

Refrain: Hallelujah, praise the one who set me free.
Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me.
You have broken every chain, there's salvation in your name,
Jesus Christ, my living hope. Jesus Christ, my living hope.

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Offertory Prayer

Offering: First CRC Benevolence Fund

Morning Prayer

Scripture: *Acts 21:17-26*

¹⁷ When we had come to Jerusalem, the brothers received us gladly. ¹⁸ On the following day Paul went in with us to James, and all the elders were present. ¹⁹ After greeting them, he related one by one the things that God had done among the Gentiles through his ministry. ²⁰ And when they heard it, they glorified God. And they said to him, "You see, brother, how many thousands there are among the Jews of those who have believed. They are all zealous for the law, ²¹ and they have been told about you that you teach all the Jews who are among the Gentiles to forsake Moses, telling them not to circumcise their children or walk according to our customs. ²² What then is to be done? They will certainly hear that you have come. ²³ Do therefore what we tell you. We have four men who are under a vow; ²⁴ take these men and purify yourself along with them and pay their expenses, so that they may shave their heads. Thus all will know that there is nothing in what they have been told about you, but that you yourself also live in observance of the law. ²⁵ But as for the Gentiles who have believed, we have sent a letter with our judgment that they should abstain from what has been sacrificed to idols, and from blood, and from what has been strangled, and from sexual immorality." ²⁶ Then Paul took the men, and the next day he purified himself along with them and went into the temple, giving notice when the days of purification would be fulfilled and the offering presented for each one of them.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: *Paul's Visit to Jerusalem*

Grace Alone

Every promise we can make, every prayer and step of faith;
Every difference we will make is only by His grace.
Every mountain we will climb, every ray of hope we shine;
Every blessing left behind is only by His grace.

Refrain: Grace alone which God supplies; strength unknown He will provide.
Christ in us, our cornerstone, we will go forth in grace alone.

Every soul we long to reach, every heart we hope to teach;
Everywhere we share His peace is only by His grace.
Every loving word we say, every tear we wipe away;
Every sorrow turned to praise is only by His grace. *Refrain*

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God's Blessing

My Friends, May You Grow in Grace

My friends, may you grow in grace
And in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior.
My friends, may you grow in grace
And in the knowledge of Jesus Christ.
To God be the glory, now and forever, now and forever, amen.
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