

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
June 5, 2022 – 10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Call to Worship: *Surely the Presence*

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;
I can feel His mighty power and His grace.
I can hear the brush of angel's wings, I see glory on each face;
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place. (Repeat)

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God's Greeting

Days of Elijah

These are the days of Elijah, declaring the Word of the Lord;
And these are the days of Your servant, Moses, righteousness being restored;
And though these are days of great trials, of famine and darkness and sword,
Still we are the voice in the desert crying "Prepare ye the way of the Lord."

Refrain: Behold He comes, riding on the clouds,
Shining like the sun at the trumpet call;
Lift your voice, it's the year of Jubilee,
And out of Zion's hill salvation comes.

And these are the days of Ezekiel, the dry bones becoming as flesh;
And these are the days of Your servant, David, rebuilding a temple of praise;
And these are the days of the harvest, the fields are as white in the world;
And we are the laborers in Your vineyard, declaring the Word of the Lord. *Refrain*

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Descend, O Holy Spirit

Descend, O Holy Spirit, descend on us we pray;
And bless us with Your presence, renewed in us today.
A fervent intercessor before the Father's throne;
Your gentle supplications make our petitions known.

Descend, O Holy Spirit, as rushing, mighty wind;
We stand in adoration; O Spirit, now descend.
O cleanse us by Your power, our weakened faith renew;
Commission us for service to lead the lost to You.

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In the Presence

In the presence of a holy God there's new meaning now to grace.
You took all my sins upon yourself; I can only stand amazed.

Refrain: And I cry holy, holy, holy God, how awesome is your name.
Holy, holy, holy God, how majestic is your reign;
And I am changed in the presence of a holy God.

In the presence of your infinite might, I'm so small and frail and weak;
When I see your power and wisdom, Lord, I have no words left to speak. *Refrain*

In the presence of your glory all my crowns lie in the dust.
You are righteous in your judgments, Lord; You are faithful, true and just. *Refrain*

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Call to Confession and Preparation

As we prepare to celebrate holy communion next week, let us remember to examine ourselves before God.
Since before Almighty God nothing is secret or hidden, we need His Spirit that we may know our hearts,
our lives, and our inmost thoughts as He knows them. We seek His grace that we may repent sincerely of
all sin, find peace with Him through our Lord Jesus Christ, and grow in assurance of salvation.

Prayer of Confession

Assurance: *John 14:16, 17, 25, 26*

And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

“These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you.

But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.

Spirit of the Living God

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, move among us all;

Make us one in heart and mind, make us one in love:

Humble, caring, selfless, sharing.

Spirit of the living God, fill our lives with love.

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Offertory Prayer

Offering: Christian School Tuition Assistance

Morning Prayer

Scripture: *John 16:1-16 (ESV)*

¹“I have said all these things to you to keep you from falling away. ²They will put you out of the synagogues. Indeed, the hour is coming when whoever kills you will think he is offering service to God. ³And they will do these things because they have not known the Father, nor me. ⁴But I have said these things to you, that when their hour comes you may remember that I told them to you. “I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. ⁵But now I am going to him who sent me, and none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ ⁶But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. ⁷Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; ¹¹concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

¹²“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁶“A little while, and you will see me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see me.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: *What Is Jesus Doing To Us?*

God Moves in a Mysterious Way

God moves in a mysterious way His wonders to perform,

He plants His footsteps in the sea, and rides upon the storm.

You fearful saints, fresh courage take; the clouds ye so much dread

Are big with mercy, and shall break in blessings on your head.

Judge not the Lord by feeble sense, but trust Him for His grace;

Behind a frowning providence He hides a smiling face.

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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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Pastors: David W, Bert H
Prayer: Bryan A
Music: Ken Q

Offering will be received for Christian School Tuition Assistance. Christian School Assistance is used to help cover tuition cost of First church families who send their children to Christian schools.

Nursery is available with a paging system for children under 3 years during worship service in the Education Building.

Children's Church is available for children 3 years – 3rd grade. Children are dismissed to the EdBuilding during the service.

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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