

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
August 28, 2022 – 10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Call to Worship: *Psalm 99:1-3*

*The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!
The LORD is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples.
Let us praise your great and awesome name! Holy is he!*

He Is Exalted

He is exalted, the King is exalted on high; I will praise Him.
He is exalted, forever exalted, and I will praise His name!
He is the Lord; forever His truth shall reign.
Heaven and earth rejoice in His holy name.
He is exalted, the King is exalted on high.

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God's Greeting

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne.
Hark! How the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee;
And hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of life: who triumphed o'er the grave,
Who rose victorious in the strife for those He came to save;
His glories now we sing, who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

Crown Him the Lord of heaven: one with the Father known,
One with the Spirit through Him given from yonder glorious throne.
To Thee be endless praise, for Thou for us hast died;
Be Thou, O Lord, through endless days adored and magnified.

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Before the Throne of God Above

Before the throne of God above I have a strong, and perfect plea:
A great High Priest, whose name is Love, who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on his hands, my name is written on his heart;
I know that while in heaven he stands no tongue can bid me thence depart
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair, and tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look, and see him there who made an end of all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free;
For God, the Just, is satisfied to look on Him and pardon me,
To look on Him and pardon me.

Behold him there, the risen Lamb my perfect, spotless righteousness,
The great unchangeable I am, the King of glory and of grace!
One with himself, I cannot die, my soul is purchased by his blood;
My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my Savior and my God,
With Christ, my Savior and my God.

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Call to Confession: *Change My Heart, O God*

Change my heart, O God, make it ever true.
Change my heart, O God, may I be like You.

You are the Potter, I am the clay;
Mold me and make me, this is what I pray.
Change my heart, O God, make it ever true.
Change my heart, O God, may I be like You. *(Repeat)*

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Prayer of Confession

Assurance: *Psalm 73:23-26*

Nevertheless, I am continually with you; you hold my right hand.

You guide me with your counsel, and afterward you will receive me to glory.

Whom have I in heaven but you? And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides you.

My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

Yet Not I, But Through Christ in Me

What gift of grace is Jesus, my redeemer.

There is no more for heaven now to give.

He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom,

My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace.

To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus.

For my life is wholly bound to his.

Oh how strange and divine, I can sing: all is mine! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

The night is dark, but I am not forsaken,

For by my side, the Savior, He will stay.

I labor on in weakness and rejoicing,

For in my need, His power is displayed.

To this I hold: my Shepherd will defend me.

Through the deepest valley He will lead.

Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

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Offertory Prayer and Offering: Building the Future

Morning Prayer

Yet Not I, But Through Christ in Me

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven,

The future sure, the price, it has been paid.

For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon,

And He was raised to overthrow the grave.

To this I hold: my sin has been defeated.

Jesus now, and ever is my plea.

Oh the chains are released, I can sing: I am free! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

With every breath I long to follow Jesus,

For He has said that He will bring me home.

And day by day I know He will renew me,

Until I stand with joy before the throne.

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus,

All the glory evermore to Him!

When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat: Yet not I, but through Christ in me!

Yet not I, but through Christ in me!

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Scripture: *Acts 24:22-27 (ESV)*

²² But Felix, having a rather accurate knowledge of the Way, put them off, saying, "When Lysias the tribune comes down, I will decide your case." ²³ Then he gave orders to the centurion that he should be kept in custody but have some liberty, and that none of his friends should be prevented from attending to his needs.

²⁴ After some days Felix came with his wife Drusilla, who was Jewish, and he sent for Paul and heard him speak about faith in Christ Jesus. ²⁵ And as he reasoned about righteousness and self-control and the coming judgment, Felix was alarmed and said, "Go away for the present. When I get an opportunity I will summon you." ²⁶ At the same time he hoped that money would be given him by Paul. So he sent for him often and conversed with him. ²⁷ When two years had elapsed, Felix was succeeded by Porcius Festus. And desiring to do the Jews a favor, Felix left Paul in prison.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: *Paul and the Procrastinator*

Almost Persuaded

“Almost persuaded” now to believe;
“Almost persuaded” Christ to receive:
Seems now some soul to say, “Go, Spirit go Thy way;
Some more convenient day on Thee I’ll call.”

“Almost persuaded” come, come today;
“Almost persuaded” turn not away:
Jesus invites you here, angels are lingering near,
Prayers rise from hearts so dear, O wanderer come.

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God's Blessing

Our God Reigns

How lovely on the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, good news
Announcing peace, proclaiming news of happiness.

Our God reigns; our God reigns!

Our God reigns; our God reigns!

Our God reigns; our God reigns!

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