

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
October 9, 2022 – 10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Call to Worship: *Micah 4:2,5*

*Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob,
that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.
We will walk in the name of the Lord our God forever and ever.*

God's Greeting

Come, People of the Risen King

Come, people of the risen King, who delight to bring Him praise.
Come, all, and tune your hearts to sing to the Morning Star of grace.
From the shifting shadows of the earth we will lift our eyes to Him,
Where steady arms of mercy reach to gather children in.

Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice!
One heart, one voice, O Church of Christ, rejoice!

Come, those whose joy is morning sun, and those weeping through the night.
Come, those who tell of battles won, and those struggling in the fight.
For His perfect love will never change, and His mercies never cease,
But follow us through all our days with the certain hope of peace. *Refrain*

Come, young and old from every land, men and women of the faith.
Come, those with full or empty hands; find the riches of His grace.
Over all the world His people sing; shore to shore we hear them call
The Truth that cries through every age: "Our God is all in all!" *Refrain*

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Shine, Jesus, Shine

Lord, the light of Your love is shining in the midst of the darkness shining;
Jesus, light of the world, shine upon us, set us free by the truth You now bring us;
Shine on me, shine on me.

Refrain: Shine, Jesus, Shine, fill this land with the Father's glory.
Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy.
Send forth Your Word Lord, and let there be light.

Lord, I come to Your awesome presence, from the shadows into Your radiance;
By the blood I may enter Your brightness; search me, try me, consume all my darkness;
Shine on me, shine on me. *Refrain*

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Call to Confession: God's Law

Leader: You shall have no other gods before me.

People: It is written: "Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only."

Leader: You shall not make for yourself an idol.

People: God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth.

Leader: You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.

People: "Do not swear at all: either by heaven, for it is God's throne; or by the earth, for it is his footstool. . . .

Let your 'Yes' be 'Yes', and your 'No,' 'No'; anything beyond this comes from the evil one."

Leader: Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

People: The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. So the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath.

Leader: Honor your father and your mother.

People: For God said, "Anyone who curses his father or mother must be put to death."

Leader: You shall not murder.

People: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be sons of your Father in heaven.

Leader: You shall not commit adultery.

People: Anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

Leader: You shall not steal.

People: For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery . . . theft . . . These are what make a man "unclean."

Leader: You shall not give false testimony.

People: For out of the overflow of the heart the mouth speaks. . . . For by your words you will be acquitted, and by your words you will be condemned.

Leader: You shall not covet.

People: Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.

Prayer of Confession:

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

Jesus, Bearer of our sins, have mercy upon us.

Jesus, Redeemer of the world, grant us peace. Amen.

Assurance: *John 3:16*

*For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son,
that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.*

Who You Say I Am

Who am I that the highest King would welcome me?
I was lost but He brought me in, Oh, His love for me. Oh, His love for me.
Who the Son sets free, oh, is free indeed. I'm a child of God, yes, I am.

Free at last, he has ransomed me. His grace runs deep.
While I was a slave to sin, Jesus died for me. Yes, He died for me.
In my Father's house there's a place for me. I'm a child of God, yes, I am.

I am chosen, not forsaken; I am who You say I am.
You are for me, not against me; I am who You say I am.
I am chosen, not forsaken; I am who You say I am.
You are for me, not against me; I am who You say I am. I am who You say I am.

Who the Son sets free, oh, is free indeed. I'm a child of God, yes, I am.
In my Father's house there's a place for me. I'm a child of God, yes, I am.

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Offering: Memli & Luiza

Morning Prayer

Come, Thou Almighty King

Come, Thou Incarnate Word, gird on Thy mighty sword, our prayer attend:
Come, and Thy people bless, and give Thy word success: Spirit of holiness, on us descend.

Come, Holy Comforter, Thy sacred witness bear in this glad hour:
Thou who almighty art, now rule in every heart, never from us depart, Spirit of power.

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Scripture: *Romans 8:26-30 (NKJV)*

²⁶ Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

²⁷ Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God. ²⁸ And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose. ²⁹ For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. ³⁰ Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: *The Gracious Purposes of God for Us*

O Father, You are Sovereign

O Father, You are sovereign in all affairs of man;
No powers of death or darkness can thwart Your perfect plan.
All chance and change transcending, supreme in time and space,
You hold Your trusting children secure in Your embrace.

O Father, You are sovereign! We see You dimly now,
But soon before Your triumph earth's every knee shall bow.
With this glad hope before us our faith springs up anew:
Our Sovereign Lord and Savior, we trust and worship You.

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God's Blessing

Salvation Belongs to Our God

Salvation belongs to our God, who sits upon the throne, and to the Lamb.
Praise and glory, wisdom and thanks, honor and power and strength
Be to our God forever and ever,
Be to our God forever and ever,
Be to our God forever and ever. Amen

We, the redeemed, shall be strong in purpose and unity, declaring aloud:
Praise and glory, wisdom and thanks, honor and power and strength
Be to our God forever and ever,
Be to our God forever and ever,
Be to our God forever and ever. Amen

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