

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
November 20, 2022 – 10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Call to Worship: *Psalm 81:1,2; Psalm 95:1-4*

Sing for joy to God our strength; shout aloud to the God of Jacob!

Begin the music, strike the tambourine, play the melodious harp and lyre.

Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song.

For the LORD is the great God, the great King above all gods.

In his hand are the depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks belong to him.

God's Greeting

Come into His Presence

Come into His presence with thanksgiving in your heart and give Him praise, and give Him praise;

Come into His presence with thanksgiving in your heart, your voices raise, your voices raise.

Give glory and honor and power unto Him, Jesus, the name above all names. *Repeat All*

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Blessed Be Your Name

Blessed be your name in the land that is plentiful,

Where your streams of abundance flow; blessed be your name.

Blessed be your name when I'm found in the desert place.

Though I walk through the wilderness, blessed be your name.

Refrain: Every blessing you pour out, I'll turn back to praise.

When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say,

"Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be your name.

Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be your glorious name."

Blessed be your name when the sun's shining down on me,

When the world's "all as it should be." Blessed be your name.

Blessed be your name on the road marked with suffering;

Though there's pain in the offering, blessed be your name. *Refrain*

You give and take away, You give and take away.

My heart will choose to say, "Lord, blessed be your name."

Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be your name.

Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be your glorious name."

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Wholehearted Thanksgiving

Wholehearted thanksgiving to Thee I will bring, in praise of Thy marvelous deeds I will sing;

In Thee I will joy and exultingly cry, Thy name I will praise, O Jehovah Most High.

Refrain: Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear His voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!

O come to Jehovah, declare ye His fame, and give Him all honor, for just is His name.

Thou, Lord, are a refuge for all the oppressed; all trust Thee who know Thee, and trusting are blest;

For never, O Lord, did Thy mercy forsake the soul that has sought of Thy grace to partake. *Refrain*

Give praise to Jehovah, the mighty deeds tell of Him who has chosen in Zion to dwell,

Of Him to whom justice and vengeance belong, who visits the lowly and overthrows wrong. *Refrain*

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Call to Confession and Preparation: *from 1 Peter 1:18-19, Isaiah 53:4-5*

We are not redeemed with perishable things like silver and gold, but with precious blood,

As from a lamb unblemished and spotless, the blood of Christ.

He took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows.

He was pierced for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities;

the punishment that brought us peace was upon Him, and by His wounds we are healed.

Prayer of Confession

**Almighty God, you bring to light things hidden in darkness, and know the shadow of our hearts:
forgive our great and many sins, cleanse and renew us by your Spirit,
that we may walk in the light and glorify your name, through Jesus Christ, the Light of the world. Amen.**

Assurance: *I Then Shall Live*

I then shall live as one who's been forgiven; I'll walk with joy to know my debts are paid.
I know my name is clear before my Father; I am his child, and I am not afraid.
So greatly pardoned, I'll forgive another; the law of love I gladly will obey.

I then shall live as one who's learned compassion; I've been so loved that I'll risk loving too.
I know how fear builds walls instead of bridges; I dare to see another's point of view.
And when relationships demand commitment, then I'll be there to care and follow through.

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Offertory Prayer & Offering: Building the Future Fund

Offertory Ministry of Music: *Light of the World*

Morning Prayer

Open My Eyes

Open my ears, that I may hear voices of truth so sharp and clear;
And while the message sounds in my ear, everything else will disappear.
Silently now I wait for You, ready, my God, Your will to do;
Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Scripture: Acts 28:28-31

²⁸ "Therefore let it be known to you that this salvation of God has been sent to the Gentiles; they will listen."

³⁰ He lived there two whole years at his own expense, and welcomed all who came to him, ³¹ proclaiming the kingdom of God and teaching about the Lord Jesus Christ with all boldness and without hindrance.

This is the Word of Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: *To Be Continued, Acts 29*

I Am Thine, O Lord

I am Thine, O Lord; I have heard Thy voice, and it told Thy love to me;
But I long to rise in the arms of faith and be closer drawn to Thee.

Refrain: Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord, to the cross where Thou hast died;
Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord to Thy precious, bleeding side.

Consecrate me now to Thy service, Lord, by the power of grace divine;
Let my soul look up with a steadfast hope and my will be lost in Thine. *Refrain*

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God's Blessing

Sent Forth By God's Blessing

With praise and thanksgiving to God ever living, the tasks of our everyday life we will face.
Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring, embracing God's children of each tribe and race.
With your grace you feed us, with your light now lead us: unite us as one in his life that we share.
Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving give honor to Christ and that name which we bear.

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