

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
January 15, 2023 ~ 10:30 AM Worship Service

Call to Worship: Adapted from Psalm 86

Come, let us worship.

**Teach us Your ways, O Lord, that we may walk in Your truth;
give us undivided hearts to revere Your name.**

We give thanks to You, O Lord our God, and we will glorify Your name forever.

For Your love is great towards us;

**You are merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.
Let us worship, let us praise, let us give thanks!**

God's Greeting

Rejoice, the Lord is King

Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore!

Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, and triumph evermore:

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

The Lord, our Savior, reigns, the God of truth and love;

When He had purged our stains, He took His seat above:

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Rejoice in glorious hope! Our Lord the judge shall come

And take His servants up to their eternal home:

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!

Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

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God of Mercy, God of Grace

God of mercy, God of grace, show the brightness of your face.

Shine upon us, Savior, shine; fill your church with light divine;

And your saving health extend unto earth's remotest end.

Let the people praise you, Lord; be by all that live adored.

Let the nations shout and sing glory to their gracious King;

At your feet their tribute pay, and your holy will obey.

Let the people praise you, Lord; earth shall then its fruits afford.

Unto us your blessing give, we to you devoted live,

All below and all above, one in joy and light and love.

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Call to Confession: *I John 1:8,9*

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

But if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just.

He will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Prayer of Confession

Assurance: Adapted from Psalm 103:1-5

Praise the Lord, my soul;

All my inmost being, praise his holy name.

Praise the Lord, my soul, and forget not all his benefits

Who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases,

Who redeems your life from the pit,

And crowns you with love and compassion,

Who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

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: First CRC Benevolence Fund

Morning Prayer

Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence, O Lord, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and renew a right spirit within me.

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Scripture: *Ephesians 4:26-27, 30-32 (ESV)*

²⁶ *Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger,* ²⁷ *and give no opportunity to the devil.*
³⁰ *And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.* ³¹ *Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice.* ³² *Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.*

1 John 1:6-10 (ESV)

⁶ *If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.* ⁷ *But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.* ⁸ *If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.* ⁹ *If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.* ¹⁰ *If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.*

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: *Rx for Marriage (and All Other Relationships)*

Come to the Savior Now

Come to the Savior now, he gently calls to you; in true repentance bow, let him your heart renew.
Christ came that you may know salvation, peace and love, true joy on earth below, a home in heaven above.

Come to the Savior now, he offers all to you, and on his merits you can plead for life anew.
No vain excuses frame, respond to Christ today! None who to Jesus came were ever sent away.

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God's Blessing

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

Sent forth by God's blessing our true faith confessing, the people of God from this dwelling take leave.
The service is ended, O now be extended the fruits of our worship in all who believe.
The seed of the teaching, receptive souls reaching, shall blossom in action for God and for all.
God's grace did invite us, and love shall unite us to work for God's kingdom and answer the call.

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Pastors: Mike B, Robert W

Prayer: Rob H, Brian V

Music: Lee V

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