

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
January 29, 2023 ~ 10:30 AM Worship Service

Call to Worship: *I Love You, Lord*

I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice to worship You, O my soul, rejoice!
Take joy, my King, in what you hear: may it be a sweet, sweet sound in Your ear.

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God's Greeting

How Great Thou Art

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder consider all the works Thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder, Thy power throughout the universe displayed:

Refrain: Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee; how great Thou art, how great Thou art!
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But when I think that God, his Son not sparing, sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing He bled and died to take away my sin; *Refrain*

When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation, and claim his own, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration and there proclaim, "My God, how great thou art!" *Refrain*

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Majesty

Majesty, worship His majesty, unto Jesus be all glory, honor, and praise.
Majesty, kingdom authority flow from His throne unto His own; His anthem raise.
So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus. Magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus, the King.
Majesty, worship His majesty, Jesus who died, now glorified, King of all kings.

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Behold Our God

Who has held the oceans in His hands?
Who has numbered every grain of sand?
Kings and nations tremble at His voice.
All creation rises to rejoice.

Refrain: Behold our God, seated on His throne. Come, let us adore Him.
Behold our King, nothing can compare. Come let us adore Him!

Who has felt the nails upon His hands,
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man?
God eternal, humbled to the grave.
Jesus, Savior, risen now to reign!

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Call to Confession: *Matthew 22:37-40*

And Jesus said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets."

Prayer of Confession

Assurance: *1 John 2:1-2*

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.

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Offertory Prayer & Offering: Jeff & Melissa

Morning Prayer

Your Word is Everlasting Truth

Your Word is everlasting truth. How pure is every page!
That holy book shall guide my youth and well support my age.
It's like the sun, a heavenly light that guides us all the day,
And through the dangers of the night a lamp to lead the way.

When nature sinks and spirits droop, Your promises of grace
Are pillars that support my hope and keep me in Your ways.
Now I am Yours, forever Yours. O save your servant, Lord!
You are my shield, my hiding place. My hope is in Your Word.

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Scripture: *II Peter 3:13-18*

¹³ *But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.*
¹⁴ *Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for these, be diligent to be found by him without spot or blemish, and at peace.* ¹⁵ *And count the patience of our Lord as salvation, just as our beloved brother Paul also wrote to you according to the wisdom given him,* ¹⁶ *as he does in all his letters when he speaks in them of these matters. There are some things in them that are hard to understand, which the ignorant and unstable twist to their own destruction, as they do the other Scriptures.* ¹⁷ *You therefore, beloved, knowing this beforehand, take care that you are not carried away with the error of lawless people and lose your own stability.* ¹⁸ *But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.*

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: *Introduction to Paul's Letter to the Romans*

I Know Whom I Have Believed

I know not why God's wondrous grace to me he has made known.
Nor why, unworthy, Christ in love redeemed me for his own.

Refrain: But "I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able
To keep that which I've committed unto him against that day."

I know not how this saving faith to me he did impart,
Nor how believing in his Word wrought peace within my heart. *Refrain*

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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.

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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