

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
February 5, 2023 ~ 10:30 AM Worship Service

Call to Worship: *Psalm 47:1-2*

*Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy!
For the LORD, the Most High, is to be feared, a great king over all the earth.*

God's Greeting

Days of Elijah

These are the days of Elijah, declaring the Word of the Lord;
And these are the days of Your servant, Moses, righteousness being restored;
And though these are days of great trials, of famine and darkness and sword,
Still we are the voice in the desert crying "Prepare ye the way of the Lord."

Refrain: Behold He comes, riding on the clouds,
Shining like the sun at the trumpet call;
Lift your voice, it's the year of Jubilee,
And out of Zion's hill salvation comes.

And these are the days of Ezekiel, the dry bones becoming as flesh;
And these are the days of Your servant, David, rebuilding a temple of praise;
And these are the days of the harvest, the fields are as white in the world;
And we are the laborers in Your vineyard, declaring the Word of the Lord. *Refrain*

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Shout to the Lord

My Jesus, my Savior, Lord there is none like You;
All of my days, I want to praise, the wonders of Your mighty love.
My Comfort, my Shelter, tower of refuge and strength;
Let every breath, all that I am, never cease to worship You.

Refrain: Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing power and majesty, praise to the King;
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar at the sound of Your name.
I sing for joy at the work of Your hands, forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand;
Nothing compares to the promise I have in You.

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Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)

Amazing grace how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost, but now I'm found, was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear and grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.

Refrain: My chains are gone, I've been set free.
My God, my Savior has ransomed me,
And like a flood His mercy rains, unending love, amazing grace.

The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures. *Refrain*

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow, the sun forbear to shine.
But God, who called me here below, will be forever mine.
Will be forever mine. You are forever mine.

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Call to Confession: *Romans 7:21-25*

Prayer of Confession

Assurance: *Romans 8:1-4*

Cadet Litany

Leader: This year's one-word Cadet theme is "Amazing". And this litany, based on verses from Psalm 8 and Psalm 24, acknowledge what an amazing God we have.

Cadets: Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Congregation: You have set your glory in the heavens.

Leader: The earth is the Lord's and everything in it.

Cadets: The world and all who live in it

Congregation: For he founded it on the seas and established it on the waters.

Leader: When I consider the heavens, the work of your fingers,

Cadets: the moon and the stars, which you have set in place.

Congregation: What is mankind that you are mindful of them?

Leader: Human beings that you care for them.

Cadets: Who may ascend to the mountain of the Lord?

Congregation: Who may stand in his holy place?

Leader: Who is this King of Glory?

Cadets: The Lord strong and mighty.

Congregation: The Lord mighty in battle.

Leader: Who is this King of Glory?

Cadets: The Lord Almighty – He is the King of Glory.

Congregation: Lord our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Leader: In Joshua 3:5, Joshua told the Israelites to consecrate themselves, for tomorrow the Lord will do amazing things among you.

All: We praise you Lord, for you are an amazing God and you continue to do amazing things among us.

Cadet Landmarks

Living For Jesus

Living for Jesus, a life that is true.

Striving to please Him in all that I do.

Yielding allegiance glad hearted and free.

This is the pathway of blessing for me.

*Refrain: O Jesus, Lord and Savior, I give myself to Thee.
For Thou in Thy atonement, didst give Thyself for me;
I own no other master, my heart shall be Thy throne;
My life I give henceforth to live, O Christ, for Thee alone.*

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Cadet Year-In-Review

Offertory Prayer

Offering: First CRC Cadets

Morning Prayer

Scripture: *Romans 1:1-2*

¹ Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, ² which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy Scriptures.

Galatians 1:13-16

¹³ For you have heard of my former life in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God violently and tried to destroy it. ¹⁴ And I was advancing in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people, so extremely zealous was I for the traditions of my fathers. ¹⁵ But when he who had set me apart before I was born, and who called me by his grace, ¹⁶ was pleased to reveal his Son to me, in order that I might preach him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately consult with anyone.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: *Paul, the Unexpected Apostle*

And Can It Be

And can it be that I should gain an interest in the Savior's blood?
Died He for me, who caused His pain? For me, who caused his bitter death.
Amazing love! How can it be that You, my Lord, should die for me?
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Long my imprisoned spirit lay fast bound in sin and nature's night.
Your sunrise turned that night to day; I woke – the dungeon flamed with light!
My chains fell off, your voice I knew; I rose, went out, and followed you.
Amazing love! How can it be that You, my Lord, should die for me!

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God's Blessing

And Can It Be

No condemnation now I dread: for Christ and all in Him, is mine!
Alive in Him my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach the eternal throne, and claim the crown, through Christ my own.
Amazing love! How can it be that You, my Lord, should die for me!

Pastors: Mike B, Robert W

Prayer: Cadets

Music: Paul A, Sharon A, Brian K, Cheryl K

Offering will be received for the First CRC Cadets, a ministry for 1st–8th grade boys and is led by Brian Stokes and assisted by several other men in the congregation. For more information, talk to Brian, or any other Cadet leader or visit www.calvinistcadets.org.

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