

**First Christian Reformed Church**  
Lynden, Washington  
February 26, 2023 ~ 10:30 AM Worship Service

**Call to Worship: Psalm 33:1-3**

*Sing joyfully to the LORD, you righteous;*

***it is fitting for the upright to praise him.***

*Praise the LORD with the harp; make music to him on the ten-stringed lyre.*

***Sing to him a new song; play skillfully, and shout for joy.***

**God's Greeting**

***All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name***

All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall.

Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all.

Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all!

Let every tongue and every tribe responsive to his call,

To him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all!

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(*"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"* words Edward Perronet and John Rippon, music Oliver Holden, Public Domain CCLI #358926 Streaming #20317932)

***Meekness and Majesty***

Meekness and majesty, manhood and Deity,

In perfect harmony, the Man who is God.

Lord of eternity, dwells in humanity;

Kneels in humility and washes our feet.

*Refrain:* O what a mystery, meekness and majesty;  
Bow down and worship, for this is your God.

Father's pure radiance perfect in innocence,

Yet learns obedience to death on a cross,

Suffering to give us life, conquering through sacrifice,

And as they crucify prays, "Father forgive." *Refrain*

(*"Meekness and Majesty"* words and music Graham Kendrick © 1986 Thankyou Music, admin. Worldwide at EMICMGPublishing.com excluding Europe which is admin. by Kingswaysongs. CCLI# 358926. Streaming #20317933)

***The Wonderful Cross***

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died;

My richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

See, from His head, His hands, His feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down;

Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?

*Refrain:* Oh, the wonderful cross, oh, the wonderful cross;  
Bids me come and die, and find that I may truly live.  
Oh, the wonderful cross, oh, the wonderful cross;  
All who gather here by grace draw near and bless your name.

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were an offering far too small;

Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all. *Refrain*

(*"The Wonderful Cross"* hymn Isaac Watt, words and music Chris Tomlin, JD Watt, Jesse Reeves © 2000 WorshipTogether.com songs Six Steps Music CCLI #358926 Streaming 20317932)

**Lenten Reading: Mark 8:31-33**

**Assurance: *Beneath the Cross***

Beneath the cross of Jesus I find a place to stand,

And wonder at such mercy that calls me as I am.

For hands that should discard me hold wounds which tell me come.

Beneath the cross of Jesus my unworthy soul is won.

Beneath the cross of Jesus, the path before the crown,

We follow in His footsteps where promised hope is found.

How great the joy before us to be His perfect bride.

Beneath the cross of Jesus, we will gladly live our lives.

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## Offertory Prayer & Offering: Steve & Sandy

### Morning Prayer

#### Scripture: *Romans 1:8-15*

<sup>8</sup> First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is proclaimed in all the world. <sup>9</sup> For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of his Son, that without ceasing I mention you <sup>10</sup> always in my prayers, asking that somehow by God's will I may now at last succeed in coming to you. <sup>11</sup> For I long to see you, that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to strengthen you— <sup>12</sup> that is, that we may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith, both yours and mine. <sup>13</sup> I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that I have often intended to come to you (but thus far have been prevented), in order that I may reap some harvest among you as well as among the rest of the Gentiles. <sup>14</sup> I am under obligation both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to the wise and to the foolish. <sup>15</sup> So I am eager to preach the gospel to you also who are in Rome.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### Message: *Eager to Preach the Gospel in Rome*

#### *Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me*

What gift of grace is Jesus, my redeemer.  
There is no more for heaven now to give.  
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom,  
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace.  
To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus.  
For my life is wholly bound to his.  
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing: all is mine!  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

With every breath I long to follow Jesus,  
For He has said that He will bring me home.  
And day by day I know He will renew me,  
Until I stand with joy before the throne.  
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus,  
All the glory evermore to Him!  
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat:  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me!  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me!

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### Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

#### *Behold the Lamb (Communion Hymn)*- A Love Offering for the Luke Society will be received at this time.

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away, slain for us - and we remember  
The promise made that all who come in faith find forgiveness at the cross.  
So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice  
As a sign of our bonds of peace around the table of the King.

The body of our Savior Jesus Christ, torn for you - eat and remember  
The wounds that heal, the death that brings us life paid the price to make us one.  
So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice  
As a sign of our bonds of love around the table of the King.

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin, shed for you - drink and remember  
He drained death's cup that all may enter in to receive the life of God.  
So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice  
As a sign of our bonds of grace around the table of the King.

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### God's Blessing

#### *Glory Be to the Father*

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost,  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
World without end. Amen. Amen.

("Glory Be to the Father" words are Gloria Patri, tune by Charles Meincke © Public Domain CCLI #358926 Streaming #20317932)

Pastor: Robert W  
Readers: Margaret D, Chris R  
Prayer: Randy L, Galen L  
Music: Brian K, Jack P, Ken Q

Offering will be received for Steve & Sandy, serving with Africa Inland Mission in Canada ministering to a Muslim people group from northeastern Africa. Their focus is building relationships open opportunities to present the good news of Jesus Christ. They do this through activities such as fixing and giving out bikes, tutoring homework, and teaching English as a second language.

Love Offering will be received for the Luke Society, which provides resources and support for international Christian health visionaries who care for the needs of their own people. They empower nationals to use their gifts in medicine as a tool to share the love of Jesus Christ and His redeeming grace. For more information, visit [lukesociety.org](http://lukesociety.org).

Nursery is available with a paging system for children under 3 years during worship service in the Education Building.

Children's Church is available for children 3 years – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. Children are dismissed during the worship service.

Worship services are also broadcast live in the basement and streamed online for anyone unable to worship in the sanctuary.

An assistive listening system is available in the sanctuary; to use this system, switch hearing aids to "T".

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