

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

Call to Worship: *Jeremiah 29:11-13*

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.”

We come to worship Christ the Lord, our only hope in life and death.

God’s Greeting

Christ Our Hope in Life and Death

What is our hope in life and death? Christ alone, Christ alone.
What is our only confidence? That our souls to Him belong.
Who holds our days within His hand? What comes, apart from His command?
And what will keep us to the end? The love of Christ, in which we stand.

Refrain: O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal;
O sing hallelujah! Now and ever we confess Christ our hope in life and death.

What truth can calm the troubled soul? God is good, God is good.
Where is His grace and goodness known? In our great Redeemer's blood.
Who holds our faith when fears arise? Who stands above the stormy trial?
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh unto the shore, the rock of Christ? *Refrain*

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Stronger

There is Love, that came for us. Humbled to a sinner’s cross.
You broke my shame, and sinfulness. You rose again, victorious.

Faithfulness none can deny. Through the storm, and through the fire.
There is truth that sets me free, Jesus Christ who lives in me.

Refrain: You are stronger, You are stronger. Sin is broken, You have saved me.
It is written, Christ is risen. Jesus, You are Lord of all.

No beginning, and no end. You’re my hope, and my defense.
You came to seek, and save the lost. You paid it all, upon the cross. *Refrain*

So let Your name be lifted higher, be lifted higher, be lifted higher.
So let Your name be lifted higher, be lifted higher, be lifted higher. *Refrain*

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In the Presence

In the presence of a holy God there’s new meaning now to grace.
You took all my sins upon yourself; I can only stand amazed.

Refrain: And I cry holy, holy, holy God, how awesome is your name.
Holy, holy, holy God, how majestic is your reign;
And I am changed in the presence of a holy God.

In the presence of your glory all my crowns lie in the dust.
You are righteous in your judgments, Lord; You are faithful, true and just. *Refrain*

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Lenten Reading: *Mark 10:35-40*

Assurance: *His Robes for Mine*

His robes for mine: O wonderful exchange! Clothed in my sin, Christ suffered ‘neath God’s rage.
Draped in His righteousness, I’m justified. In Christ I live, for in my place He died.

Refrain: I cling to Christ, and marvel at the cost: Jesus forsaken, God estranged from God.
Bought by such love, my life is not my own. My praise-my all-shall be for Christ alone.

His robes for mine: such anguish none can know. Christ, God’s beloved, condemned as though His foe.
He, as though I, accursed and left alone; I, as though He, embraced and welcomed home! *Refrain*

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Offertory Prayer

Offering: Christian School Tuition Assistance

Morning Prayer

Scripture: *Romans 1:8-15*

⁸ First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is proclaimed in all the world. ⁹ For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of his Son, that without ceasing I mention you ¹⁰ always in my prayers, asking that somehow by God's will I may now at last succeed in coming to you. ¹¹ For I long to see you, that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to strengthen you— ¹² that is, that we may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith, both yours and mine. ¹³ 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. ¹⁴ I am under obligation both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to the wise and to the foolish. ¹⁵ 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*

Mighty to Save

Everyone needs compassion, a love that's never failing; let mercy fall on me.
Everyone needs forgiveness, the kindness of a Savior, the hope of nations.

Refrain: Savior, he can move the mountains; my God is mighty to save, he is mighty to save.
Forever author of salvation, He rose and conquered the grave; Jesus conquered the grave.

So take me as you find me, all my fears and failures; fill my life again.
I give my life to follow everything I believe in. Now I surrender, yes, I surrender. *Refrain*

Shine your light and let the whole world see we're singing for the glory of the risen King.
Jesus! Shine your light and let the whole world see we're singing for the glory of the risen King. *Refrain*

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God's Blessing

My Friends, May You Grow in Grace

My friends, may you grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior.
My friends, may you grow in grace and in the knowledge of Jesus Christ.
To God be the glory, now and forever, now and forever, amen.
To God be the glory, now and forever, now and forever, amen.

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Pastors: Mike B, Robert W
Readers: Mike & Shelby B
Prayer: Mike S
Music: Paul A, Sharon A, Shelby B, Brian K, Bill V

Offering will be received for Christian School Tuition Assistance, a fund used to help cover tuition cost of First church families who send their children to Christian schools.

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 – 3rd grade. Children are dismissed to the Ed Building during the service.

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

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