

**First Christian Reformed Church**  
Lynden, Washington  
March 12, 2023 ~ 6:00 PM Worship Service

**Call to Worship:** based on John 4:24; 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Let us worship God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ.

**We are new creations; the old has gone, the new has come!**

Let us worship God as Christ's ambassadors.

**Through us and through our worship  
may we announce the good news to all.**

Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

**Praise God! We are reconciled, redeemed, renewed!**

**Opening Prayer**

***Heaven Came Down and Glory Filled My Soul*** #657:1,2,3 (HFG)

O what a wonderful, wonderful day, day I will never forget;  
After I'd wandered in darkness away, Jesus my Savior I met.  
O what a tender, compassionate friend, he met the need of my heart;  
Shadows dispelling, with joy I am telling, he made all the darkness depart!

*Refrain:* Heaven came down and glory filled my soul,  
When at the cross the Savior made me whole;  
My sins were washed away and my night was turned to day,  
Heaven came down and glory filled my soul!

Born of the Spirit with life from above into God's family divine,  
Justified fully through Calvary's love, O what a standing is mine!  
And the transaction so quickly was made when as a sinner I came,  
Took of the offer of grace He did proffer – he saved me, O praise His dear name! *Refrain*

Now I've a hope that will surely endure after the passing of time;  
I have a future in heaven for sure, there in those mansions sublime.  
And it's because of that wonderful day when at the cross I believed;  
Riches eternal and blessings supernal from His precious hand I received. *Refrain*

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***I Love to Tell the Story*** #619:1,3 (HFG)

I love to tell the story of unseen things above,  
Of Jesus and His glory, of Jesus and His love;  
I love to tell the story – because I know 'tis true,  
It satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.

*Refrain:* I love to tell the story! 'Twill be my theme in glory  
To tell the old, old story of Jesus and His love.

I love to tell the story 'tis pleasant to repeat  
What seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet;  
I love to tell the story – for some have never heard  
The message of salvation from God's own holy word. *Refrain*

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## **Lift High the Cross**

#373:1,3,4 (HFG)

*Refrain:* Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
Till all the world adore his sacred name.

Come, Christians, follow where our Savior led,  
Our King victorious, Jesus Christ, our Head. *Refrain*

From north and south, from east and west we raise  
In growing union our song of praise. *Refrain*

O Lord, once lifted on the tree of pain,  
Draw all the world to see you once again. *Refrain*

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## **Profession of Faith**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, our Creator.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Redeemer.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, our Comforter.  
I believe in the Eternal God,  
in His holiness which condemns me;  
in His love which redeems me;  
in His presence which renews me. Amen**

**Offering:** Dustin & Melissa L

## **Evening Prayer**

### **Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak**

#528:1,2,3 (PH)

Lord, speak to me that I may speak in living echoes of Your tone.  
As You have sought, so let me seek Your erring children lost and lone.

O lead me, Lord, that I may lead the wandering and the wavering feet.  
O feed me, Lord, that I may feed Your hungry ones with manna sweet.

O teach me, Lord, that I may teach the precious truths which You impart.  
And wing my words that they may reach the hidden depths of many-a heart.

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## **Testimonies from the Mission Field**

### **Oh, For a Thousand Tongues**

#501:1,2,3 (PH)

Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,  
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of His grace!

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,  
To spread through all the earth abroad, the honors of your name.

Look unto him, your Savior own, O fallen human race!  
Look and be saved through faith alone, be justified by graced!

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## **God's Blessing**

### **Oh, For a Thousand Tongue**

#501:7 (PH)

To God all glory, praise and love be now and ever given  
By saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heaven.

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Pastors: Mike B, Robert W  
Speakers: Robert & Debbie S, Ken & Chris VW  
Music: Lisa Q

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