

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

Call to Worship: *Psalm 100:4, 107:1, 108:3*

Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!

Give thanks to him; bless his name!

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,

for his steadfast love endures forever!

I will give thanks to you, O LORD, among the peoples;

I will sing praises to you among the nations.

God's Greeting

Blessed Be the Name of the Lord

All praise to Him who reigns above in majesty supreme,

Who gave His Son for man to die, that He might man redeem!

Refrain: Blessed be the name! Blessed be the name!

Blessed be the name of the Lord!

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Blessed be the name of the Lord!

His name above all names shall stand, exalted more and more,

At God the Father's own right hand, where angel-hosts adore. *Refrain*

("Blessed Be the Name" words W. H. Clark, refrain Ralph E. Hudson, music Ralph E. Hudson, harm. William J. Kirkpatrick Public Domain CCLI #358926 Streaming #20317932)

Jesus Shall Reign

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun does His successive journeys run,

His kingdom spread from shore to shore, 'til moons shall wax and wane no more.

People and realms of every tongue dwell on His love with sweetest song;

And infant voices shall proclaim their early blessings on His name.

Let every creature rise and bring His grateful honors to our King;

Angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud "Amen!"

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I Come to the Cross

I come to the cross seeking mercy and grace,

I come to the cross where You died in my place.

Out of my weakness and into Your strength, humbly, I come to the cross.

Your arms are open, You call me by name, You welcome this child that was lost.

You paid the price for my guilt and my shame.

Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come to the cross.

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Lenten Reading: *Luke 22:39-46*

Assurance: ***How Deep the Father's Love for Us***

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure

That He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure.

How great the pain of searing loss, the Father turns His face away.

As wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.

Behold the Man upon the cross, my sin upon His shoulders.

Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.

It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished;

His dying breath has brought me life; I know that it is finished.

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Offertory Prayer and Offering: Envision Mission

Ministry of Music: *I Know My Redeemer Lives*

Morning Prayer

Teach Me, O Lord, Your Way of Truth

Teach me, O Lord, your way of truth, and from it I will not depart;
That I may steadfastly obey, give me an understanding heart.

Your word sheds light upon my path; a shining light, it guides my feet;
Your righteous judgments to observe, my solemn vow I now repeat.

Your wondrous testimonies, Lord, my soul will keep and greatly praise;
Your word, by faithful lips proclaimed, to simplest minds the truth conveys.

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Scripture: Romans 1:18-23

¹⁸ For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. ¹⁹ For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. ²⁰ For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse. ²¹ For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. ²² Claiming to be wise, they became fools, ²³ and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: The Wrath of God

When I Survey the Wondrous 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.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ, my God.
All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to His blood.

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?

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God's Blessing

Wonderful, Merciful Savior

Wonderful, merciful Savior, Precious Redeemer and Friend;
Who would have thought that a Lamb could rescue the souls of men?
Oh, You rescue the souls of men.

Refrain: You are the One that we praise, You are the One we adore.
You give the healing and grace our hearts always hunger for,
Oh, our hearts always hunger for.

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Pastors: Mike B, Robert W
Readers: Ken & Lisa Q and Family
Prayer: Greg T, Gene T
Music: Sharon A, Paul A, Cal B, Ben K, Brian K, Bill V, Nancy Z

Offering will be received for Envision Mission, a ministry created to work with the street culture of downtown Bellingham. Their mission is to commune with God in prayer as a group, to make disciples of Jesus who obey all His commands, and to save the lost in Bellingham's downtown culture." For more information, visit www.envisionmission.org.

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