

# First Christian Reformed Church

Lynden, Washington

Resurrection Sunday, April 9, 2023 ~ 10:30 AM Worship Service

**Call to Worship:** based on 1 Peter 1:3-5

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**He has given us new life and hope. He has raised Jesus from the dead.**

God has claimed us as his own.

**He has brought us out of darkness. He has made us light to the world.**

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## God's Greeting

### *He Lives*

I serve a risen Savior, He's in the world today; I know that He is living, whatever men may say;  
I see His hand of mercy, I hear His voice of cheer, and just the time I need Him He's always near.

*Refrain:* He lives, He lives, Christ Jesus lives today!

He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way.

He lives, He lives, salvation to impart!

You ask me how I know He lives? He lives within my heart.

Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian lift up your voice and sing eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ the King!

The Hope of all who seek Him, the Help of all who find, none other is so loving, so good and kind. *Refrain*

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### *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today*

Christ the Lord is risen today! Alleluia!

Sons of men and angels say: Alleluia!

Raise your joys and triumphs high; Alleluia!

Sing, ye heavens, and earth, reply: Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!

Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!

Dying once, He all doth save, Alleluia!

Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!

Fought the fight, the battle won; Alleluia!

Death in vain forbids him rise; Alleluia!

Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!

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### *Christ Arose*

Low in the grave He lay, Jesus, my Savior!

Waiting the coming day, Jesus, my Lord!

*Refrain:* Up from the grave He arose with a mighty triumph o'er His foes;

He arose a victor from the dark domain, and He lives forever with His saints to reign;

He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!

Death could not keep his prey, Jesus, my Savior!

He tore the bars away, Jesus, my Lord! *Refrain*

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### **Easter Reading:** *John 20:1-18a*

**Assurance:** A Pauline Affirmation of Faith

**The prophecies are fulfilled, and the New Age is inaugurated by the coming of Christ.**

**He was born of the seed of David.**

**He died according to the Scriptures, to deliver us out of the present evil age.**

**He was buried.**

**He rose on the third day according to the Scriptures.**

**He is exalted at the right hand of God, as Son of God and Lord of the living and the dead.**

**He will come again as Judge and Savior of all. Amen**

## ***Oh, to See the Dawn***

Oh, to see the dawn, of the darkest day, Christ on the road to Calvary.  
Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten, then, nailed to a cross of wood.  
This, the power of the cross; Christ became sin for us.  
Took the blame, bore the wrath, we stand forgiven at the cross.

Now the daylight flees, now the ground beneath, quakes as its Maker bows His head.  
Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life, 'finished!' the victory cry.  
This, the power of the cross; Christ became sin for us.  
Took the blame, bore the wrath, we stand forgiven at the cross.

Oh, to see my name, written in the wounds, for through Your suffering I am free.  
Death is crushed to death, life is mine to live, won through Your selfless love.  
This, the power of the cross; Son of God - slain for us.  
What a love! What a cost! We stand forgiven at the cross.

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## **Offertory Prayer & Offering**

### **Offertory Ministry of Music: *Easter Song***

#### ***Resurrection Hymn***

See, what a morning, gloriously bright, with the dawning of hope in Jerusalem;  
Folded the grave-clothes, tomb filled with light, as the angels announce, "Christ is risen!"  
See God's salvation plan, wrought in love, borne in pain, paid in sacrifice,  
fulfilled in Christ, the Man, for He lives: Christ is risen from the dead.

See Mary weeping, "Where is He laid?" As in sorrow she turns from the empty tomb.  
Hears a voice speaking, calling her name; it's the Master, the Lord raised to life again!  
The voice that spans the years, speaking life, stirring hope, bringing peace to us,  
Will sound till He appears, for He lives: Christ is risen from the dead.

One with the Father, Ancient of Days, through the Spirit who clothes faith with certainty.  
Honor and blessing, glory and praise to the King crowned with pow'r and authority.  
And we are raised with Him; death is dead, love has won, Christ has conquered.  
And we shall reign with Him, for He lives: Christ is risen from the dead.

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## **Morning Prayer**

### **Scripture: *Romans 6:1-11 (ESV)***

<sup>1</sup>What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? <sup>2</sup>By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? <sup>3</sup>Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup>We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. <sup>5</sup>For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. <sup>6</sup>We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. <sup>7</sup>For one who has died has been set free from sin. <sup>8</sup>Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup>We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. <sup>10</sup>For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. <sup>11</sup>So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

This is the Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### **Message: *A Resurrection Like His***

#### ***Because He Lives***

God sent His Son – they called Him Jesus; He came to love, heal and forgive.  
He lived and died to buy my pardon; an empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives.  
Because He lives I can face tomorrow; because He lives, all fear is gone.  
Because I know He holds the future, and life is worth the living just because He lives.

## **God's Blessing**

#### ***Because He Lives***

And then one day I'll cross the river; I'll fight life's final war with pain.  
And then, as death gives way to victory, I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know He reigns.  
Because He lives I can face tomorrow; because He lives, all fear is gone.  
Because I know He holds the future, and life is worth the living just because He lives.

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Offering will be received for Helping Hands, a ministry sending homemade blankets and clothing to those in need or dealing with medical issues.

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