

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
April 16, 2023 ~ 10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Call to Worship: Psalm 150

*Praise the Lord! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens!
Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his excellent greatness!
Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp!
Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe!
Praise him with sounding cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals!
Let everything that has breath praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!*

God's Greeting

Come, People of the Risen King

Come, people of the risen King, who delight to bring Him praise.
Come, all, and tune your hearts to sing to the Morning Star of grace.
From the shifting shadows of the earth we will lift our eyes to Him,
Where steady arms of mercy reach to gather children in.

Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice!
One heart, one voice, O Church of Christ, rejoice!

Come, those whose joy is morning sun, and those weeping through the night.
Come, those who tell of battles won, and those struggling in the fight.
For His perfect love will never change, and His mercies never cease,
But follow us through all our days with the certain hope of peace. *Refrain*

Come, young and old from every land, men and women of the faith.
Come, those with full or empty hands; find the riches of His grace.
Over all the world His people sing; shore to shore we hear them call
The Truth that cries through every age: "Our God is all in all!" *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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Cornerstone

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly trust in Jesus' Name.

Refrain: Christ alone, Cornerstone; weak made strong in the Savior's love.
Through the storm He is Lord, Lord of all.

When He shall come with trumpet sound, oh may I then in Him be found.
Dressed in His righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne. *Refrain*

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Call to Confession: II Timothy 2:22 (ESV) *So flee youthful passions and pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace, along with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart.*

Prayer of Confession

Assurance: *Exodus 34:6-7 "The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin.*

He Will Hold Me Fast

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;
When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast.
I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path;
For my love is often cold; He must hold me fast.

Refrain: He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;
For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

Those He saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast;
Precious in His holy sight, He will hold me fast.
He'll not let my soul be lost; His promises shall last;
Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast. *Refrain*

For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;
Justice has been satisfied, He will hold me fast.
Raised with Him to endless life; He will hold me fast.
Till our faith is turned to sight, when He comes at last. *Refrain*

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Offertory Prayer & Offering: Tribe – First CRC High School Ministry

Morning Prayer

Seek Ye First

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness,
And all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia.

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Scripture: *Colossians 3:1-4*

¹ If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. ³ For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: *Where Is My Mind?*

Knowing You

All I once held dear, built my life upon, all this world reveres and wars to own;
All I once thought gain I have counted loss, spent and worthless now compared to this.

Refrain: Knowing You, Jesus, knowing You there is no greater thing.
You're my all, You're my rest, You're my joy, my righteousness, and I love You Lord.

Oh to know the power of Your risen life, and to know You in Your sufferings;
To become like You in Your death, my Lord, so with You to live and never die. *Refrain*

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God's Blessing

We Receive Your Blessing

We receive Your blessing, we receive Your grace, as we walk in the light shining from Your face.
May the peace that You give change the way that we live. We receive Your blessing as we leave this place.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below.
Praise Him, above You heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son and praise the Holy Ghost.
We receive Your blessing as we leave this place.

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Pastor: Mike B

Prayer and Readers: Tessa B, Levi M, Carl R, Makayla Sn, Luke T

Music: Paul A, Fischer B, Trevor B, Nathalie T, Bill V, Nancy Z

Offering will be received for Tribe, a ministry of First CRC to 9th-12th grade students, led by Pastor Mike and other volunteers.

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 worship service.

Worship services are also broadcast live in the church 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".