

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
April 16, 2023 ~ 6:00 PM Worship Service

Call to Worship: *Psalm 24:10; Ephesians 1:4; Colossians 3:12*

Who is the King of Glory?

The Lord of hosts, he is the King of Glory!

Even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him.

Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience.

Opening Prayer

At the Name of Jesus

At the Name of Jesus every knee shall bow,
Every tongue confess Him King of Glory now.
'Tis the Father's pleasure we should call Him Lord,
Who from the beginning was the mighty Word.

At his voice creation sprang at once to sight:
All the angel faces, all the hosts of light,
Thrones and dominations, stars upon their way,
All the heavenly orders in their great array.

Humbled for a season, to receive a name
From the lips of sinners, unto whom he came;
Faithfully he bore it spotless to the last,
Brought it back victorious when from death he passed.

In your hearts enthrone him; there let him subdue
All that is not holy, all that is not true.
Look to him, your Savior, in temptation's hour;
Let his will enfold you in its light and power.

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Sing to the Lord, Sing His Praise

Sing to the Lord, sing his praise all you peoples;
New be your song as new honors you pay.
Sing of his majesty, praise him forever,
Show his salvation from day to day.

Tell of his wondrous works, tell of his glory
Till through the nations his name is revered.
Praise and exalt him, for he is almighty;
God over all, let the Lord be feared.

Say to the nations, "The Lord reigns forever."
Earth is established as he did decree.
Righteous and just is the King of the nations,
Judging the peoples with equity.

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Affirmation of Faith: *from Romans*

***If we have died with Christ,
we believe we shall also live with Christ.
There is therefore no condemnation
to those who are in Christ Jesus,
who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.
And we, though many, are one body in Christ,
and each one member of one another.***

Offering: Tribe – First CRC High School Ministry

Evening Prayer

Fight the Good Fight

Fight the good fight with all thy might;
Christ is thy Strength, and Christ thy Right;
Lay hold on life, and it shall be
Thy joy and crown eternally.

Run the straight race through God's good grace,
Lift up thine eyes, and seek His face;
Life with its way before us lies,
Christ is the Path, and Christ the Prize.

Cast care aside, upon thy Guide,
Lean, and His mercy will provide;
Lean, and the trusting soul shall prove
Christ is its Life, and Christ its Love.

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Scripture: *Colossians 2:16-23 (ESV)*

¹⁶ Therefore let no one pass judgment on you in questions of food and drink, or with regard to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath. ¹⁷ These are a shadow of the things to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. ¹⁸ Let no one disqualify you, insisting on asceticism and worship of angels, going on in detail about visions, puffed up without reason by his sensuous mind, ¹⁹ and not holding fast to the Head, from whom the whole body, nourished and knit together through its joints and ligaments, grows with a growth that is from God.

²⁰ If with Christ you died to the elemental spirits of the world, why, as if you were still alive in the world, do you submit to regulations— ²¹ "Do not handle, Do not taste, Do not touch" ²² (referring to things that all perish as they are used)—according to human precepts and teachings? ²³ These have indeed an appearance of wisdom in promoting self-made religion and asceticism and severity to the body, but they are of no value in stopping the indulgence of the flesh.

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

Message: *Christian Freedom*

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates: behold the King of glory waits!
The King of kings is drawing near, the Savior of the world is here.

Fling wide the portals of your heart: make it a temple, set apart
From earthly use for heaven's employ, adorned with prayer and love and joy.

Redeemer, come! I open wide my heart to Thee: here, Lord, abide!
Let me Thy inner presence feel: Thy grace and love in me reveal.

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God's Blessing

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

So come, my Sovereign, enter in! Let new and nobler life begin!
Thy Holy Spirit guide us on, until the glorious crown be won.

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