

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
Sunday, April 23, 2023 ~ 10:30 AM Worship Service

Call to Worship: *Psalm 86:8-10*

There is none like you, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours.

All the nations you have made shall come and bow down before you, O Lord, and shall glorify your name.

For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God.

God's Greeting

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne.

Hark! How the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own!

Awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee;

And hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of life: who triumphed o'er the grave,

Who rose victorious to the strife for those He came to save;

His glories now we sing, who died and rose on high,

Who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

Crown Him the Lord of heaven: one with the Father known,

One with the Spirit through Him given from yonder glorious throne.

To Thee be endless praise, for Thou for us hast died;

Be Thou, O Lord, through endless days adored and magnified.

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The Ends of All the Earth Shall Hear

The ends of all the earth shall hear and turn unto the Lord in fear;

All kindreds of the earth shall own and worship Him as God alone.

All earth to Him her homage brings, the Lord of lords, the King of kings.

The Lord's unfailing righteousness all generations shall confess;

From age to age they shall be taught what wondrous works the Lord has wrought.

All earth to Him her homage brings, the Lord of lords, the King of kings.

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For the Beauty of the Earth

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,

For the love which from our birth over and around us lies;

Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night,

Hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light:

Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For Thy Church that evermore lifteth holy hands above,

Offering up on every shore her pure sacrifice of love

Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

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Call to Confession: *Hebrews 4:14-16*

Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Prayer of Confession

Assurance: *John 3:16-17*

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

Cleanse Me

Search me, O God, and know my heart today; try me, O Savior, know my thoughts, I pray.
See if there be some wicked way in me; cleanse me from every sin, and set me free.

I praise Thee, Lord, for cleansing me from sin; fulfill Thy Word and make me pure within.
Fill me with fire, where once I burned with shame; grant me desire to magnify Thy name.

Lord, take my life, and make it wholly Thine; fill my poor heart with Thy great love divine,
Take all my will, my passion, self and pride, I now surrender, Lord – in me abide.

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Offertory Prayer & Offering: Ken & Chris

Morning Prayer

May the Mind of Christ, My Savior

May the mind of Christ, my Savior, live in me from day to day,
By His love and power controlling all I do and say.

May the word of God dwell richly in my heart from hour to hour,
So that all may see I triumph only through His power.

May we run the race before us, strong and brave to face the foe,
Looking only unto Jesus as we onward go.

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Scripture: Romans 1:24-32

²⁴ Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves, ²⁵ because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen.

²⁶ For this reason God gave them up to dishonorable passions. For their women exchanged natural relations for those that are contrary to nature; ²⁷ and the men likewise gave up natural relations with women and were consumed with passion for one another, men committing shameless acts with men and receiving in themselves the due penalty for their error.

²⁸ And since they did not see fit to acknowledge God, God gave them up to a debased mind to do what ought not to be done. ²⁹ They were filled with all manner of unrighteousness, evil, covetousness, malice. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, maliciousness. They are gossips, ³⁰ slanderers, haters of God, insolent, haughty, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, ³¹ foolish, faithless, heartless, ruthless. ³² Though they know God's righteous decree that those who practice such things deserve to die, they not only do them but give approval to those who practice them.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: Therefore God Gave Them Up

To God Be the Glory

To God be the glory, great things He hath done! So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin and opened the lifegate that all may go in.

Refrain: Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear His voice.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice.

O come to the Father through Jesus the Son, and give Him the glory, great things He hath done.

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood, to every believer the promise of God;

The vilest offender who truly believes, that moment from Jesus a pardon receives. *Refrain*

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God's Blessing

Glory Be to the Father

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost,

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

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Pastors: Mike B, Robert W

Prayer: Paul A, Wes V

Music: Mike H

Offering will be received for Ken & Chris. They recently moved to Michigan from where Chris continues to serve Wycliffe in member care.

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