

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

Call to Worship: *Psalm 25:1, 2a, 4, 5*

*To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. O my God, in you I trust;
Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths.
Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long.*

God's Greeting

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

All Thy works with joy surround Thee, earth and heaven reflect Thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around Thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in Thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
Well-spring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother, all who live in love are Thine;
Teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

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O Magnify the Lord

O magnify, O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together!
O magnify the Lord; O magnify the Lord; and may His name be lifted high forever!

O worship Him; O worship Christ the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together!
O worship Christ the Lord; O worship Christ the Lord; and may His name be lifted high forever!
King of kings and Lord of lords; may His name be lifted high forever!

O magnify, O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together!
O magnify the Lord; O magnify the Lord and may His name be lifted high forever!

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Praise Him, All Ye Little Children

Praise Him, praise Him, all ye little children, God is love, God is love;
Praise Him, praise Him, all ye little children, God is love, God is love.

Love Him, love Him, all ye little children, God is love, God is love;
Love Him, love Him, all ye little children, God is love, God is love;

Thank Him, thank Him, all ye little children, God is love, God is love;
Thank Him, thank Him, all ye little children, God is love, God is love;

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Call to Confession: *Psalm 25:6, 7, 16*

*Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.
Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions;
according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!
Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted.*

Prayer of Confession

Assurance: *Psalm 25:8-10, 12-14*

*Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.
He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way.
All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.
Who is the man who fears the LORD? Him will he instruct in the way that he should choose.
His soul shall abide in well-being, and his offspring shall inherit the land.
The friendship of the LORD is for those who fear him, and he makes known to them his covenant.*

His Mercy is More

What love could remember no wrongs we have done? Omniscient, all-knowing, He counts not their sum.
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore, our sins, they are many, His mercy is more.

What patience would wait as we constantly roam? What Father, so tender, is calling us home?
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor. Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more.

Refrain: Praise the Lord, His mercy is more.
Stronger than darkness, new every morn.
Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more. *Repeat Refrain*

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Offertory Prayer and Offering: Building the Future

Morning Prayer

I Surrender All

All to Jesus I surrender, all to Him I freely give;
I will ever love and trust Him, in His presence daily live.

Refrain: I surrender all, I surrender all,
All to Thee, my blessed Savior, I surrender all.

All to Jesus I surrender, humbly at His feet I bow,
Worldly pleasures all forsaken; take me, Jesus, take me now. *Refrain*

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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: God Gave Them Up

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.

Counselor, Comforter, Keeper, Spirit we long to embrace;
You offer hope when our hearts have hopelessly lost the way, oh, we hopelessly lost the way. *Refrain*

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God's Blessing

Yes, Lord, Yes

I'll say yes, Lord, yes to Your will and to Your way. I'll say, yes, Lord, yes; I will trust You and obey.
When Your Spirit speaks to me, with my whole heart I'll agree, and my answer will be yes, Lord, yes.

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