

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
May 21, 2023 ~ 10:30 AM Worship Service

Call to Worship: *Psalm 84:1-2*

How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts!

My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the LORD; my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.

God's Greeting

How Great Thou Art

O Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed:

Refrain: Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee;
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee;
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin; *Refrain*

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
And there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art! *Refrain*

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Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You

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.

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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Amazing Grace

Amazing grace how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost, but now I'm found was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear and grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.

Refrain: My chains are gone, I've been set free.
My God, my Savior has ransomed me,
And like a flood His mercy rains,
Unending love, amazing grace.

The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures. *Refrain*

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow, the sun forbear to shine.
But God, who called me here below, will be forever mine.
Will be forever mine. You are forever mine.

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Call to Confession and Preparation: Words of Jesus from the Gospels

You shall have no other gods before me.

It is written: "Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only."

You shall not make for yourself an idol.

God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth.

You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.

"Do not swear at all: either by heaven, for it is God's throne; or by the earth, for it is his footstool. . . . Let your 'Yes' be 'Yes', and your 'No,' 'No'; anything beyond this comes from the evil one."

Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. So the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath.

Honor your father and your mother.

For God said, "Anyone who curses his father or mother must be put to death."

You shall not murder.

Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be sons of your Father in heaven.

You shall not commit adultery.

Anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

You shall not steal.

For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery . . . theft These are what make a man "unclean."

You shall not give false testimony.

For out of the overflow of the heart the mouth speaks. . . . For by your words you will be acquitted, and by your words you will be condemned.

You shall not covet.

Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid;

Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,

that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Grace/Salvation: *Galatians 3:13-14*

Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree"— so that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith.

Here is Love

Here is love, vast as the ocean, loving-kindness as the flood,
When the Prince of Life, our Ransom, shed for us His precious blood.
Who His love will not remember? Who can cease to sing His praise?
He can never be forgotten throughout heav'n's eternal days.

In Thy truth Thou dost direct me by Thy Spirit through Thy Word;
And Thy grace my need is meeting as I trust in Thee, my Lord.
Of Thy fullness Thou art pouring Thy great love and pow'r on me,
Without measure, full and boundless, drawing out my heart to Thee.

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Offertory Prayer

Offering: Lynden SERVE Project at New Way Ministries

Morning Prayer

Ancient Words

Holy words long preserved for our walk in this world,
They resound with God's own heart. O, let the ancient words impart.
Words of life, words of hope, give us strength, help us cope.
In this world where'er we roam, ancient words will guide us home.

Refrain: Ancient words, ever true, changing me and changing you;
We have come with open hearts, O, let the ancient words impart.

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Scripture: *Romans 2:1-5 (NKJV)*

¹ Therefore you are inexcusable, O man, whoever you are who judge, for in whatever you judge another you condemn yourself; for you who judge practice the same things. ² But we know that the judgment of God is according to truth against those who practice such things. ³ And do you think this, O man, you who judge those practicing such things, and doing the same, that you will escape the judgment of God? ⁴ Or do you despise the riches of His goodness, forbearance, and longsuffering, not knowing that the goodness of God leads you to repentance? ⁵ But in accordance with your hardness and your impenitent heart you are treasuring up for yourself wrath in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: *Self-Righteousness and the Judgment of God*

Grace Greater than Our Sin

Marvelous grace of our loving Lord, grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt!
Yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured – there where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.

Refrain: Grace, grace, God's grace, grace that will pardon and cleanse within;
Grace, grace, God's grace, grace that is greater than all our sin!

Marvelous, infinite, matchless grace, freely bestowed on all who believe!
You that are longing to see His face, will you this moment His grace receive? *Refrain*

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God's Blessing

My Friends, May You Grow in Grace

My friends, may you grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior.

My friends, may you grow in grace and in the knowledge of Jesus Christ.

To God be the glory, now and forever, now and forever, amen.

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Pastors: Mike B
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Music: Cheryl K, Mike S, Nancy Z

Offering will be received for the Lynden SERVE Project at New Way Ministries/Christian Hope Association. Lynden SERVE is planning to put in playground equipment at New Way Ministries this summer. This offering will go towards the purchase of that equipment.

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 Education Building during the worship service.

Worship services are also broadcast live in the 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".

On the bulletin, bold font is a response by the congregation. You are invited to join if you feel comfortable.

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