

# First Christian Reformed Church

Lynden, Washington

Pentecost Sunday, May 28, 2023 ~ 10:30 AM Worship Service

## Call to Worship: *Psalm 89:15-16*

*Blessed are the people who know the festal shout, who walk, O LORD, in the light of your face,  
We exult in your name all the day and in your righteousness we are exalted.*

## God's Greeting

### *O Worship the King*

O worship the King all glorious above, and gratefully sing His wonderful love;  
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days, pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of His might and sing of His grace, whose robe is the light, whose canopy space;  
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form, and dark is His path on the wings of the storm.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail, in Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail;  
Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end, our Maker, Defender, Redeemer and Friend.

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### *God, the Father of Your People*

God, the Father of your people, you have called us to be one;  
Grant us grace to walk together in the joy of Christ, your Son.  
Challenged by your Word and Spirit, blest with gifts from heaven above,  
As one body we will serve you and bear witness to your love.

May the grace of Christ, our Savior, and the Father's boundless love,  
With the Holy Spirit's favor, rest upon us from above.

May we now remain in union with each other and the Lord,  
And possess, in sweet communion, joys that earth cannot afford.

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## Call to Confession: *Acts 2:37-38*

*Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles,  
"Brothers, what shall we do?" And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you  
in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."*

## Prayer of Confession

### *Assurance: In Sweet Communion, Lord, with You*

In sweet communion, Lord, with you I constantly abide;  
My hand you hold within your own to keep me near your side.

Though flesh and heart should faint and fail, the Lord will ever be  
The strength and portion of my heart, my God eternally.

To live apart from God is death; 'tis good his face to seek.  
My refuge is the living God; hHis praise I long to speak.

("In Sweet Communion" Psalm 73:23-28, music William U'Butcher, 1860, Public Domain, CCLI #358926 Streaming #20317932)

## Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

### *Descend, O Holy Spirit* (A love offering for Bridges of Hope will be received during this song.)

Descend, O Holy Spirit, descend on us we pray;  
And bless us with Your presence, renewed in us today.  
A fervent intercessor before the Father's throne;  
Your gentle supplications make our petitions known.

Descend, O Holy Spirit, descend in tongues of fire,  
And fill us with great power; Your will is our desire.  
O make our hearts an altar, consumed by holy flame,  
To draw the soul held captive to faith in Jesus' name.

Descend, O Holy Spirit, as rushing, mighty wind;  
We stand in adoration; O Spirit, now descend.  
O cleanse us by Your power, our weakened faith renew;  
Commission us for service to lead the lost to You.

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## Morning Prayer

**Offering:** Benevolence

### *Break Thou the Bread of Life*

Break Thou the bread of life, dear Lord, to me,  
As Thou didst break the loaves beside the sea;  
Beyond the sacred page I seek Thee, Lord;  
My spirit pants for Thee, O living Word.

O send Thy Spirit, Lord, now unto me,  
That He may touch my eyes and make me see;  
Show me the truth concealed within Thy Word,  
For in Thy Book revealed I see Thee, Lord.

(“Break Thou the Bread of Life” words by Mary A. Lathbury and Alexander Groves music by William F. Sherwin Public Domain CCLI #358926 Streaming License #20317932)

### **Scripture:** *Romans 2:6-11*

*<sup>6</sup>He will render to each one according to his works: <sup>7</sup>to those who by patience in well-doing seek for glory and honor and immortality, he will give eternal life; <sup>8</sup>but for those who are self-seeking and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, there will be wrath and fury. <sup>9</sup>There will be tribulation and distress for every human being who does evil, the Jew first and also the Greek, <sup>10</sup>but glory and honor and peace for everyone who does good, the Jew first and also the Greek. <sup>11</sup>For God shows no partiality.*

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Message:** *God Shows No Partiality*

### *Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

Breathe on me, breath of God, fill me with life anew,  
That I may love the way you love, and do what you would do.

Breathe on me, breath of God, until my heart is pure,  
Until my will is one with yours, to do and to endure.

Breathe on me, breath of God, so shall I never die,  
But live with you the perfect life for all eternity.

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## God’s Blessing

### *Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Pastors: Mike B, Robert W

Music: Mike H

Offering will be received for the First CRC Benevolence Fund, used to help local people and families in times of need. For more information on the benevolence fund talk to any deacon.

Love Offering will be received for a ministry assisting men released from jail, prison, and substance abuse rehabilitation centers. Through discipleship with mentors, they help with vocational and life skills training, educational opportunities, and encourage restoration to a successful and autonomous lifestyle and becoming responsible members of society. For more information, visit [bridgesofhopewa.org](http://bridgesofhopewa.org).

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