

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
June 4, 2023 ~ 10:30 AM Worship Service

Call to Worship: *based on Psalm 27; John 4:23*

Let us worship God, our light and our salvation.

The Lord is the stronghold of our lives.

We desire to live in God's house and to seek God in his holy temple.

We have come with shouts of joy, to sing and to make music to the Lord.

Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

Teach us your ways and make straight our paths in this hour of worship and always.

God's Greeting

Shine, Jesus, Shine

Lord, the light of Your love is shining in the midst of the darkness shining;

Jesus, light of the world, shine upon us, set us free by the truth You now bring us; shine on me, shine on me.

Refrain: Shine, Jesus, Shine, fill this land with the Father's glory.

Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.

Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy.

Send forth Your Word Lord, and let there be light.

Lord, I come to Your awesome presence, from the shadows into Your radiance;

By the blood I may enter Your brightness; search me, try me, consume all my darkness; shine on me, shine on me.

Refrain

As we gaze on Your kingly brightness so our faces display Your likeness,

Ever changing from glory to glory; mirrored here, may our lives tell Your story; shine on me, shine on me. *Refrain*

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We Will Glorify

We will glorify the King of kings, we will glorify the Lamb.

We will glorify the Lord of lords, who is the great I AM.

Lord Jehovah reigns in majesty. We will bow before His throne.

We will worship Him in righteousness. We will worship Him alone.

He is Lord of heaven, Lord of earth, He is Lord of all who live.

He is Lord above the universe; all praise to Him we give.

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Jesus, Draw Me Ever Nearer

Jesus, draw me ever nearer as I labor through the storm.

You have called me to this passage, and I'll follow though I'm worn.

Refrain: May this journey bring a blessing; may I rise on wings of faith;

And at the end of my heart's testing with your likeness let me wake

Jesus, guide me through the tempest, keep my spirit staid and sure.

When the midnight meets the morning, let me love you even more. *Refrain*

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Call to Confession:

The proof of God's amazing love is this: While we were sinners, Christ died for us.

Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Trusting in God's faithfulness and compassion, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Prayer of Confession

Assurance: *based on 2 Corinthians 3:17-18*

Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another, for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and transformed! Praise be to God!

Stronger

There is Love, that came for us. Humbled to a sinner's cross.
You broke my shame, and sinfulness. You rose again, victorious.

Faithfulness none can deny. Through the storm, and through the fire.
There is truth that sets me free, Jesus Christ who lives in me.

Refrain: You are stronger, You are stronger. Sin is broken, You have saved me.
It is written, Christ is risen. Jesus, You are Lord of all.

No beginning, and no end. You're my hope, and my defense.
You came to seek, and save the lost. You paid it all, upon the cross. *Refrain*

So let Your name be lifted higher, be lifted higher, be lifted higher.
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Offertory Prayer and Offering: Christian School Tuition Assistance

Morning Prayer

Scripture: Romans 2:11-16

¹¹ For God shows no partiality. ¹² For all who have sinned without the law will also perish without the law, and all who have sinned under the law will be judged by the law. ¹³ For it is not the hearers of the law who are righteous before God, but the doers of the law who will be justified. ¹⁴ For when Gentiles, who do not have the law, by nature do what the law requires, they are a law to themselves, even though they do not have the law. ¹⁵ They show that the work of the law is written on their hearts, while their conscience also bears witness, and their conflicting thoughts accuse or even excuse them ¹⁶ on that day when, according to my gospel, God judges the secrets of men by Christ Jesus.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: God's Judgment and the Law

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*

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

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God's Blessing

His Mercy Is More

What riches of kindness He lavished on us. His blood was the payment His life was the cost.
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford. Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.

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Offering will be received for Christian School Tuition Assistance, a fund used to help cover tuition cost of First church families who send their children to Christian schools.

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