

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
June 11, 2023 ~ 10:30 AM Worship Service

Recognition of High School Graduates

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Call to Worship: *Psalm 119:9-10, 12*

*How can a young man keep his way pure? By guarding it according to your word.
With my whole heart I seek you; let me not wander from your commandments!
Blessed are you, O LORD; teach me your statutes!*

God's Greeting

Come, People of the Risen King

Come, people of the risen King, who delight to bring Him praise.
Come, all, and tune your hearts to sing to the Morning Star of grace.
From the shifting shadows of the earth we will lift our eyes to Him,
Where steady arms of mercy reach to gather children in.

Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice!
One heart, one voice, O Church of Christ, rejoice!

Come, young and old from every land, men and women of the faith.
Come, those with full or empty hands; find the riches of His grace.
Over all the world His people sing; shore to shore we hear them call
The Truth that cries through every age: "Our God is all in all!" *Refrain*

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O God, You Are My God

O God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you.
O God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you.
I will seek you in the morning, and I will learn to walk in your ways.
And step by step you'll lead me, and I will follow you all of my days. *Repeat All*

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Call to Confession: *Psalm 107:32, 43*

*Let them extol him in the congregation of the people, and praise him in the assembly of the elders.
Whoever is wise, let him attend to these things; let them consider the steadfast love of the LORD.*

Prayer of Confession

Ordination and Installation of Elders and Deacons

Our Church

Here we are now, a crowd assembled, peace like incense fills the air.
Men and women, the sounds of children, young and old have come to share.
In the beauty of this place, we have gathered by His grace.

Refrain: This is our church, our family of faith, on this Holy ground we're all the same.
And we are the joy of God on display whenever we meet in Jesus' Name.
Whenever we meet in Jesus' Name.

Walls are falling, hearts disarming as His presence ushers in.
Waves of mercy fill the building as His Spirit stirs within.
In the beauty of this place, we have gathered by His grace.

From the suburbs to the streets we have gathered to receive.
Some with plenty, some with need, cause we are a family, His family. *Refrain*

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Offertory Prayer

Offering: Eric & Penny

Morning Prayer

Open My Eyes That I May See

Open my eyes that I may see glimpses of truth Thou hast for me;
Place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free.
Silently now I wait for Thee, ready, my God, Thy will to see;
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my ears that I may hear voices of truth Thou sendest clear;
And while the wave notes fall on my ear, everything false will disappear.
Silently now I wait for Thee, ready, my God, Thy will to see;
Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!

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Scripture: *Romans 2:17-29*

¹⁷ But if you call yourself a Jew and rely on the law and boast in God ¹⁸ and know his will and approve what is excellent, because you are instructed from the law; ¹⁹ and if you are sure that you yourself are a guide to the blind, a light to those who are in darkness, ²⁰ an instructor of the foolish, a teacher of children, having in the law the embodiment of knowledge and truth— ²¹ you then who teach others, do you not teach yourself? While you preach against stealing, do you steal? ²² You who say that one must not commit adultery, do you commit adultery? You who abhor idols, do you rob temples? ²³ You who boast in the law dishonor God by breaking the law. ²⁴ For, as it is written, "The name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles because of you." ²⁵ For circumcision indeed is of value if you obey the law, but if you break the law, your circumcision becomes uncircumcision.

²⁶ So, if a man who is uncircumcised keeps the precepts of the law, will not his uncircumcision be regarded as circumcision?

²⁷ Then he who is physically uncircumcised but keeps the law will condemn you who have the written code and circumcision but break the law. ²⁸ For no one is a Jew who is merely one outwardly, nor is circumcision outward and physical. ²⁹ But a Jew is one inwardly, and circumcision is a matter of the heart, by the Spirit, not by the letter. His praise is not from man but from God.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: *What it Means to be a Jew*

God of Creation, All-Powerful

God of creation, all-powerful, all-wise, Lord of the universe rich with surprise,
Maker, Sustainer, and Ruler of all, we are your children, you hear when we call.

God of the ages, through time's troubled years you are the one in whom history coheres;
Nations and empires your purpose fulfill, moving in freedom, yet working your will.

God of redemption, who wrought our rebirth, call out your church from the ends of the earth,
Still you are Savior, put darkness to flight; overcome sin by salvation's pure light!

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God's Blessing

Go, My Children, With My Blessing

Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me;
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.
Here my Spirit's power filled you; here his tender comfort stilled you,
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.

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