

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
June 18, 2023 ~ 10:30 AM Worship Service

Call to Worship: *Psalm 103:1, 20-22*

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

Bless the LORD, O you his angels, you mighty ones who do his word, obeying the voice of his word!

Bless the LORD, all his hosts, his ministers, who do his will!

Bless the LORD, all his works, in all places of his dominion. Bless the LORD, O my soul!

God's Greeting

Bless the Lord, O My Soul

Refrain: Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul, worship His holy name.

Sing like never before, O my soul, I worship your holy name.

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning; it's time to sing your song again.

Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me, let me be singing when the evening comes. *Refrain*

You're rich in love and you're slow to anger. Your name is great and your heart is kind.

For all your goodness, I will keep on singing, ten thousand reasons for my heart to find. *Refrain*

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Behold Our God

Who has held the oceans in His hands? Who has numbered every grain of sand?

Kings and nations tremble at His voice. All creation rises to rejoice.

Refrain: Behold our God, seated on His throne. Come, let us adore Him.

Behold our King, nothing can compare. Come let us adore Him!

Who has given counsel to the Lord? Who can question any of His words?

Who can teach, the one who knows all things? Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds? *Refrain*

Who has felt the nails upon His hands, bearing all the guilt of sinful man?

God eternal, humbled to the grave. Jesus, Savior, risen now to reign! *Refrain*

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He is Lord

He is Lord, he is Lord, he is risen from the dead, and he is Lord!

Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

He is King, he is King, he will draw all nations to him; he is King!

And the time shall be when the world shall sing that Jesus Christ is King.

He is Love, he is Love, he has shown us by his life that he is Love!

And his people sing with one voice of joy that Jesus Christ is Love.

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Call to Confession: *Psalm 103:8-10*

The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever.

He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.

Prayer of Confession

Assurance: *Psalm 103:11-14*

For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us. As a father shows compassion to his children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him. For he knows our frame; he remembers that we are dust.

How Deep the Father's Love

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure

That He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure.

How great the pain of searing loss; the Father turns His face away.

As wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.

I will not boast in anything; no gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom.

But I will boast in Jesus Christ: His death and resurrection.

Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer.

But this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ransom.

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Offertory Prayer

Offering: Lighthouse Mission Building Project

Morning Prayer

O Come Let Us Adore Him

O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

For He alone is worthy, for He alone is worthy,
For He alone is worthy, Christ the Lord.

We'll give Him all the glory, we'll give Him all the glory,
We'll give Him all the glory, Christ the Lord.

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Scripture: *Romans 2:29 – 3:9 (ESV)*

²⁹ *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.*

^{3:1} *Then what advantage has the Jew? Or what is the value of circumcision? ² Much in every way. To begin with, the Jews were entrusted with the oracles of God. ³ What if some were unfaithful? Does their faithlessness nullify the faithfulness of God? ⁴ By no means! Let God be true though every one were a liar, as it is written, "That you may be justified in your words, and prevail when you are judged."*

⁵ *But if our unrighteousness serves to show the righteousness of God, what shall we say? That God is unrighteous to inflict wrath on us? (I speak in a human way.) ⁶ By no means! For then how could God judge the world? ⁷ But if through my lie God's truth abounds to his glory, why am I still being condemned as a sinner? ⁸ And why not do evil that good may come?—as some people slanderously charge us with saying. Their condemnation is just.*

⁹ *What then? Are we Jews any better off? No, not at all. For we have already charged that all, both Jews and Greeks, are under sin.*

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: *Objection Overruled*

Be Thou My Vision

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that Thou art,
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my Wisdom and Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son,
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

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God's Blessing

Let Us Go

Father, in your presence we have gathered. May your Spirit reign in us, we ask.
Free us from the things that do not matter. Let us focus on the glory of this task.

Strengthen our feet; don't let them stumble. Grant us all the wisdom of your grace.
Fill our hearts with love and make them humble. Teach us, Father, how to run this holy race.

Refrain: Let us go in the love of the Father, let us go in the glory of the Son.

Let us go in the Spirit's mighty power. For your kingdom let us go, so that others unto you may come.

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