

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
July 9, 2023 ~ 10:30 AM Worship Service

Call to Worship: *Psalm 108:3-5*

*I will give thanks to you, O LORD, among the peoples; I will sing praises to you among the nations.
For your steadfast love is great above the heavens; your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.
Be exalted, O God, above the heavens! Let your glory be over all the earth!*

God's Greeting

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne.
Hark! How the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee;
And hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of life: who triumphed o'er the grave,
Who rose victorious to the strife for those He came to save;
His glories now we sing, who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

Crown Him the Lord of heaven: One with the Father known,
One with the Spirit through Him given from yonder glorious throne.
To Thee be endless praise, for Thou for us hast died;
Be Thou, O Lord, through endless days adored and magnified.

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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 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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In Christ Alone

In Christ alone, my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song,
This Cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
My Comforter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ, I stand.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ in me.
From life's first cry, to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from His hand.
'Til He returns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

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Call to Confession: *I John 1:5-7*

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

Prayer of Confession

Assurance: *Romans 1:16-17*

*For I am not ashamed of the gospel,
for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.
For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."*

Commissioning of Crown Point SERVE Team

Before the Throne of God Above

Before the throne of God above I have a strong, and perfect plea:
A great High Priest, whose name is Love, who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on his hands, my name is written on his heart;
I know that while in heaven he stands no tongue can bid me thence depart, no tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair, and tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look, and see him there who made an end of all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free;
For God, the Just, is satisfied to look on Him and pardon me, to look on Him and pardon me.

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Offertory Prayer & Offering: Al & Julie

Offertory Ministry of Music: *I Love You, Lord/Majesty*

Morning Prayer

Scripture: *II Chronicles 7:1-4, 14-15*

¹ As soon as Solomon finished his prayer, fire came down from heaven and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices, and the glory of the LORD filled the temple. ² And the priests could not enter the house of the LORD, because the glory of the LORD filled the LORD's house. ³ When all the people of Israel saw the fire come down and the glory of the LORD on the temple, they bowed down with their faces to the ground on the pavement and worshiped and gave thanks to the LORD, saying, "For he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever."

⁴ Then the king and all the people offered sacrifice before the LORD.

¹⁴ If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

¹⁵ Now my eyes will be open and my ears attentive to the prayer that is made in this place.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: *Our Culture and Prayer*

A Communion Hymn

The body of our Savior Jesus Christ, torn for you – eat and remember
The wounds that heal, the death that brings us life paid the price to make us one.
So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of love around the table of the King.

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin, shed for you – drink and remember
He drained death's cup that all may enter in to receive the life of God.
So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of grace around the table of the King.

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

A Communion Hymn

(A Love Offering for the Luke Society will be received at this time.)

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away, slain for us – and we remember
The promise made that all who come in faith find forgiveness at the cross.
So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of peace around the table of the King.

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise to respond – and to remember
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ as His body here on earth.
As we share in His suffering we proclaim Christ will come again!
And we'll join in the feast of heaven around the table of the King

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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. Amen.

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Pastors: Robert W, Bill R
Prayer: Paul A, Brian V
Music: Carol H, Cheryl K, Mike S, Nancy Z

Offering will be received for Al & Julie, working with Operation Mobilization in Belgium, one of the least reached nations in the world. They live in Zaventem Village in the Flemish speaking part of Belgium. Al is the Director of Operations and is involved in building and maintenance, ZavCentre (a 60-bed hospitality and conference center supporting both local and global missions and ministry) and a church plant. Julie is the OM bookkeeper and Al has been battling leukemia. For more information, visit www.om.org/be/be_en.

Love Offering will be received for the Luke Society, which provides resources and support for international Christian health visionaries who care for the needs of their own people. They empower nationals to use their gifts in medicine as a tool to share the love of Jesus Christ and His redeeming grace. For more information, visit lukesociety.org

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