

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
July 16, 2023 ~ 10:30 AM Worship Service

Call to Worship: *Psalm 34:3; 9:1-2; Revelation 1:4-5*

O magnify the Lord with me.

Let us exalt God's name together!

We will give thanks to you, O Lord, with our whole heart;

We will be glad and exult in you; we will sing praise to your name, O Most High.

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come,

and from the seven spirits who are before his throne,

and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

Amen.

God's Greeting

God is Here

God is here! As we, your people, meet to offer praise and prayer,
May we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share:
Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts
Wait the coming of His Spirit into open minds and hearts.

Here our children find a welcome in the Shepherd's flock and fold;
Here, as bread and wine are taken, Christ sustains us as of old.
Here the servants of the Servant seek in worship to explore
What it means in daily living to believe and to adore.

Lord of all, of Church and Kingdom, in an age of change and doubt,
Keep us faithful to the gospel, help us work your purpose out.
Here, in this day's celebration, all we have to give, receive;
Who can not live without you, we adore you! We believe.

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Here I Am to Worship

Light of the world, You stepped down into darkness, opened my eyes let me see.
Beauty that made this heart adore You, hope of a life spent with You.

Refrain: So here I am to worship, here I am to bow down here I am to say that You're my God.
You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy, altogether wonderful to me.

King of all days, oh so highly exalted, glorious in heaven above.
Humbly You came to the earth You created, all for love's sake became poor. *Refrain*

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I Love You, Lord

I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice to worship You, O my soul, rejoice!
Take joy, my King, in what you hear: may it be a sweet, sweet sound in Your ear.

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Call to Confession: *based on Matt. 22:37-40*

Our Lord Jesus said:

“‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’”

This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’

On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”

As God has instructed us in these great commandments, and because we have not lived in full obedience, let us now confess our sins to God, trusting Christ as our Savior and Lord.

Prayer of Confession

Assurance: *from Psalm 25:1-2, 5; 18:1-3*

To You, O Lord, I lift up my soul; in You I trust, O my God.

Guide me in Your truth and teach me, for You are God, my Savior, and my hope is in You all day long.

I love You, O Lord, my strength.

The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer;

He is my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

I call to the Lord, who is worthy of praise, and I am saved from my enemies.

You Are My King

I'm forgiven because you were forsaken. I'm accepted; you were condemned.
I'm alive and well, your Spirit is within me because you died and rose again.

Refrain: Amazing love, how can it be that you, my King, would die for me?
Amazing love, I know it's true; it is my joy to honor you. In all I do I honor you.

You are my King, You are My King
Jesus, You are my King. Jesus, You are my King! *Refrain*

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Offertory Prayer

Offering: Mission and Outreach Fund

Morning Prayer

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down!
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling; all Thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, Thou art all compassion; pure, unbounded love Thou art.
Visit us with Thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast!
Let us all in Thee inherit; let us find Thy promised rest.
Take away our bent to sinning; Alpha and Omega be.
End of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

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Scripture: John 17:21-23

²¹ That they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²² The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, ²³ I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me.

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Message: Oneness

Brethren, We Have Met to Worship

Brethren, we have met to worship to adore the Lord and God;
Will you pray with expectation as we preach the living Word?
All is vain unless the Spirit of the Holy One comes down;
Brethren, pray, and God's great blessing will be showered all around.

Let us love our God supremely, let us love our brothers too;
Let us pray and care for people 'til God makes their lives anew.
When at last we're called to heaven, in His presence we'll sit down;
And the Lord will then reward us giving us a heavenly crown.

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God's Blessing

All Hail, King Jesus

All hail, King Jesus! All hail, Emmanuel! King of kings, Lord of lords, Bright Morning Star.
And throughout eternity I'll sing His praises, and I'll reign with Him throughout eternity. *Repeat All*

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