

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
July 23, 2023 ~ 10:30 AM Worship Service

Call to Worship: based on Psalm 25

We lift up our souls to you, Holy God.

We trust the Lord with our past, present, and future.

Teach us, Lord, that we may know your ways.

Guide our every move, Holy One, that we may walk in your paths of love and mercy.

Let us worship the One who leads us in what is right.

Together, let us worship God!

God's Greeting

O Worship the King

O worship the King all glorious above, and gratefully sing His wonderful love;

Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days, pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of His might and sing of His grace, whose robe is the light, whose canopy space;

His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form, and dark is His path on the wings of the storm.

Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite? It breathes in the air, it shines in the light,

It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain, and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

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O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,

The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of His grace!

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,

To spread through all the earth abroad the honors of Thy name.

Jesus! The name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease,

'Tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.

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Now Thank We All Our God

Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,

Who wondrous things has done, in whom His world rejoices;

Who from our mothers' arms has blessed us on our way

With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,

With ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,

To keep us in his grace, and guide us when perplexed,

And free us from all ills of this world in the next.

All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,

The Son and Spirit blest, who reign in highest heaven

The one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore;

For thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

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Call to Confession: *Isaiah 1:18; I John 1:7-9*

"Come now, and let us reason together," says the Lord.

"Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow;

though they are red like crimson, they shall be as wool."

If we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ,

His Son, cleanses us from all sin. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Prayer of Confession

Assurance: *Titus 2:11, 3:5-7*

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all men.

He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy;

By washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out upon us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior,

So that being justified by grace we would be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Amazing Grace

Amazing Grace! How sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!

I once was lost but now am found, was blind but now I see.

The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures;

He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,

We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we first begun.

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Offertory Prayer

Offering: The Gideons

Morning Prayer

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee.

Let the water and the blood, from Thy wounded side which flowed,

Be of sin the double cure, save from wrath and make me pure.

Could my tears forever flow? Could my zeal no languor know?

These for sin could not atone; Thou must save, and Thou alone.

In my hand no price I bring; simply to thy cross I cling.

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Scripture: *Romans 3:19-20*

¹⁹ *Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God.* ²⁰ *For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.*

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: *The Importance of the Knowledge of Sin*

Wonderful Grace of Jesus

Wonderful grace of Jesus, greater than all my sin; how shall my tongue describe it, where shall its praise begin?

Taking away my burden, setting my spirit free, for the wonderful grace of Jesus reaches me.

Refrain: Wonderful the matchless grace of Jesus, deeper than the mighty rolling sea;

Higher than the mountain, sparkling like a fountain, all sufficient grace for even me;

Broader than the scope of my transgressions, greater far than all my sin and shame;

O magnify the precious name of Jesus, praise His Name!

Wonderful grace of Jesus, reaching to all the lost, by it I have been pardoned, saved to the uttermost;

Chains have been torn asunder, giving me liberty, for the wonderful grace of Jesus reaches me. *Refrain*

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God's Blessing

To God Be the Glory

To God be the glory, to God be the glory, to God be the glory for the things he has done:

With his blood he has saved me; with his power he has raised me.

To God be the glory for the things he has done.

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