

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
October 1, 2023 ~ 10:30 AM Worship Service

Call to Worship: *Revelation 5:13*

*Then I heard every creature in heaven
and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, saying:
“To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb
be praise and honor and glory and power,
for ever and ever!”*

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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Blessed Be Your Name

Blessed be your name in the land that is plentiful,
Where your streams of abundance flow; blessed be your name.
Blessed be your name when I’m found in the desert place.
Though I walk through the wilderness, blessed be your name.

Refrain: Every blessing you pour out, I’ll turn back to praise.
When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say, “Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be your name.
Blessed be the name of the Lord,
Blessed be your glorious name.”

Blessed be your name when the sun's shining down on me,
When the world's “all as it should be.” Blessed be your name.
Blessed be your name on the road marked with suffering;
Though there's pain in the offering, blessed be your name. *Refrain*

You give and take away, You give and take away.
My heart will choose to say, “Lord, blessed be your name.”
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be your name.
Blessed be the name of the Lord,
Blessed be your glorious name.”

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Call to Confession: *Matthew 11:28-30*

“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”

Prayer of Confession

Assurance: *John 6:35*

Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

I Set My Hope on Jesus

When this life of trials tests my faith, I set my hope on Jesus.
When the questions come and doubts remain, I set my hope on Jesus.
For the deepest wounds that time won't heal
There's a joy that runs still deeper
There's a truth that's more than all I feel, I set my hope on Jesus.

Refrain: I set my hope on Jesus, my rock, my only trust
Who set His heart upon me first, I set my hope on Jesus.

Though I falter in this war with sin, I set my hope on Jesus.
When I fail the fight and sink within, I set my hope on Jesus.
Though the shame would drown me in its sea
And I dread the waves of justice,
I will cast my life on Calvary. I set my hope on Jesus. *Refrain*

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Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

Beneath the cross of Jesus I find a place to stand,
And wonder at such mercy that calls me as I am.
For hands that should discard me hold wounds which tell me come.
Beneath the cross of Jesus, my unworthy soul is won.

Beneath the cross of Jesus, his family is my own.
Once strangers chasing selfish dreams, now one through grace alone
How could I now dishonor the ones that you have loved?
Beneath the cross of Jesus, see the children called by God.

Beneath the cross of Jesus, the path before the crown,
We follow in His footsteps where promised hope is found.
How great the joy before us to be His perfect bride.
Beneath the cross of Jesus, we will gladly live our lives.

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Offertory Prayer

Offering: *First CRC Tuition Assistance Fund*

Morning Prayer

Scripture: *Romans 4:13-17*

¹³ *It was not through the law that Abraham and his offspring received the promise that he would be heir of the world, but through the righteousness that comes by faith. ¹⁴ For if those who depend on the law are heirs, faith means nothing and the promise is worthless, ¹⁵ because the law brings wrath. And where there is no law there is no transgression.*

¹⁶ *Therefore, the promise comes by faith, so that it may be by grace and may be guaranteed to all Abraham's offspring—not only to those who are of the law but also to those who have the faith of Abraham. He is the father of us all. ¹⁷ As it is written: "I have made you a father of many nations." He is our father in the sight of God, in whom he believed—the God who gives life to the dead and calls into being things that were not.*

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: *Abraham, Father of Us All by Grace*

Every Promise of Your Word

From the breaking of the dawn to the setting of the sun,
I will stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.
Words of power, strong to save, that will never pass away,
I will stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.
For Your covenant is sure, and on this I am secure;
I can stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.

When I'm faced with anguished choice,
I will listen for Your voice,
And I'll stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.
Through this dark and troubled land
You will guide me with Your hand
As I stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.
And You've promised to complete
Ev'ry work begun in me;
So I'll stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.

God's Blessing

Every Promise of Your Word

Hope that lifts me from despair, love that casts out ev'ry fear,
As I stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.
Not forsaken, not alone, for the Comforter has come,
And I stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.
Grace sufficient, grace for me,
Grace for all who will believe—
We will stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.

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