

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
October 22, 2023 ~ 10:30 AM Worship Service

Missions Update from the Scherings

Call to Worship: Psalm 98:1-3

Oh sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things!

His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

The Lord has made known his salvation; he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.

He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

God's Greeting

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love;

Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee, opening to the sun above.

Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the dark of doubt away;

Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,

Well-spring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!

Thou our Father, Christ our Brother – all who live in love are Thine;

Teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

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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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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 is 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 wave of justice,

I will cast my life on Calvary. I set my hope on Jesus. *Refrain*

Though the world call me to leave my Lord, I set my hope on Jesus.

Though it offer all its vain rewards, I set my hope on Jesus

Though this heart of mine is prone to stray give me grace enough to finish

'Till I worship on that final day, I set my hope on you. *Refrain*

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Call to Confession: Psalm 51:1-4a

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;

according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!

For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight.

Prayer of Confession

Assurance: I John 3:1-3

See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

Stronger

There is Love, that came for us. Humbled to a sinner's cross.
You broke my shame, and sinfulness. You rose again, victorious.

Faithfulness none can deny. Through the storm, and through the fire.
There is truth that sets me free, Jesus Christ who lives in me.

Refrain: You are stronger, You are stronger. Sin is broken, You have saved me.
It is written, Christ is risen. Jesus, You are Lord of all.

No beginning, and no end. You're my hope, and my defense.
You came to seek, and save the lost. You paid it all, upon the cross. *Refrain*

So let Your name be lifted higher, be lifted higher, be lifted higher.
So let Your name be lifted higher, be lifted higher, be lifted higher. *Refrain*

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Offertory Prayer

Offering: Missionary

Morning Prayer

Scripture: Romans 5:1-5

¹ Therefore. since we have been justified by faith. we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ² Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand. and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. ³ Not only that. but we rejoice in our sufferings. knowing that suffering produces endurance. ⁴ and endurance produces character. and character produces hope. ⁵ and hope does not put us to shame. because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: Joy in Hope and Suffering

The Solid Rock

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand, all other ground is sinking sand.

His oath, His covenant, His blood, support me in the whelming flood;
When all around my soul gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand, all other ground is sinking sand.

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God's Blessing

Salvation Belongs to our God

Salvation belongs to our God, who sits upon the throne, and to the Lamb.
Praise and glory, wisdom and thanks, honor and power and strength
Be to our God forever and ever, be to our God forever and ever, be to our God forever and ever. Amen

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