# **First Christian Reformed Church**

Lynden, Washington November 12, 2023 ~ 10:30 AM Worship Service

Call to Worship: Psalm 47:1,2,6,7
Clap your hands, all peoples!
Shout to God with loud songs of joy!
For the Lord, the Most High, is to be feared, a great king over all the earth.
Sing praises to God, sing praises!
Sing praises to our King, sing praises!
For God is the King of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm!

# **God's Greeting**

# O Worship the King

O worship the King all glorious above, O gratefully sing his power and his 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.

Your 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.

#### Shout to the Lord

My Jesus, my Savior, Lord there is none like You; All of my days, I want to praise, the wonders of Your mighty love. My Comfort, my Shelter, tower of refuge and strength; Let every breath, all that I am, never cease to worship You.

Refrain: Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing Power and majesty, praise to the King; Mountains bow down and the seas will roar

At the sound of Your name.

I sing for joy at the work of Your hands, Forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand;

Nothing compares to the promise I have in You.

# How Great is Our God

The splendor of the King, and clothed in majesty; Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice. He wraps Himself in light, and darkness tries to hide, And trembles at His voice, and trembles at His voice.

Refrain: How great is our God!

Sing with me: How great is our God!

All will see how great, how great is our God!

Age to age He stands, and time is in His hands; Beginning and the End, Beginning and the End. The God-head, three in one, and Father, Spirit, Son, The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb. *Refrain*  Name above all names, worthy of all praise. My heart will sing: How great is Our God! Name above all names, worthy of all praise. My heart will sing: How great is Our God!

Refrain: How great is our God!

Sing with me: How great is our God!

All will see how great, how great is our God!

Call to Confession: James 4:7,8,10
Submit yourselves therefore to God.
Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.
Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.
Cleanse your hands, you sinners,
and purify your hearts, you double-minded.
Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

# **Prayer of Confession**

### Assurance: Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me

What gift of grace is Jesus, my redeemer.
There is no more for heaven now to give.
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom,
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace.
To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus.
For my life is wholly bound to his.
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing: all is mine!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

The night is dark, but I am not forsaken,
For by my side, the Savior, He will stay.
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing,
For in my need, His power is displayed.
To this I hold: my Shepherd will defend me.
Through the deepest valley He will lead.
Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven,
The future sure, the price, it has been paid.
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon,
And He was raised to overthrow the grave.
To this I hold: my sin has been defeated.
Jesus now, and ever is my plea.
Oh the chains are released, I can sing: I am free!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

# **Offertory Prayer**

**Offering:** Reformed University Fellowship at WWU

# **Morning Prayer**

Scripture: Romans 5:12-17

<sup>12</sup> Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned—

<sup>13</sup> for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. <sup>14</sup> Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come.

 $^{15}$ But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many.

<sup>16</sup> And the free gift is not like the result of that one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification. <sup>17</sup> For if, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

**Message:** The Tale of Two Adams

# Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

Amazing grace how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me. I once was lost, but now I'm found was blind, but now I see.

Twas grace that taught my heart to fear and grace my fears relieved.

How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.

Refrain: My chains are gone, I've been set free.

My God, my Savior has ransomed me, And like a flood His mercy rains, Unending love, amazing grace.

The Lord has promised good to me. His word my hope secures. He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures. Refrain

# God's Blessing

# We Receive Your Blessing

We receive Your blessing, we receive Your grace, As we walk in the light shining from Your face. May the peace that You give change the way that we live. We receive Your blessing as we leave this place.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below. Praise Him, above You heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son and praise the Holy Ghost. We receive Your blessing as we leave this place.

Pastor: Robert W Prayer: Tabin B, Neil M

Music: Brian K, Cheryl K, Jack P, Ken Q, Nathalie T

Offering will be received for Reformed University Fellowship (RUF). This ministry works on the campus of WWU. Nursery is available with a paging system for children under 3 years during worship service in the Education Building. <u>Children's Church</u> is available for children 3 years – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. Children are dismissed to the Education Building during the service. Worship services are also broadcast live in the church basement and streamed online for anyone unable to worship in the sanctuary.

An assistive listening system is available in the sanctuary; to use this system, switch hearing aids to "T".