

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
November 26, 2023 ~ 10:30 AM Worship Service

Call to Worship: *Psalm 122:1; 96:6, 8-9*

*I rejoiced with those who said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord."
Splendor and majesty are before Him; Strength and glory are in His sanctuary.
Ascribe to the Lord the glory due His name; worship the Lord in the splendor of His holiness.*

God's Greeting

With Grateful Heart My Thanks I Bring

With grateful heart my thanks I bring, before the "gods" your praise I sing.
I worship in your holy place and praise you for your truth and grace;
For truth and grace together shine in your most holy Word divine, in your most holy Word divine.

I cried to you, and you did save; your word of grace new courage gave.
The kings of earth shall thank you, Lord, for they have heard your wondrous word;
Yes, they shall come with songs of praise, for great and glorious are your ways, for great and glorious are your ways.

O Lord, enthroned in glory bright, you reign alone in heavenly height;
The proud in vain your favor seek, but you have mercy for the meek.
Through trouble though my pathway be, you will revive and strengthen me, you will revive and strengthen me.

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Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

Rejoice, ye pure in heart, rejoice, give thanks and sing;
Your festive banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King:
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice give thanks and sing.

Praise God, who reigns on high, the Lord whom we adore:
The Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, one God forevermore.

Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice give thanks and sing.

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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 and Preparation: *Psalm 26:2*

Test me, LORD, and try me, examine my heart and my mind.

Prayer of Confession

Assurance: *Micah 7:18-20*

Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over the transgression of the remnant of your possession? He does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in showing clemency. He will again have compassion upon us; he

will tread our iniquities under foot. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea. You will show faithfulness to Jacob and unswerving loyalty to Abraham, as you have sworn to our ancestors from the days of old.

And Can it Be

And can it be that I should gain an interest in the Savior's blood?
Died He for me, who caused His pain? For me, who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?
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He left his Father's throne above, so free, so infinite His grace!
Emptied Himself of all but love, and bled for Adam's helpless race!
'Tis mercy all, immense and free, for, O my God, it found out me.
Amazing love! How can it be that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me!

Long my imprisoned spirit lay fast bound in sin and nature's night.
Thine eye diffuse a quickening ray; I woke – the dungeon flamed with light!
My chains fell off, my heart was free, I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.
Amazing love! How can it be that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me!

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Offertory Prayer

Offering: Benevolence

Morning Prayer

Scripture: *I Corinthians 10:16-17; 11:27-32*

¹⁶ *The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ?* ¹⁷ *Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.*

²⁷ *Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord.* ²⁸ *Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup.* ²⁹ *For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself.* ³⁰ *That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died.* ³¹ *But if we judged ourselves truly, we would not be judged.*

³² *But when we are judged by the Lord, we are disciplined so that we may not be condemned along with the world.*

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: *Preparation for Our Thanksgiving Meal*

We Are Called to Be God's People

We are called to be God's people, showing by our lives His grace,
One in heart and one in spirit, sign of hope for all the race.
Let us show how He has changed us and remade us as His own;
Let us share our life together as we shall around His throne.

We are called to be God's servants, working in His world today;
Taking His own task upon us, all His sacred words obey.
Let us rise, then, to His summons, dedicate to Him our all,
That we may be faithful servants, quick to answer now His call.

God's Blessing

We Are Called to Be God's People

We are called to be God's prophets, speaking for the truth and right,
Standing firm for godly justice, bringing evil into light,
Let us seek the courage needed, our high calling to fulfill,
That we all may know the blessing of the doing of God's will.

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