

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
January 28, 2024 ~ 10:30 AM Worship Service

Call to Worship: *Psalm 119:89-90*

Forever, O Lord, your word is firmly fixed in the heavens.

Your faithfulness endures to all generations; you have established the earth, and it stands fast.

God's Greeting

Come Now Is the Time to Worship

Come, now is the time to worship.

Come, now is the time to give your heart.

Come, just as you are, to worship.

Come, just as you are, before your God. Come.

One day every tongue will confess You are God. One day every knee will bow.
Still the greatest treasure remains for those who gladly choose you now.

Come, now is the time to worship.

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Come, just as you are, to worship.

Come, just as you are, before your God. Come.

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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!

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My heart will sing: How great is Our God! *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'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*

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 119:142-144*

Your righteousness is righteous forever, and your law is true.

Trouble and anguish have found me out, but your commandments are my delight.

Your testimonies are righteous forever; give me understanding that I may live.

Prayer of Confession

Assurance: based on Matthew 22:37-40

What is the great and first commandment?

Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.

What is the second commandment like it?

Love your neighbor as yourself.

What does this mean?

Love is the fulfilling of the law.

To what does this call us?

To a life of faith working through love.

Jesus, Draw Me Ever Nearer

Jesus, draw me ever nearer as I labor through the storm.

You have called me to this passage, and I'll follow though I'm worn.

Refrain: May this journey bring a blessing; may I rise on wings of faith;
And at the end of my heart's testing with your likeness let me wake.

Let the treasures of the trial form within me as I go,

And at the end of this long passage let me leave them at your throne. *Refrain*

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Offertory Prayer

Offering: Benevolence

Morning Prayer

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.

Go on through life's long path, still chanting as ye go;

From youth to age, by night and day, in gladness and in woe:

Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice give thanks and sing.

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Scripture: *Psalm 71:9, 17-18;*

⁹ *Do not cast me off in the time of old age; forsake me not when my strength is spent.*

¹⁷ *O God, from my youth you have taught me, and I still proclaim your wondrous deeds.* ¹⁸ *So even to old age and gray hairs, O God, do not forsake me, until I proclaim your might to another generation, your power to all those to come.*

Psalm 92:12-15

¹² *The righteous flourish like the palm tree and grow like a cedar in Lebanon.*

¹³ *They are planted in the house of the Lord; they flourish in the courts of our God.*

¹⁴ *They still bear fruit in old age; they are ever full of sap and green,*

¹⁵ *to declare that the Lord is upright; he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.*

II Timothy 4:6-7

⁶ *For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come.* ⁷ *I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith*

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: *Finishing Well*

Fill Thou My Life, O Lord, My God

Fill thou my life, O Lord my God, in every part with praise,
That my whole being may proclaim Thy being and thy ways.
Not for the lip of praise alone, nor e'en the praising heart
I ask, but for a life made up of praise in every part.

So shall each fear, each fret, each care be turned into a song,
And every winding of the way the echo shall prolong.
So shall no part of day or night from sacredness be free,
But all my life, in every step, be fellowship with thee.

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God's Blessing

Let Us Go

Let us go in the love of the Father,
Let us go in the glory of the Son.
Let us go in the Spirit's mighty power.
For your kingdom let us go, so that others unto you may come.

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