

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
February 4, 2024 ~ 10:30 AM Worship Service
Cadet Sunday

Call to Worship: Psalm 145:1-4

I will exalt you, my God the King; I will praise your name for ever and ever.

Every day I will praise you and extol your name for ever and ever.

Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom.

One generation commends your works to another; they tell of your mighty acts.

God's Greeting

The Love of God

The love of God is greater far than tongue or pen can ever tell;
It goes beyond the highest star, and reaches to the lowest hell;
The guilty pair, bowed down with care, God gave His Son to win;
His erring child He reconciled, and pardoned from his sin.

Refrain: O love of God, how rich and pure! How measureless and strong!
It shall for evermore endure the saints' and angels' song.

When years of time shall pass away, and earthly thrones and kingdoms fall,
When men, who here refuse to pray, on rocks and hills and mountains call,
God's love so sure, shall still endure, all measureless and strong;
Redeeming grace to Adam's race, the saints' and angels' song. *Refrain*

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One Generation Will Call to the Next

We will extol you, God and King and bless your holy name.
Day after day we'll sing your praise; forever and forever.

Refrain: One generation will call to the next: "Our God is good, and his hand is strong!"
All of the world sings his marvelous acts, and our voice will join with theirs in the song.

Great is the Lord! In all his ways He's greatly to be praised.
Were we to search for endless days, His greatness none could fathom. *Refrain*

Now may your name be sung in every tongue in every place.
Singing the fame of your great love in every generation. *Refrain*

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His Mercy Is More

What love could remember no wrongs we have done?
Omniscient, all-knowing, He counts not their sum.
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore,
Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more.

What riches of kindness He lavished on us.
His blood was the payment His life was the cost.
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford.
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.

Refrain: Praise the Lord, His mercy is more.
Stronger than darkness, new every morn.
Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more. *Repeat Refrain*

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Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Cadet Litany

Leader: This year's Cadet theme is "Rooted and Grounded", based on *Ephesians 3:17-18*. "I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ." We as Cadets are committed to being rooted and grounded in our faith in God. In the following litany, we will look at our foundation in Christ and the extent of His love for us.

Cadets: We need to have Christ as our basis for living.

Congregation: *Blessed is the one whose delight is in the law of the Lord, and who meditates on his law day and night.* (Psalm 1:1-2)

Cadets: Good roots will allow us to grow strong and prosper.

Congregation: *That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither – whatever they do prospers.* (Psalm 1:3)

Cadets: We need to allow the love of Christ to become our foundation.

Congregation: *Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock.* (Matthew 7:24)

Cadets: Trusting in God's love will give us strength.

Congregation: *There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear.* (1 John 4:18)

Cadets: God's love is wide enough to cover everyone in the world.

Congregation: *There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.* (Galatians 3:28)

Cadets: God's love is so long it has no beginning or end.

Congregation: *Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. His love endures forever.* (Psalm 136:1)

Cadets: The extent of God's love has no limit.

Congregation: *For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him.* (Psalm 103:11)

Cadets: No matter how low we may feel, God is still there with us.

Congregation: *If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.* (Psalm 139:8)

Leader: As our theme verse was Paul's prayer for the Ephesians, may it also be our prayer for the Cadets.

Congregation: *I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ.*

Cadet Landmarks and Year-In-Review

Living For Jesus

Living for Jesus, a life that is true; striving to please Him in all that I do.

Yielding allegiance glad hearted and free; this is the pathway of blessing for me.

Refrain: O Jesus, Lord and Savior, I give myself to Thee.
For Thou in Thy atonement, didst give Thyself for me;
I own no other master, my heart shall be Thy throne;
My life I give henceforth to live, O Christ, for Thee alone.

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Offertory Prayer and Offering: First CRC Cadets

Offertory Ministry of Music: *Living for Jesus*

Morning Prayer

Scripture: *Ephesians 3:17-18*

¹⁷ That Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, ¹⁸ may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth.

1 John 3:1

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.

John 15:9-12

⁹ As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. ¹⁰ If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹ These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

¹² "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: *Rooted and Grounded, Love and Obedience*

Trust and Obey

When we walk with the Lord in the light of His Word, what a glory He sheds on our way!
While we do His good will, He abides with us still, and with all who will trust and obey.

Refrain: Trust and obey, for there's no other way
To be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

Then in fellowship sweet we will sit at His feet, or we'll walk by His side in the way;
What He says we will do, where He sends we will go, never fear, only trust and obey. *Refrain*

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God's Blessing

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen. Amen.

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Pastors: Robert W
Prayer: Brian V
Music: Sharon A, Cheryl K, Micah K

Offering will be received for the First CRC Cadets, a ministry for 1st–8th grade boys and is led by Brian S and assisted by several other men in the congregation. For more information, talk to Brian, or visit www.calvinistcadets.org.

Nursery is available with a paging system for children under 3 years during worship service in the Education Building.

Children's Church is available for children 3 years – 3rd grade. Children are dismissed to the Ed Building during the service.

Worship services are also broadcast live in the 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".

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