

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
February 4, 2024 ~ 6:00 PM Worship Service

Call to Worship: *Matthew 11:28-30*

“Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

Opening Prayer

We Come, O Christ, To You

We come, O Christ, to you, true Son of God and man,
By whom all things consist, in whom all life began.
In you alone we live and move and have our being in your love.

You are the living truth; all wisdom dwells in you,
The source of every skill, the one eternal True!
O great I AM! in you we rest, sure answer to our every quest.

We worship you, Lord Christ, our Savior and our King;
To you our youth and strength adoringly we bring:
So fill our hearts that all may view your life in us and turn to you!

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Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Come, thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount – I’m fixed upon it – mount of Thy redeeming love.

O, to grace how great a debtor daily I’m constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to Thee:
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
Here’s my heart, O take and seal it; seal it for Thy courts above.

("Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing", text by Robert Robinson, 1758, alt., tune J. Wyeth's Repository of Sacred Music, Part II, 1815, CCLI #358926, Streaming 20317932)

God of Grace

God of grace, amazing wonder, irresistible and free;
Oh, the miracle of mercy, Jesus reaches down to me.
God of grace, I stand in wonder, as my God restores my soul.
His own blood has paid my ransom; awesome cost to make me whole.

God of grace, who loved and knew me long before the world began;
Sent my Savior down from heaven; perfect God and perfect man.
God of grace, I trust in Jesus; I'm accepted as His own.
Every day new grace sustains me, as I lean on Him alone.

God of grace, I stand astounded, cleansed forgiven and secure.
All my fears are now confounded and my hope is ever sure.
God of grace, now crowned in glory, where one day I'll see Your face;
And forever I'll adore You in Your everlasting grace.

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Profession of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 126

What does the fifth request mean?

**"Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors" means,
Because of Christ's blood,
do not hold against us, poor sinners that we are,
any of the sins we do or the evil that constantly clings to us.
Forgive us just as we are fully determined,
as evidence of your grace in us, to forgive our neighbors.**

Offering: First CRC Cadets

Evening Prayer

Like a River Glorious

Like a river glorious is God's perfect peace,
Over all victorious in its bright increase;
Perfect, yet still flowing fuller every day;
Perfect, yet still growing deeper all the way.

Refrain: Trusting in the Father, hearts are fully blest,
Finding, as he promised, perfect peace and rest.

Hidden in the hollow of his mighty hand,
Where no harm can follow, in his strength we stand.
We may trust him fully all for us to do;
Those who trust him wholly find him wholly true. *Refrain*

("Like a River Glorious" words by Frances Ridley Havergal, stanza 3 Jeff Red, music by James Mountian, © Public Domain, CCLI #358926, Streaming #20317932)

Scripture: *Matthew 6:12, 14-15*

¹² *Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.*

¹⁴ *For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, ¹⁵ but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.*

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: *Forgive Our Debtors*

I Then Shall Live

I then shall live as one who's been forgiven;
I'll walk with joy to know my debts are paid.
I know my name is clear before my Father;
I am his child, and I am not afraid.
So greatly pardoned, I'll forgive another;
The law of love I gladly will obey.

I then shall live as one who's learned compassion;
I've been so loved that I'll risk loving too.
I know how fear builds walls instead of bridges;
I dare to see another's point of view.
And when relationships demand commitment,
Then I'll be there to care and follow through.

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God's Blessing

I Then Shall Live

Your kingdom come around and through and in me,
Your power and glory, let them shine through me;
Your hallowed name, oh, may I bear with honor,
And may your living kingdom come in me.
The Bread of Life, oh, may I share with honor,
And may you feed a hungry world through me.

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Pastor: Robert W

Music: Lee V

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.

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".