

First Christian Reformed Church  
Lynden, Washington  
February 11, 2024 ~ 10:30 AM Worship Service

**Call to Worship:** *Psalm 9:1-2*

*I will give thanks to you, LORD, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds.  
I will be glad and rejoice in you; I will sing the praises of your name, O Most High.*

**God's Greeting**

***Come, Thou Almighty King***

Come, thou Almighty King, help us thy name to sing; help us to praise.  
Father all glorious, o'er all victorious, come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.

Come, holy Comforter, Thy sacred witness bear in this glad hour.  
Thou who almighty art, rule now in every heart, and ne'er from us depart, Spirit of power.

To thee, great One in Three, eternal praises be hence evermore!  
Thy sovereign majesty may we in glory see, and to eternity love and adore.

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***Crown Him With Many Crowns***

Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne.  
Hark! How the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own!  
Awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee;  
And hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of life: who triumphed o'er the grave,  
Who rose victorious to the strife for those He came to save;  
His glories now we sing, who died and rose on high,  
Who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

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***Behold Our God***

Who has held the oceans in His hands? Who has numbered every grain of sand?  
Kings and nations tremble at His voice. All creation rises to rejoice.

*Refrain:* Behold our God, seated on His throne. Come, let us adore Him.  
Behold our King, nothing can compare. Come let us adore Him!

Who has felt the nails upon His hands, bearing all the guilt of sinful man?  
God eternal, humbled to the grave, Jesus, Savior, risen now to reign! *Refrain*

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**Call to Confession and Preparation:** *Romans 7:21-25a*

*So I find this law at work: Although I want to do good, evil is right there with me. For in my inner being I delight in God's law; but I see another law at work in me, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within me. What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body that is subject to death? Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord!*

**Prayer of Confession**

**Assurance:** *I John 3:21-24*

*Dear friends, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God and receive from him anything we ask, because we keep his commands and do what pleases him. And this is his command: to believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and to love one another as he commanded us.*

***The one who keeps God's commands lives in him, and he in them.***

***And this is how we know that he lives in us:***

***We know it by the Spirit he gave us.***

## ***You Are My King***

I'm forgiven because you were forsaken; I'm accepted; you were condemned.  
I'm alive and well, your Spirit is within me because you died and rose again.

*Refrain:* Amazing love, how can it be that you, my King, would die for me?  
Amazing love, I know it's true; it is my joy to honor you. In all I do I honor you.

You are my King; You are my King; Jesus, You are my King; Jesus, You are my King! *Refrain*

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## **Offertory Prayer**

**Offering:** Christian School Tuition Assistance

## **Morning Prayer**

### ***Be Still, For the Presence of the Lord***

Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here;  
Come bow before him now with reverence and fear:  
In him no sin is found; we stand on holy ground.  
Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here.

Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place;  
He comes to cleanse and heal, to minister his grace  
No work too hard for him, in faith receive from him.  
Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.

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### **Scripture: Song of Solomon 2:13-15**

<sup>13</sup> *The fig tree ripens its figs, and the vines are in blossom; they give forth fragrance.*

*Arise, my love, my beautiful one, and come away.*

<sup>14</sup> *O my dove, in the clefts of the rock, in the crannies of the cliff,*

*let me see your face, let me hear your voice, for your voice is sweet, and your face is lovely.*

<sup>15</sup> *Catch the foxes for us, the little foxes that spoil the vineyards, for our vineyards are in blossom."*

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Message:** *Catching the Little Foxes of Marriage*

### ***A Christian Home***

O give us homes where Christ is Lord and Master,  
The Bible read, the precious hymns still sung;  
Where pray'r comes first in peace or disaster,  
And praise is natural speech to every tongue;  
Where mountains move before a faith that's vaster,  
And Christ sufficient is for old and young.

O Lord, our God, our homes are Thine forever!  
We trust to Thee their problems, toil, and care;  
Their bonds of love no enemy can sever  
If Thou art always Lord and Master there:  
Be Thou the center of our least endeavor –  
Be Thou our guest, our hearts and homes to share.

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## **God's Blessing**

### ***Go, My Children, With My Blessing***

Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me;  
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.  
Here my Spirit's power filled you; here his tender comfort stilled you,  
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.

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Prayer: Mark T, Neil M  
Music: Cheryl K, Ken & Lisa Q

Offering will be received for Christian School Tuition Assistance, used to help cover tuition cost of First church families who send their children to Christian schools.

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 – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. Children are dismissed during the worship 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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