

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
February 25, 2024 ~ 10:30 AM Worship Service

Call to Worship: *based on Psalm 27; John 4:23*

Let us worship God, our light and our salvation.

The Lord is the stronghold of our lives.

We desire to live in God's house and to seek God in his holy temple.

We have come with shouts of joy, to sing and to make music to the Lord.

Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

Teach us your ways and make straight our paths in this hour of worship and always.

God's Greeting

Rejoice, the Lord is King

Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore!

Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, and triumph evermore:

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

The Lord, our Savior, reigns, the God of truth and love;

When He had purged our stains, He took His seat above:

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

His kingdom cannot fail, He rules o'er earth and heaven;

The keys of death and hell are to our Jesus given:

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

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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 God's redeeming love.

Oh, 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" words by Robert Robinson music by J. Wyeth's Repository of Sacred Music, Part III CCLI #358926 Streaming License #20317932)

Beneath the Cross

Beneath the cross of Jesus I find a place to stand,

And wonder at such mercy that calls me as I am.

For hands that should discard me hold wounds which tell me come.

Beneath the cross of Jesus, my unworthy soul is won.

Beneath the cross of Jesus, the path before the crown,

We follow in His footsteps where promised hope is found.

How great the joy before us to be His perfect bride.

Beneath the cross of Jesus, we will gladly live our lives.

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Lent Reading: *Luke 23:28-43*

His Robes for Mine

His robes for mine: O wonderful exchange! Clothed in my sin, Christ suffered 'neath God's rage.

Draped in His righteousness, I'm justified. In Christ I live, for in my place He died.

Refrain: I cling to Christ, and marvel at the cost: Jesus forsaken, God estranged from God.

Bought by such love, my life is not my own. My praise; my all; shall be for Christ alone.

His robes for mine: such anguish none can know. Christ, God's beloved, condemned as though His foe.

He, as though I, accused and left alone; I, as though He, embraced and welcomed home! *Refrain*

(His Robes for Mine words Chris Anderson, music, Greg Habegger © 2008 churchworksmusic.com, CCLI #358926, Streaming #20317932)

Offertory Prayer and Offering: Steve & Sandy

Morning Prayer

More About Jesus

More about Jesus would I know, more of His grace to others show;
More of His saving fullness see, more of His love who died for me.

Refrain: More, more about Jesus, more, more about Jesus;
More of His saving fullness see, more of His love who died for me.

More about Jesus let me learn, more of His holy will discern;
Spirit of God, my teacher be, showing the things of Christ to me. *Refrain*

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Scripture: *I Thessalonians 4:3-8*

³ For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you abstain from sexual immorality; ⁴ that each one of you know how to control his own body in holiness and honor, ⁵ not in the passion of lust like the Gentiles who do not know God; ⁶ that no one transgress and wrong his brother in this matter, because the Lord is an avenger in all these things, as we told you beforehand and solemnly warned you. ⁷ For God has not called us for impurity, but in holiness. ⁸ Therefore whoever disregards this, disregards not man but God, who gives his Holy Spirit to you.

Hebrews 13:4

⁴ Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: *Protecting Sexual Purity II*

O To Be Like Thee

O to be like Thee, Blessed Redeemer, this is my constant longing and prayer;
Gladly I'll forfeit all of earth's treasures, Jesus, Thy perfect likeness to wear.

Refrain: O to be like Thee! O to be like Thee,
Blessed Redeemer, pure as Thou art!
Come in Thy sweetness, come in Thy fullness;
Stamp Thine own image deep on my heart.

O to be like Thee, while I am pleading, pour out Thy Spirit; fill with Thy love.

Make me a temple deemed to receive You. Fit me for life and Heaven above. *Refrain*

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God's Blessing

Majesty

Majesty, worship His majesty, unto Jesus be all glory, honor, and praise.
Majesty, kingdom authority, flow from His throne unto His own; His anthem raise.
So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus.
Magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus, the King.
Majesty, worship His majesty, Jesus who died, now glorified, King of all kings.

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Pastor: Robert W
Readers: Fred & Helene Y

Prayer: Rob H, Blaine K
Music: Mike S, Nancy Z

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