

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
March 3, 2024 ~ 10:30 AM Worship Service

Call to Worship:

When the world hates, **we are called to love.**
When the world rejects the poor, **we are called to walk with them.**
When the world does evil, **we are called to do good.**
We will not be conformed to the world's pattern,
but transformed by God's call to what is good, and acceptable, and perfect.
Let us worship!

God's Greeting

Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)

Amazing grace how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost, but now I'm found was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear and grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.

Refrain: My chains are gone, I've been set free; my God, my Savior has ransomed me,
And like a flood His mercy rains, unending love, amazing grace.

The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures. *Refrain*

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow, the sun forbear to shine.
But God, who called me here below, will be forever mine.

Will be forever mine. You are forever mine.

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Who You Say I Am

Who am I that the highest King would welcome me?
I was lost but He brought me in, oh, His love for me. Oh, His love for me.
Who the Son sets free, oh, is free indeed. I'm a child of God, yes, I am.

Free at last, he has ransomed me. His grace runs deep.
While I was a slave to sin, Jesus died for me. Yes, He died for me.
In my Father's house there's a place for me. I'm a child of God, yes, I am.

I am chosen, not forsaken; I am who You say I am.
You are for me, not against me; I am who You say I am.
I am chosen, not forsaken; I am who You say I am.
You are for me, not against me; I am who You say I am. I am who You say I am.

Who the Son sets free, oh, is free indeed. I'm a child of God, yes, I am.
In my Father's house there's a place for me. I'm a child of God, yes, I am.

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Lent Reading: *John 19:25-27*

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*

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Offertory Prayer

Offering: Christian School Tuition Assistance

Morning Prayer

In the Presence

In the presence of a holy God there's new meaning now to grace.
You took all my sins upon yourself; I can only stand amazed.

Refrain: And I cry holy, holy, holy God, how awesome is your name.
Holy, holy, holy God, how majestic is your reign;
And I am changed in the presence of a holy God.

In the presence of your infinite might, I'm so small and frail and weak;
When I see your power and wisdom, Lord, I have no words left to speak. *Refrain*

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Scripture: *I Samuel 13:13-14* ¹³ *Samuel said to Saul, "You have done foolishly. You have not kept the command of the Lord your God, with which he commanded you. For then the Lord would have established your kingdom over Israel forever. ¹⁴ But now your kingdom shall not continue. The Lord has sought out a man after his own heart.*

I Chronicles 12:32 *Of Issachar, men who had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do, 200 chiefs, and all their kinsmen under their command.*

Romans 12:2 *Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.*

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: *Wisdom in a Smartphone World*

Be Thou My Vision

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that Thou art,
Thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my Wisdom and Thou my true Word; I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son, Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

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God's Blessing

Let Us Go

Father, in your presence we have gathered, may your Spirit reign in us, we ask.
Free us from the things that do not matter, let us focus on the glory of this task.

Strengthen our feet; don't let them stumble; grant us all the wisdom of your grace.
Fill our hearts with love and make them humble; teach us, Father, how to run this holy race.

Refrain: 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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Pastor: Robert W

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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.

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