

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

Call to Worship: *from Hebrews 12:2-3 (NIV)*

Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith,
who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of God.

**Let us consider him who endured such opposition from sinful people,
so that we will not grow weary and lose heart.**

Come, let us worship the Lord.

God's Greeting

Come, Christians Join to Sing

Come, Christians, join to sing; Alleluia! Amen!
Loud praise to Christ our King; Alleluia! Amen!
Let all, with heart and voice, before His throne rejoice;
Praise is His gracious choice: Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high; Alleluia! Amen!
Let praises fill the sky; Alleluia! Amen!
He is our Guide and Friend; to us He'll condescend;
His love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen!

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In Christ Alone

In Christ alone, my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song,
This Cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
My Comforter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ, I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God, in helpless Babe.
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save.
'Til on the cross, as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied.
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid, here in the death of Christ I live.

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When I Survey (The Wonderful Cross)

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of Glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

See, from His head, His hands, His feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Refrain: Oh, the wonderful cross, oh, the wonderful cross;
Bids me come and die, and find that I may truly live.
Oh, the wonderful cross, oh, the wonderful cross;
All who gather here by grace draw near and bless your name.

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all. *Refrain*

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Lent Reading: Matthew 27:45-49

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

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Offertory Prayer

Offering: Dustin & Melissa, Converge Ministries

Offertory Ministry of Music: *When I Survey*

Morning Prayer

Break Now the Bread of Life

Break now the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, as once You broke the loaves beside the sea.
Beyond the sacred page I seek You, Lord, my spirit waits for You, O Living Word.

O send Your Spirit, now, dear Lord, to me, that He may touch my eyes and make me see.
Show me the truth made plain within Your Word, for in Your book revealed I see You, Lord.

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Scripture: *Genesis 41:46-54*

⁴⁶ Joseph was thirty years old when he entered the service of Pharaoh king of Egypt. And Joseph went out from the presence of Pharaoh and went through all the land of Egypt. ⁴⁷ During the seven plentiful years the earth produced abundantly, ⁴⁸ and he gathered up all the food of these seven years, which occurred in the land of Egypt, and put the food in the cities. He put in every city the food from the fields around it. ⁴⁹ And Joseph stored up grain in great abundance, like the sand of the sea, until he ceased to measure it, for it could not be measured.

⁵⁰ Before the year of famine came, two sons were born to Joseph. Asenath, the daughter of Potiphara priest of On, bore them to him. ⁵¹ Joseph called the name of the firstborn Manasseh. "For," he said, "God has made me forget all my hardship and all my father's house." ⁵² The name of the second he called Ephraim, "For God has made me fruitful in the land of my affliction."

⁵³ The seven years of plenty that occurred in the land of Egypt came to an end, ⁵⁴ and the seven years of famine began to come, as Joseph had said. There was famine in all lands, but in all the land of Egypt there was bread.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: *The Fruitfulness of Our Affliction*

Yet Not I, but Through Christ in Me

What gift of grace is Jesus, my redeemer; there is no more for heaven now to give.
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom, my steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace.
To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus. For my life is wholly bound to his.
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing: all is mine! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

The night is dark, but I am not forsaken, for by my side, the Savior, He will stay.
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing, for in my need, His power is displayed.
To this I hold: my Shepherd will defend me. Through the deepest valley He will lead.
Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

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God's Blessing

Yet Not I, but Through Christ in Me

With every breath I long to follow Jesus, for He has said that He will bring me home.
And day by day I know He will renew me, until I stand with joy before the throne.
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus, all the glory evermore to Him!
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat: Yet not I, but through Christ in me!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me!

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Pastor: Robert W

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Music: Kara H, Kaden K, Nancy Z, Mike S

Offering will be received for Dustin & Melissa, missionaries with Converge Ministries International in the Isaan region of Thailand with their 3 children.

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