

First Christian Reformed Church  
Lynden, Washington  
April 7, 2024 ~ 10:30 AM Worship Service

**Call to Worship:** *Psalm 30:4; 35:18*

*Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints, and give thanks to his holy name.*

***I will thank you in the great congregation; in the mighty throng I will praise you.***

**God's Greeting**

***Come, People of the Risen King***

Come, people of the risen King, who delight to bring Him praise.  
Come, all, and tune your hearts to sing to the Morning Star of grace.  
From the shifting shadows of the earth we will lift our eyes to Him,  
Where steady arms of mercy reach to gather children in.

*Refrain:* Rejoice! Rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice!  
One heart, one voice, O Church of Christ, rejoice!

Come, young and old from every land, men and women of the faith.  
Come, those with full or empty hands; find the riches of His grace.  
Over all the world His people sing; shore to shore we hear them call  
The Truth that cries through every age: "Our God is all in all!" *Refrain*

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***Days of Elijah***

These are the days of Elijah, declaring the Word of the Lord;  
And these are the days of Your servant, Moses, righteousness being restored;  
And though these are days of great trials, of famine and darkness and sword,  
Still we are the voice in the desert crying "Prepare ye the way of the Lord."

*Refrain:* Behold He comes, riding on the clouds, shining like the sun at the trumpet call;  
Lift your voice, it's the year of Jubilee, and out of Zion's hill salvation comes.

And these are the days of Ezekiel, the dry bones becoming as flesh;  
And these are the days of Your servant, David, rebuilding a temple of praise;  
And these are the days of the harvest, the fields are as white in the world;  
And we are the laborers in Your vineyard, declaring the Word of the Lord. *Refrain*

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***Come to the Savior Now***

Come to the Savior now, he gently calls to you;  
In true repentance bow, let him your heart renew.  
Christ came that you may know salvation, peace and love,  
True joy on earth below, a home in heaven above.

Come to the Savior now, all who have wandered far;  
Renew your solemn vow, for his by right you are;  
Come like poor, wandering sheep returning to his fold;  
His arm will safely keep, his love will ne'er grow cold.

Come to the Savior now, he offers all to you,  
And on his merits you can plead for life anew.  
No vain excuses frame, respond to Christ today!  
None who to Jesus came were ever sent away.

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**Call to Confession:** *Psalm 103:8-10; 51:12*

*The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love.*

*He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever;*

*he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities.*

***Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.***

**Prayer of Confession**

**Assurance:** *Psalm 103:11-12*

*For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him;  
as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.*

***In Christ There Is No East or West***

In Christ there is no East or West, in Him no pride of birth,  
The chosen family God has blessed now spans the whole wide earth.

For God in Christ has made us one from every land and race;  
He reconciled us through his Son and met us with his grace.

In Christ there is no east or west; He breaks all barriers down;  
By Christ redeemed, by Christ possessed, in Christ we live as one.

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**Offertory Prayer and Offering:** Christian School Tuition Assistance

**Morning Prayer**

**Scripture:** *John 21:15-19*

<sup>15</sup> When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, "Feed my lambs." <sup>16</sup> He said to him a second time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, "Tend my sheep." <sup>17</sup> He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" and he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep." <sup>18</sup> Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were young, you used to dress yourself and walk wherever you wanted, but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will dress you and carry you where you do not want to go." <sup>19</sup> (This he said to show by what kind of death he was to glorify God.) And after saying this he said to him, "Follow me."

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Message:** *Restoration of Peter*

***Hallelujah for the Cross***

Up to the hill of Calvary, my Savior went courageously.  
And there He bled and died for me, hallelujah for the cross.  
And on the day the world was changed, a final perfect Lamb was slain.  
Let earth and heaven now proclaim, hallelujah for the cross.

*Refrain:* Hallelujah for the war He fought. Love has won, death has lost.  
Hallelujah for the souls He bought. Hallelujah for the cross.

What good I've done could never save, my debt too great for deeds to pay.  
But God, my Savior made a way, hallelujah for the cross.

A slave to sin, my life was bound. but all my chains fell to the ground  
When Jesus' blood came flowing down. Hallelujah for the cross. *Refrain*

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**God's Blessing**

***God Be With You Till We Meet Again***

God be with you till we meet again; by his counsels guide uphold you,  
With his sheep securely fold you: God be with till we meet again.

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Pastor: Will S

Prayer: Jason V, Fred Y

Music: Paul A, Sharon A, Brian K Bill VS

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 to the Education Building during the service.

Worship services are also broadcast live in the church 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".

