

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
April 14, 2024 ~ 10:30 AM Worship Service

Call to Worship: *from Lamentations 3:21-26, NIV*

Let us call to mind the reason for our hope:

Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail.

They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

I say to myself, "The LORD is my portion; therefore I will wait for him."

**The LORD is good to those whose hope is in him, to the one who seeks him;
it is good to wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD.**

God's Greeting

One Generation Will Call to the Next

We will extol you, God and King and bless your holy name.

Day after day we'll sing your praise; forever and forever.

Refrain: One generation will call to the next: "Our God is good, and his hand is strong!"
All of the world sings his marvelous acts, and our voice will join with theirs in the song.

Great is the Lord! In all his ways He's greatly to be praised.

Were we to search for endless days, His greatness none could fathom. *Refrain*

Now may your name be sung in every tongue in every place.

Singing the fame of your great love in every generation. *Refrain*

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Christ Our Hope in Life and Death

What is our hope in life and death? Christ alone, Christ alone.

What is our only confidence? That our souls to Him belong.

Who holds our days within His hand? What comes, apart from His command?

And what will keep us to the end? The love of Christ, in which we stand.

Refrain: O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal;
O sing hallelujah! Now and ever we confess Christ our hope in life and death.

What truth can calm the troubled soul? God is good, God is good.

Where is His grace and goodness known? In our great Redeemer's blood.

Who holds our faith when fears arise? Who stands above the stormy trial?

Who sends the waves that bring us nigh unto the shore, the rock of Christ? *Refrain*

Unto the grave, what will we sing? "Christ, He lives; Christ, He lives!"

And what reward will heaven bring? Everlasting life with Him.

There we will rise to meet the Lord, then sin and death will be destroyed,

And we will feast in endless joy, when Christ is ours forevermore. *Refrain*

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He is Lord

He is Lord, he is Lord, He is risen from the dead, and he is Lord!

Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

He is Life, he is Life, He has died to set us free, and he is Life!

And he calls us all to live evermore, for Jesus Christ is Life.

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Call to Confession: *James 4:8, 10*

*Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.
Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up.*

Prayer of Confession

Assurance: *Isaiah 41:10*

So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God.

I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

He Will Hold Me Fast

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;
When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast.
I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path;
For my love is often cold; He must hold me fast.

Refrain: He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;
For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

Those He saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast;
Precious in His holy sight, He will hold me fast.
He'll not let my soul be lost; His Promises shall last;
Bought by Him at such a cost; He will hold me fast. *Refrain*

For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;
Justice has been satisfied; He will hold me fast.
Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast
Till our faith is turned to sight, when He comes at last! *Refrain*

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Tribe Year in Review

Offertory Prayer

Offering: Tribe – First CRC High School Ministry

Offertory Ministry of Music: *Here I Am, Lord*

Morning Prayer

Scripture: *Proverbs 3:9-10* ⁹ Honor the LORD with your wealth and with the firstfruits of all your produce; ¹⁰ then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine.

I Corinthians 16:1-2 ¹ Now concerning the collection for the saints: as I directed the churches of Galatia, so you also are to do. ² On the first day of every week, each of you is to put something aside and store it up, as he may prosper, so that there will be no collecting when I come.

II Corinthians 9:7 Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

Philippians 4:14-18 ¹⁴ It was kind of you to share my trouble. ¹⁵ And you Philippians yourselves know that in the beginning of the gospel, when I left Macedonia, no church entered into partnership with me in giving and receiving, except you only. ¹⁶ Even in Thessalonica you sent me help for my needs once and again. ¹⁷ Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that increases to your credit. ¹⁸ I have received full payment, and more. I am well supplied, having received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: *Grow in the Grace of Giving*

It Is Well, With My Soul

When peace like a river attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll—
Whatever my lot, Thou has taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.
It is well, with my soul, it is well, it is well, with my soul.

My sin, O the joy of this glorious thought, my sin, not in part, but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more: praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
It is well, with my soul, it is well, it is well, with my soul.

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God's Blessing

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen. Amen.

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Pastor: Robert W

Prayer: Luke T, Carl R, Gene T

Speaker: Molly H

Music: Emily A, Fisher B, Cal Bu, Laura B, Brian K, Cheryl K, Kaden K, Ken Q, Luke T

Offering will be received for Tribe, the First CRC ministry to high school youth.

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 – 3rd grade. Children are dismissed to the Education Building during the 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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