

First Christian Reformed Church  
Lynden, Washington  
April 14, 2024 ~ 6:30 PM Worship Service

**Call to Worship:** *Psalm 86:9-10*

*All the nations you have made shall come and worship before you, O Lord, and shall glorify your name.  
For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God.*

**Opening Prayer**

***Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee***

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love;  
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee, opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the dark of doubt away;  
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

All Thy works with joy surround Thee, earth and heaven reflect Thy rays,  
Stars and angels sing around Thee, center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
Chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in Thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,  
Well-spring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!  
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother – all who live in love are Thine;  
Teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

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**Ministry of Music:** Lynden Joyful Noise Handbell Choir

*Peal of Praise* by Michael Helman

*This Day of Resurrection* by Dan R. Edwards

**Profession of Faith:** Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 45

How does Christ's resurrection benefit us?

**First, by his resurrection he has overcome death,  
so that he might make us share in the righteousness he won for us by his death.**

**Second, by his power we too are already now resurrected to a new life.**

**Third, Christ's resurrection is a guarantee of our glorious resurrection.**

***God of Grace***

God of grace, amazing wonder, irresistible and free;  
Oh, the miracle of mercy, Jesus reaches down to me.  
God of grace, I stand in wonder, as my God restores my soul.  
His own blood has paid my ransom; awesome cost to make me whole.

God of grace, who loved and knew me long before the world began;  
Sent my Savior down from heaven; perfect God and perfect man.  
God of grace, I trust in Jesus; I'm accepted as His own.  
Every day new grace sustains me, as I lean on Him alone.

God of grace, I stand astounded, cleansed, forgiven and secure.  
All my fears are now confounded and my hope is ever sure.  
God of grace, now crowned in glory, where one day I'll see Your face;  
And forever I'll adore You in Your everlasting grace.

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**Offering:** Tribe, First CRC High School Ministry

**Offertory Ministry of Music:** Lynden Joyful Noise Handbell Choir

*As the Deer* arr. by Karen Thompson

**Evening Prayer**

## Scripture: John 17

When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you,<sup>2</sup> since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him.<sup>3</sup> And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.<sup>4</sup> I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do.<sup>5</sup> And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed.

<sup>6</sup> "I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word.<sup>7</sup> Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you.<sup>8</sup> For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me.<sup>9</sup> I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours.<sup>10</sup> All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them.<sup>11</sup> And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one.<sup>12</sup> While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me. I have guarded them, and not one of them has been lost except the son of destruction, that the Scripture might be fulfilled.<sup>13</sup> But now I am coming to you, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves.<sup>14</sup> I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.<sup>15</sup> I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one.<sup>16</sup> They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.<sup>17</sup> Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth.<sup>18</sup> As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world.<sup>19</sup> And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth.

<sup>20</sup> "I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word,<sup>21</sup> that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me.<sup>22</sup> The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one,<sup>23</sup> I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me.<sup>24</sup> Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.<sup>25</sup> O righteous Father, even though the world does not know you, I know you, and these know that you have sent me.<sup>26</sup> I made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Message: *The Other Lord's Prayer*

### *May the Mind of Christ, My Savior*

May the mind of Christ, my Savior, live in me from day to day,  
By His love and power controlling all I do and say.

May the love of Jesus fill me as the waters fill the sea.  
Him exalting, self abasing: this is victory.

May we run the race before us, strong and brave to face the foe,  
Looking only unto Jesus as we onward go.

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## God's Blessing

### *Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing*

Thanks we give and adoration for Your gospel's joyful sound.  
May the fruits of Your salvation in our hearts and lives abound.  
Ever faithful, ever faithful to the truth may we be found.

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Pastor: Robert W

Pianist: Sharon A

Special Music: Lynden Joyful Noise Handbell Choir, under the direction of Wendie H, has twelve members from five different Lynden area churches.

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

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".

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