

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
April 28, 2024 ~ 10:30 AM Worship Service

Call to Worship: *Psalm 100*

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.

Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us and we are his;

we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.

For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

God's Greeting

How Great Thou Art

O Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder consider all the worlds Thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, Thy power throughout the universe displayed:

Refrain: Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee; how great Thou art, how great Thou art!
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When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration, and there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art! *Refrain*

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He Leadeth Me

He leadeth me! O blessed thought! O words with heavenly comfort fraught!
Whate'er I do, where'er I be, still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

Refrain: He leadeth me, He leadeth me; by His own hand He leadeth me:
His faithful follower I would be, for by His hand he leadeth me.

Lord, I would clasp Thy hand in mine, nor ever murmur nor repine;
Content, whatever lot I see, since 'tis Thy hand that leadeth me. *Refrain*

And when my task on earth is done, when by Thy grace the victory's won,
Even death's cold wave I will not flee, still God through Jordan leadeth me. *Refrain*

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Savior Like a Shepherd

Savior like a Shepherd lead us, much we need Thy tender care;
In Thy pleasant pastures feed us; for our use Thy folds prepare.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou hast bought us, Thine we are;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou hast bought us, Thine we are.

We are Thine; do Thou befriend us; be the guardian of our way;
Keep Thy flock; from sin defend us; seek us when we go astray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear Thy children when they pray;
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Call to Confession: based on Hebrews 4:1

Seeing that we have a great High Priest who has entered the inmost heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us therefore approach the throne of grace with fullest confidence, that we may receive mercy for our failures and grace to help in the hour of need. In the strength of this assurance, let us confess our sins to God.

Prayer of Confession

Assurance: *Hebrews 10:10, NIV; Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 6*

We have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

And this is God's gospel promise:

To grant us forgiveness of sins and eternal life by grace because of Christ's one sacrifice accomplished on the cross.

Wonderful Merciful Savior

Wonderful, merciful Savior, precious Redeemer and Friend;
Who would have thought that a Lamb could rescue the souls of men? Oh, You rescue the souls of men.

Refrain: You are the One that we praise, You are the One we adore.
You give the healing and grace our hearts always hunger for, oh, our hearts always hunger for.

Counselor, Comforter, Keeper, Spirit we long to embrace;
You offer hope when our hearts have hopelessly lost the way, oh, we hopelessly lost the way. *Refrain*

Almighty, infinite Father, faithfully loving Your own;
Here in our weakness You find us falling before Your throne, oh, we're falling before Your throne. *Refrain*

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Offertory Prayer

Offering: Lighthouse Mission Ministries

Morning Prayer

Scripture: *Isaiah 50:10*

"Who among you fears the Lord and obeys the word of his servant? Let him who walks in the dark, who has no light, trust in the name of the Lord and rely on his God."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: *Keeping Trust in Our Dark Times*

Like A River Glorious

Like a river glorious is God's perfect peace, over all victorious in its bright increase;
Perfect, yet still flowing fuller every day; perfect, yet still growing deeper all the way.
Trusting in the Father, hearts are fully blest, finding, as he promised, perfect peace and rest.

Hidden in the hollow of his mighty hand, where no harm can follow, in his strength we stand.
We may trust him fully all for us to do; those who trust him wholly find him wholly true.
Trusting in the Father, hearts are fully blest, finding, as he promised, perfect peace and rest.

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God's Blessing

Lord Dismiss Us

Lord, dismiss us with Your blessing; fill our hearts with joy and peace.
Let us each, Your love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace.
O refresh us, O refresh us, traveling through this wilderness.

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: Don R
Prayer: Ryan B, Jacob A
Music: Mike H, Brad H, Nancy Z

Offering will be received for Lighthouse Mission Ministries, is a privately operated, non-denominational Christian ministry that has been open 24 hours a day since 1923; it is Bellingham and Whatcom County's only walk-in crisis homeless shelter for men, women and children. For more information, visit www.thelighthousemission.org.

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Children's Church is available for children 3 years – 3rd grade. Children are dismissed to the Education Building during the service.

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