

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
April 28, 2024 ~ 6:30 PM Worship Service

Call to Worship: *Psalm 66:1-2, 4*

*Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;
sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise.
All the earth worships you;
they sing praises to you, sing praises to your name.*

Opening Prayer

Kings Men of Song: *Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart*

(congregation join in on this verse)

Hast Thou not bid us love Thee, God and King?
All, all Thine own – soul, heart and strength and mind!
I see thy cross – there teach my heart to cling:
O let me seek Thee, and, O let me find!

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O My Soul

I'll Not Be Shaken

Profession of Faith: *Ephesians 4:22-24*

*You were taught, with regard to your former way of life,
to put off your old self,
which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires;
to be made new in the attitude of your minds;
and to put on the new self,
created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.*

Kings Men of Song: *I Then Shall Live*

Offering: Lighthouse Mission Ministries

Kings Men of Song: *How Great Is Our God*

(congregation join in on this verse)

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee:
How great Thou art, How great Thou art!
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Evening Prayer

Song of Preparation: *For God So Loved the World*

For God so loved the world, He gave His only Son
To die on Calvary's tree, from sin to set me free;
Some day He's coming back; what glory that will be!
Wonderful His love to me.

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* **Scripture:** *John 3:1-18*

¹ Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. ² He came to Jesus at night and said, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him.”

³ Jesus replied, “Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.”

⁴ “How can someone be born when they are old?” Nicodemus asked. “Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother’s womb to be born!”

⁵ Jesus answered, “Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. ⁶ Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. ⁷ You should not be surprised at my saying, ‘You must be born again.’ ⁸ The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.”

⁹ “How can this be?” Nicodemus asked.

¹⁰ “You are Israel’s teacher,” said Jesus, “and do you not understand these things? ¹¹ Very truly I tell you, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony. ¹² I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things? ¹³ No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven—the Son of Man. ¹⁴ Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, ¹⁵ that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.”

¹⁶ For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. ¹⁸ Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God’s one and only Son.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: *You Must Be Born Again*

Song of Application: *As Moses Raised the Serpent Up*

As Moses raised the serpent up, so must God’s Son be lifted high,
That whosoever will believe in him may live eternally.

God did not send Christ to the world that he might then condemn us all,
But that the world by Christ’s own death might then be ransomed from the fall.

For God so loved the world he made, he gave his own beloved Son;
All who believe in him will live – not die, but live forevermore.

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Kings Men of Song: *I Am Determined*

God’s Blessing

Kings Men of Song: *Abide With Me*

(congregation join in on this verse)

Swift to its close ebbs out life’s little day;
Earth’s joys grow dim, its glories pass away;
Change and decay in all around I see;
O Thou who changest not, abide with me.

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Guest Speaker: Gerald R

Music: Tammy R, Laura T

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