

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
May 12, 2024 ~ 10:30 AM Worship Service

Call to Worship: *based on Psalm 47*

Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with loud songs of joy!
For God has ascended with shouts of triumph, and trumpet fanfare!

Our God is exalted on high, Sovereign over all the nations, and Lord of our lives. Let's worship together.

God's Greeting

Salvation Belongs to our God

Salvation belongs to our God, who sits upon the throne, and to the Lamb.
Praise and glory, wisdom and thanks, honor and power and strength
Be to our God forever and ever, be to our God forever and ever, be to our God forever and ever. Amen

We, the redeemed, shall be strong in purpose and unity, declaring aloud:
Praise and glory, wisdom and thanks, honor and power and strength
Be to our God forever and ever, be to our God forever and ever, be to our God forever and ever. Amen

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Mighty to Save

Everyone needs compassion, a love that's never failing; let mercy fall on me.
Everyone needs forgiveness, the kindness of a Savior, the hope of nations.

Refrain: Savior, he can move the mountains; my God is mighty to save, he is mighty to save.
Forever author of salvation, he rose and conquered the grave; Jesus conquered the grave.

Shine your light and let the whole world see; we're singing for the glory of the risen King.
Jesus! Shine your light and let the whole world see; we're singing for the glory of the risen King. *Refrain*

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How Deep the Father's Love for Us

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss; the Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.

I will not boast in anything; no gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom.
But I will boast in Jesus Christ: His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer.
But this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ransom.

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Call to Confession: *Exodus 20:5-6*

I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments.

Prayer of Confession

Assurance: *from Psalm 103:8-12*

*The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.
As far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.*

Youth Choir Ministry of Music: *Jesus, Strong and Kind, I Am Not My Own*

A Proverbs 31 Woman

*Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she laughs at the time to come.
She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.
She looks well to the ways of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness.
Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her:
"Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all."
Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised.
Give her of the fruit of her hands, and let her works praise her in the gates.*

Ancient Words

Holy words long preserved for our walk in this world,
They resound with God's own heart, O, let the ancient words impart.
Words of life, words of hope, give us strength, help us cope.
In this world where'er we roam, ancient words will guide us home.

Refrain: Ancient words, ever true, changing me and changing you;
We have come with open hearts, O, let the ancient words impart.

Holy words of our faith handed down to this age,
Came to us through sacrifice. O, heed the faithful words of Christ.
Holy words long preserved for our walk in this world,
They resound with God's own heart, O, let the ancient words impart. *Refrain*

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Offertory Prayer and Offering: Christian School Tuition Assistance

Morning Prayer

Scripture: Romans 6:1-7

¹ What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? ² By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? ³ Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?

⁴ We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

⁵ For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

⁶ We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷ For one who has died has been set free from sin.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: Dead to Sin, Alive in Christ

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.

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God's Blessing

We Receive Your Blessing

We receive Your blessing, we receive Your grace, as we walk in the light shining from Your face.

May the peace that You give change the way that we live.

We receive Your blessing as we leave this place.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below.

Praise Him, above You heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son and praise the Holy Ghost.

We receive Your blessing as we leave this place.

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Pastor: Robert W

Prayer: Rob H, Wes V

Music: Brian K, Ken Q, Jack P, Nancy Z

Youth Choir: Sara K – director

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 – 3rd grade. Children are dismissed to the Ed. 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".