

First Christian Reformed Church  
Lynden, Washington  
May 19, 2024 ~ 10:30 AM Worship Service

**Call to Worship:**

The love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us;

**We dwell in him and he in us.**

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name;

**Make known his deeds among the peoples.**

Sing to him, sing praises to him,

**and speak of all his marvelous works.**

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty,

**who was and is and is to come!**

**God's Greeting**

***Holy, Holy, Holy***

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;

Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty! God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea;

Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty! God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

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***Descend, O Holy Spirit***

Descend, O Holy Spirit, descend on us we pray; and bless us with Your presence, renewed in us today.

A fervent intercessor before the Father's throne; Your gentle supplications make our petitions known.

Descend, O Holy Spirit, let healing water flow to comfort those in mourning, a solace to the soul;

A fountain in the desert, the water of Your Word, anointed with Your power, the sweetest message heard.

Descend, O Holy Spirit, as rushing, mighty wind; we stand in adoration; O Spirit, now descend.

O cleanse us by Your power, our weakened faith renew; commission us for service to lead the lost to You.

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**Call to Confession: *Psalm 51:11-12***

***Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.***

***Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.***

**Prayer of Confession**

**Assurance: *John 14:26-27***

*The Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.*

***Break Thou the Bread of Life***

Break Thou the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, as Thou didst break the loaves beside the sea;

Beyond the sacred page I seek Thee, Lord; my spirit pants for Thee, O living Word.

Thou art the bread of life, O Lord, to me Thy holy Word the truth that saveth me;

Give me to eat and live with Thee above; teach me to love Thy truth, for Thou art love.

O send Thy Spirit, Lord, now unto me, that He may touch my eyes and make me see;

Show me the truth concealed within Thy Word, for in Thy Book revealed I see Thee, Lord.

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**Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**

***Spirit of the Living God***

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, move among us all; make us one in heart and mind, make us one in love:

Humble, caring, selfless, sharing. Spirit of the living God, fill our lives with love.

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## Offertory Prayer and Offering: Melissa – Resonate Global Missions

### Morning Prayer

#### *Lord, We Hear Your Word With Gladness*

Lord, we hear your word with gladness: You have spoken—we rejoice:  
Words of love and life and freedom, help us make their truth our choice!  
Now in holy celebration for your Word we worship you;  
Spoken, written, known in Jesus, ours today to prove anew.

May we hear with understanding, by your Spirit taught and led.  
May the springs of all our being by your living Word be fed.  
May our hearts accept with meekness all the grace your light makes known.  
May obedience mark our footsteps till we make each word our own.

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#### **Scripture:** *Romans 6:7-14*

<sup>7</sup> For one who has died has been set free from sin. <sup>8</sup> Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup> We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. <sup>10</sup> For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. <sup>11</sup> So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus. <sup>12</sup> Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions. <sup>13</sup> Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness. <sup>14</sup> For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### **Message:** *Don't Let Sin Reign*

#### *How Great Is Our God*

The splendor of the King, and clothed in majesty; let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice.  
He wraps Himself in light, and darkness tries to hide, and trembles at His voice, and trembles at His voice.

*Refrain:* How great is our God! Sing with me: How Great is our God!  
All will see how great, how great is our God!

Age to age He stands, and time is in His hands; Beginning and the End, Beginning and the End.  
The God-head, three in one, and Father, Spirit, Son, the Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb. *Refrain*

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#### **God's Blessing**

#### *Go, My Children, With My Blessing*

Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.  
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.  
Here you heard my dear Son's story; here you touched him, saw his glory,  
Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.

Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me;  
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.  
Here my Spirit's power filled you; here his tender comfort stilled you,  
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.

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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 – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. Children are dismissed to the Education Building during the service.

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