

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
June 2, 2024 ~ 10:30 AM Worship Service

Recognition of High School Seniors

Call to Worship: *Psalm 119:9-12*

*How can a young man keep his way pure? By guarding it according to your word.
With my whole heart I seek you; let me not wander from your commandments!
I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you.
Blessed are you, O LORD; teach me your statutes!*

God's Greeting

Come, All You People, Praise Our God

Come, all you people, praise our God and tell his glorious works abroad, who holds our souls in life;
He never lets our feet be moved and, though our faith has often proved, upholds us in the strife.

We come with offerings to his house, and here we pay the solemn vows we uttered in distress;
To him our all we dedicate, to him we wholly consecrate the lives his mercies bless.

Come, listen, all who fear the Lord, while I with grateful heart record what God has done for me;
I cried to him in deep distress, and now his wondrous grace I bless, for he has set me free.

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Great is Thy Faithfulness

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father! There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not: as Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

Refrain: Great is Thy faithfulness, great is Thy faithfulness,
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided –
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow – blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! *Refrain*

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Call to Confession: *Acts 2:37-38*

Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Prayer of Confession

Assurance: *Galatians 5:22-23*

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

Cornerstone

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame but wholly trust in Jesus' Name.

Refrain: Christ alone, Cornerstone, weak made strong in the Savior's love;
Through the storm He is Lord, Lord of all.

When darkness seems to hide His face, I rest on His unchanging grace.
In every high and stormy gale my anchor holds within the veil. *Refrain*

When He shall come with trumpet sound, oh may I then in Him be found.
Dressed in His righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne. *Refrain*

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Offertory Prayer

Offering: Christian School Tuition Assistance

Offertory Ministry of Music: *Control*

Morning Prayer

Yet Not I, But Through Christ in Me

What gift of grace is Jesus, my redeemer; there is no more for heaven now to give.
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom, my steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace.
To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus; for my life is wholly bound to his.
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing: all is mine! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

With every breath I long to follow Jesus, for He has said that He will bring me home.
And day by day I know He will renew me, until I stand with joy before the throne.
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus, all the glory evermore to Him!
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat: Yet not I, but through Christ in me!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me!

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Scripture: *Romans 7:1-6*

¹ Or do you not know, brothers—for I am speaking to those who know the law—that the law is binding on a person only as long as he lives? ² For a married woman is bound by law to her husband while he lives, but if her husband dies she is released from the law of marriage. ³ Accordingly, she will be called an adulteress if she lives with another man while her husband is alive. But if her husband dies, she is free from that law, and if she marries another man she is not an adulteress.

⁴ Likewise, my brothers, you also have died to the law through the body of Christ, so that you may belong to another, to him who has been raised from the dead, in order that we may bear fruit for God. ⁵ For while we were living in the flesh, our sinful passions, aroused by the law, were at work in our members to bear fruit for death. ⁶ But now we are released from the law, having died to that which held us captive, so that we serve in the new way of the Spirit and not in the old way of the written code.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: *Dead to the Law*

I Then Shall Live

I then shall live as one who's been forgiven; I'll walk with joy to know my debts are paid.
I know my name is clear before my Father; I am his child, and I am not afraid.
So greatly pardoned, I'll forgive another; the law of love I gladly will obey.

I then shall live as one who's learned compassion; I've been so loved that I'll risk loving too.
I know how fear builds walls instead of bridges; I dare to see another's point of view.
And when relationships demand commitment, then I'll be there to care and follow through.

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God's Blessing

I Then Shall Live

Your kingdom come around and through and in me, Your power and glory, let them shine through me;
Your hallowed name, oh, may I bear with honor, and may your living kingdom come in me.
The Bread of Life, oh, may I share with honor, and may you feed a hungry world through me.

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Pastor: Robert W
Prayer: Ryan B, Neil M
Music: Paul A, Sharon A, Mike H, Brian K

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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 – 3rd grade. Children are dismissed to the Education Building during the service.
Worship services are also broadcast live in the church basement and streamed online for anyone unable to worship in the sanctuary.
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