

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

Call to Worship: *Psalm 24:1-4*

*The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it,
the world, and those who live in it;
for he has founded it on the seas, and established it on the rivers.
Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD?
And who shall stand in his holy place?
Those who have clean hands and pure hearts,
who do not lift up their souls to what is false, and do not swear deceitfully.*

God's Greeting

God of Our Fathers

God of our fathers, whose almighty hand
Leads forth in beauty all the starry band
Of shining worlds in splendor through the skies,
Our grateful songs before Thy throne arise.

Thy love divine hath led us in the past,
In this free land by Thee our lot is cast;
Be Thou our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay,
Thy word our law, Thy paths our chosen way.

Refresh Thy people on their toilsome way,
Lead us from night to never-ending day;
Fill all our lives with love and grace divine,
And glory, laud, and praise be ever Thine.

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God is Here

God is here! As we, your people,
Meet to offer praise and prayer,
May we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share:
Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts
Wait the coming of His Spirit into open minds and hearts

Lord of all, of Church and Kingdom,
In an age of change and doubt,
Keep us faithful to the gospel, help us work your purpose out.
Here, in this day's celebration, all we have to give, receive;
We who cannot live without you, we adore you! We believe.

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Christ Our Hope in Life and Death

What is our hope in life and death?
Christ alone, Christ alone.
What is our only confidence?
That our souls to Him belong.
Who holds our days within His hand?
What comes, apart from His command?
And what will keep us to the end?
The love of Christ, in which we stand.

Refrain: O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal;
O sing hallelujah! Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death.

What truth can calm the troubled soul?
God is good, God is good.
Where is His grace and goodness known?
In our great Redeemer's blood.
Who holds our faith when fears arise?
Who stands above the stormy trial?
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh
Unto the shore, the rock of Christ? *Refrain*

Refrain: O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal;
O sing hallelujah! Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death.

Unto the grave, what will we sing?
"Christ, He lives; Christ, He lives!"
And what reward will heaven bring?
Everlasting life with Him.
There we will rise to meet the Lord,
Then sin and death will be destroyed,
And we will feast in endless joy,
When Christ is ours forevermore. *Refrain*

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Call to Confession: *Hebrews 4:14-16*

¹⁴ *Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.* ¹⁵ *For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.*

¹⁶ *Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.*

Prayer of Confession

Assurance: based on Revelation 5:5, 9-10

Do not weep! See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has triumphed.
With his blood he has purchased people for God
from every tribe and language and people and nation.
He has made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth.
Thanks be to God!

Blessed Assurance

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

Refrain: This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.

Joyful confession: I am his own!
Following Jesus, I'm never alone.
Born of his Spirit, I am restored,
Challenged to serve my Savior and Lord.

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Offertory Prayer

Offering: Christian School Tuition

Morning Prayer

Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak

Lord, speak to me that I may speak
In living echoes of Your tone.
As You have sought, so let me seek
Your erring children lost and lone.

O teach me, Lord, that I may teach
The precious truths which You impart.
And wing my words that they may reach
The hidden depths of many-a heart.

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Scripture: Galatians 5:13-14; I John 3:16-18

¹³ You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love. -For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself."

¹⁶ This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. ¹⁷ If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? ¹⁸ Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Message: Through Love, Serve One Another

Make Me A Servant (2x)

Make me a servant, humble and meek;
Lord, let me lift up those who are weak.
And may the prayer of my heart always be:
Make me a servant, make me a servant,
Make me a servant today.

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God's Blessing

Let Us Go

Refrain: Let us go in the love of the Father,
Let us go in the glory of the Son.
Let us go in the Spirit's mighty power.
For your kingdom let us go.
So that others unto you may come.

Strengthen our feet; don't let them stumble.
Grant us all the wisdom of your grace.
Fill our hearts with love and make them humble.
Teach us, Father, how to run this holy race. *Refrain*

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