

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
July 14, 2024 ~ 10:30 AM Worship Service

Call to Worship: *Holy Ground* (2x)

We are standing on holy ground,
And I know that there are angels all around.
Let us praise Jesus now;
We are standing in his presence on holy ground.

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God's Greeting

Shine, Jesus, Shine

Lord, the light of Your love is shining
In the midst of the darkness shining;
Jesus, light of the world, shine upon us,
Set us free by the truth You now bring us;
Shine on me, shine on me.

Refrain: Shine, Jesus, Shine, fill this land with the Father's glory.
Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy
Send forth Your Word
Lord, and let there be light.

Lord, I come to Your awesome presence,
From the shadows into Your radiance;
By the blood I may enter Your brightness;
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness;
Shine on me, shine on me. *Refrain*

As we gaze on Your kingly brightness
So our faces display Your likeness,
Ever changing from glory to glory;
Mirrored here, may our lives tell Your story;
Shine on me, shine on me. *Refrain*

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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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Before the Throne of God Above

Before the throne of God above
I have a strong, and perfect plea:
A great High Priest, whose name is Love,
Who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on his hands,
My name is written on his heart;
I know that while in heaven he stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair,
And tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look, and see him there
Who made an end of all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died,
My sinful soul is counted free;
For God, the Just, is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me,
To look on Him and pardon me.

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Call to Confession: Acts 3:19-20

⁹ Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out, ²⁰ that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus.

Prayer of Confession

Assurance: Zephaniah 3:17

*The Lord your God is in your midst,
a mighty one who will save;
He will rejoice over you with gladness;
He will quiet you by his love;
He will exult over you with loud singing.*

I Set My Hope On Jesus

When this life of trials tests my faith, I set my hope on Jesus.
When the questions come and doubts remain, I set my hope on Jesus.
For the deepest wounds that time won't heal,
There's a joy that runs still deeper.
There's a truth that's more than all I feel. I set my hope on Jesus.

Refrain: I set my hope on Jesus, my rock, my only trust.
Who set His heart upon me first, I set my hope on Jesus.

Though I falter in this war with sin, I set my hope on Jesus.
When I fail the fight and sink within, I set my hope on Jesus.
Though the shame would drown me in its sea,
And I dread the waves of justice.

I will cast my life on Calvary, I set my hope on Jesus. *Refrain*

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Offertory Prayer

Offering: Northwest Seafarers

Morning Prayer

Scripture: *Romans 8:4b-11*

⁴ *Walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.* ⁵ *For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit.* ⁶ *For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace.* ⁷ *For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot.* ⁸ *Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.*

⁹ *You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him.* ¹⁰ *But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness.* ¹¹ *If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.*

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: *Living According to the Spirit*

Behold the Lamb

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away,
Slain for us - and we remember
The promise made that all who come in faith
Find forgiveness at the cross.
So we share in this bread of life,
And we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of peace around the table of the King.

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Behold the Lamb

(A Love Offering for Youth Dynamics will be received at this time.)

The body of our Savior Jesus Christ,
Torn for you - eat and remember
The wounds that heal, the death that brings us life
Paid the price to make us one.
So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of love around the table of the King.

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin,
Shed for you - drink and remember
He drained death's cup that all may enter in
To receive the life of God.
So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of grace around the table of the King.

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise
To respond, - and to remember
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ
As His body here on earth.
As we share in His suffering
We proclaim Christ will come again!
And we'll join in the feast of heaven around the table of the King

God's Blessing

Before the Throne of God Above

Behold him there, the risen Lamb
My perfect, spotless righteousness,
The great unchangeable I am,
The King of glory and of grace!
One with himself, I cannot die
My soul is purchased by his blood;
My life is hid with Christ on high,
With Christ, my Savior and my God,
With Christ, my Savior and my God.

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Pastor: Robert W

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Offering: Northwest Seafarers Ministry is led by Gary S. His team works with crew members on oil tankers at Cherry Point, WA. While on board, they give them Christian literature, electronic media in their languages (for use while at sea) and present the gospel. For more information, contact Gary S.

Communion Offering Tim Nis ministering to unchurched youth in the Everson/Sumas area, working through Youth Dynamics, a Burlington based faith ministry that works with kids throughout the Northwest. For more information, visit www.yd.org.