

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
September 1, 2024 ~ 10:30 AM Worship Service

4th Grade Bible Presentation

Call to Worship: *Psalm 46:10-11*

*Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!
The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.*

God's Greeting

He is Exalted

He is exalted, the King is exalted on high; I will praise Him.
He is exalted, forever exalted, and I will praise His name!
He is the Lord; forever His truth shall reign.
Heaven and earth rejoice in His holy name.
He is exalted, the King is exalted on high.

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In Christ Alone

In Christ alone, my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song,
This Cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
My Comforter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ, I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God, in helpless Babe.
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save.
'Til on the cross, as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied.
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid, here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, light of the world by darkness slain.
Then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave He rose again.
And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine; bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ in me.
From life's first cry, to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from His hand.
'Til He returns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

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Call to Confession: *Psalm 138:7-8a*

*Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve my life;
You stretch out your hand against the wrath of my enemies, your right hand delivers me.
The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever.*

Prayer of Confession

Assurance: *Romans 8:26*

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words.

I Know Who Holds Tomorrow

I don't know about tomorrow, I just live from day to day;
I don't borrow from its sunshine, for its skies may turn to gray
I don't worry o'er the future, for I know what Jesus said
And today I'll walk beside Him, for He knows what is ahead.

Refrain: Many things about tomorrow, I don't seem to understand.
But I know who holds tomorrow, and I know who holds my hand.

I don't know about tomorrow, it may bring me poverty
But the One who feeds the sparrow, is the One who stands by me.
And the path that is my portion, may be through the flame or flood;
But His presence goes before me, and I'm covered with His blood. *Refrain*

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Offertory Prayer

Offering: Christian School Tuition Assistance

Morning Prayer

Be Still, for the Presence

Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here;
Come bow before him now with reverence and fear:
In him no sin is found; we stand on holy ground.
Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around;
He burns with holy fire, with splendor he is crowned:
How awesome is the sight; our radiant King of light!
Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place;
He comes to cleanse and heal, to minister his grace
No work too hard for him, in faith receive from him.
Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.

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Scripture: *Romans 8:18-22*

¹⁸ For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. ¹⁹ For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. ²⁰ For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²² For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: *Suffering and Groaning*

What a Day That Will Be

There is coming a day when no heartaches shall come, no more clouds in the sky, no more tears to dim the eye;
All is peace for evermore on that happy golden shore – what a day, glorious day, that will be.

Refrain: What a day that will be when my Jesus I shall see,
And I look upon His face, the One who saved me by His grace;
When He takes me by the hand, and leads me through the Promised Land,
What a day, glorious day, that will be.

There'll be no sorrow there, no more burdens to bear, no more sickness, no pain, no more parting over there;
And forever I will be with the One who died for me; what a day, glorious day, that will be. *Refrain*

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God's Blessing

May the Mind of Christ, My Savior

May the mind of Christ, my Savior, live in me from day to day,
By His love and power controlling all I do and say.

May we run the race before us, strong and brave to face the foe,
Looking only unto Jesus as we onward go.

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Pastor: Robert W
Prayer: Kyle E, Larry K
Music: Brian K, Ken & Lisa Q

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