

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
September 15, 2024 ~ 10:30 AM Worship Service

Call to Worship: *Psalm 100:4-5*

Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!

Give thanks to him; bless his name!

For the Lord is good;

his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

God's Greeting

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!

O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!

All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near; join me in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,

Shelters thee under His wings, yes, so gently sustaineth!

Hast thou not seen how all thy longings have been granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!

All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him.

Let the Amen sound from His people again; gladly for aye we adore Him

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O Worship the King

O worship the King all glorious above, O gratefully sing his power and his love:

Our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days, pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of his might and sing of his grace, whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.

His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form, and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

Your bountiful care, what tongue can recite? It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;

It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain, and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

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Call to Confession: *1 John 1:8-9*

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Prayer of Confession

Assurance: *Colossians 3:1-4*

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

Near the Cross

Jesus, keep me near the cross, there a precious fountain,

Free to all, a healing stream, flows from Calvary's mountain.

Refrain: In the cross, in the cross, be my glory ever.

'Til my raptured soul shall find, rest beyond the river.

Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes before me;

Help me walk from day to day, with its shadows o'er me. *Refrain*

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

And Can It Be That I Should Gain

And can it be that I should gain an interest in the Savior's blood?
Died He for me, who caused His pain? For me, who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?
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He left his Father's throne above, so free, so infinite His grace!
Emptied Himself of all but love, and bled for Adam's helpless race!
'Tis mercy all, immense and free, for, O my God, it found out me.
Amazing love! How can it be that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me!

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Offertory Prayer

Offering: Ray & Angie

Congregational Prayer

Scripture: *Romans 8:22-25*

²² For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. ²³ And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: *Groaning, Waiting, Hoping*

And Can It Be That I Should Gain

Long my imprisoned spirit lay fast bound in sin and nature's night.
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray; I woke – the dungeon flamed with light!
My chains fell off, my heart was free, I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.
Amazing love! How can it be that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me!

No condemnation now I dread: Jesus, and all in Him, is mine!
Alive in Him, my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach the eternal throne, and claim the crown, through Christ my own.
Amazing love! How can it be that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me!

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God's Blessing

By the Sea of Crystal

"Unto God Almighty, sitting on the throne, and the Lamb, victorious, be the praise alone."

God has wrought salvation; He did wondrous things. Who shall not extol thee, holy King of kings!

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Pastor: Robert W
Prayer: Tabin B, Roger P
Music: Mike H

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