

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
September 22, 2024 ~ 10:30 AM Worship Service

Call to Worship: *Psalm 66:1-2, 4*

*Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth; sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise.
All the earth worships you; they sing praises to you, sing praises to your name.*

God's Greeting

Shout to the Lord

My Jesus, my Savior, Lord there is none like You;
All of my days, I want to praise, the wonders of Your mighty love.
My Comfort, my Shelter, tower of refuge and strength;
Let every breath, all that I am, never cease to worship You.

Refrain: Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing power and majesty, praise to the King;
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar at the sound of Your name.
I sing for joy at the work of Your hands, forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand;
Nothing compares to the promise I have in You.

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Open the Eyes of My Heart

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord; open the eyes of my heart,
I want to see you, I want to see you.
Open the eyes of my heart, Lord; open the eyes of my heart,
I want to see you, I want to see you.

To see you high and lifted up, shining in the light of your glory.
Pour out your power and love as we sing holy, holy, holy.

Holy, holy, holy, holy, holy, holy, holy, holy, holy. I want to see you.
Holy, holy, holy, holy, holy, holy, holy, holy, holy. I want to see you.

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Ancient Words

Holy words long preserved for our walk in this world,
They resound with God's own heart; O, let the ancient words impart.
Words of life, words of hope, give us strength, help us cope.
In this world where'er we roam, ancient words will guide us home.

Refrain: Ancient words, ever true, changing me and changing you;
We have come with open hearts, O, let the ancient words impart.

Holy words of our faith handed down to this age,
Came to us through sacrifice; O, heed the faithful words of Christ.
Holy words long preserved for our walk in this world,
They resound with God's own heart, O, let the ancient words impart; *Refrain*

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Call to Confession: *Isaiah 30:15, 18*

*In repentance and rest is your salvation, in quietness and trust is your strength, but you would have none of it.
Yet the LORD longs to be gracious to you; he rises to show you compassion.
For the LORD is God of justice. Blessed are all who wait for him!*

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, You pardon all who truly repent and turn to You.

We humbly confess our sins and ask for Your mercy.

We have not loved You with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves.

We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with You.

Holy God, in Your lovingkindness, have mercy on us. In Your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin.

Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us.

Do not cast us from Your presence or take Your Holy Spirit from us.

Restore to us the joy of Your salvation, and sustain us with Your bountiful Spirit.

In Jesus name, Amen.

Assurance:

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone, and new life springs up within us.
People of God, hear and believe the good news of the Gospel:
The Father calls to us, the Spirit pleads for us, and by the work of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Mighty to Save

Everyone needs compassion, a love that's never failing; let mercy fall on me.
Everyone needs forgiveness, the kindness of a Savior, the hope of nations.

Refrain: Savior, he can move the mountains; my God is mighty to save, he is mighty to save.
Forever author of salvation, He rose and conquered the grave; Jesus conquered the grave.

So take me as you find me, all my fears and failures; fill my life again.
I give my life to follow everything I believe in; now I surrender, yes, I surrender.

Shine your light and let the whole world see we're singing for the glory of the risen King.
Jesus! Shine your light and let the whole world see we're singing for the glory of the risen King. *Refrain*

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Offertory Prayer

Offering: Mission and Outreach

Congregational Prayer

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

Breathe on me, breath of God, fill me with life anew,
That I may love what Thou dost love, and do what Thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, breath of God, until my heart is pure,
Until with Thee I will one will, to do and to endure.

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Scripture: Romans 8:26-27

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. ²⁷ And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

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

Message: *Groaning of the Holy Spirit*

Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart

Spirit of God, descend upon my heart, wean it from earth, thro' all its pulses move.
Stoop to my weakness, mighty as Thou art, and make me love Thee as I ought to love.

Teach me to feel that Thou art always nigh; teach me the struggles of the soul to bear,
To check the rising doubt, the rebel sigh; teach me the patience of unanswered prayer.

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God's Blessing

My Friends, May You Grow in Grace

My friends, may you grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior.
My friends, may you grow in grace and in the knowledge of Jesus Christ.
To God be the glory, now and forever, now and forever, amen.
To God be the glory, now and forever, now and forever, amen.

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Pastor: Robert W
Prayer: Jason V, Fred Y
Music: Mike S, Nancy Z

Offering will be received for the Missions and Outreach Fund, used to help organizations that fall outside of the realm of our benevolence fund but still need support. This allows the church to help organizations when our offering schedule is full.

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.