

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
September 29, 2024 ~ 10:30 AM Worship Service

Call to Worship: *Psalm 71:19, 47:1-2*

*Your righteousness, O God,
reaches the high heavens.
You who have done great things,
O God, who is like you?
Clap your hands, all peoples!
Shout to God with loud songs of joy!
For the Lord, the Most High, is to be feared,
a great king over all the earth.*

God's Greeting

Come, People of the Risen King

Come, people of the risen King,
Who delight to bring Him praise.
Come, all, and tune your hearts to sing
To the Morning Star of grace.
From the shifting shadows of the earth
We will lift our eyes to Him,
Where steady arms of mercy reach to gather children in.

Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice!
One heart, one voice, O Church of Christ, rejoice!

Come, those whose joy is morning sun,
And those weeping through the night.
Come, those who tell of battles won,
And those struggling in the fight.
For His perfect love will never change,
And His mercies never cease,
But follow us through all our days
With the certain hope of peace. *Refrain*

Come, young and old from every land,
Men and women of the faith.
Come, those with full or empty hands;
Find the riches of His grace.
Over all the world His people sing;
Shore to shore we hear them call
The Truth that cries through every age:
"Our God is all in all!" *Refrain*

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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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Cornerstone

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly trust in Jesus' Name.

Refrain: Christ alone, Cornerstone, weak made strong in the Savior's love;
Through the storm He is Lord, Lord of all.

When darkness seems to hide His face,
I rest on His unchanging grace.
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil. *Refrain*

When He shall come with trumpet sound,
Oh may I then in Him be found.
Dressed in His righteousness alone,
Faultless to stand before the throne. *Refrain*

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Call to Confession: Psalm 32:1,5

*Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered.*

*I acknowledged my sin to you,
and I did not cover my iniquity;
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,"
and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.*

Prayer of Confession

Assurance: Psalm 34:7

The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them.

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Come, Thou long-expected Jesus, born to set Thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in Thee.

Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth Thou art;
Dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.

Born Thy people to deliver, born a Child and yet a King;
Born to reign in us forever, now Thy gracious kingdom bring.

By Thine own eternal Spirit, rule in all our hearts alone;
By Thine all sufficient merit, raise us to Thy glorious throne.

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Offertory Prayer

Offering: Forged@First (Junior High Youth Group)

Morning Prayer

Blessed Jesus, at Your Word #280:1,3 (PH)

Blessed Jesus, at your word we are gathered all to hear you.
Let our hearts and souls be stirred now to seek and love and fear you.
By your gospel pure and holy, teach us, Lord, to love You solely.

Glorious Lord, yourself impart; Light of Light, from God proceeding,
Open lips and ears and heart; help us by your Spirit's leading.
Hear the cry your church now raises;
Lord, accept our prayers and praises.

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Scripture: Romans 8:26-29

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. ²⁸ And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹ For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: All Things for God's Glory and Our Good

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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*** God's Blessing**

*** *Before the Throne 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 Prayer: Mark T
Music: Sharon A, Paul A, Brian K

Offering will be received for Forged@First, a ministry at First CRC to 7th-8th grade students from our church and the community.
This ministry is led by Jeff & Renee L and Patty R.

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