

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
October 13, 2024 ~ 10:30 AM Worship Service

Call to Worship: *Revelation 5:12*

“Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!”

God’s Greeting

Here I Am to Worship

Light of the world, You stepped down into darkness, opened my eyes let me see.
Beauty that made this heart adore You, hope of a life spent with You.

Refrain: So here I am to worship, here I am to bow down, here I am to say that You're my God.
You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy, altogether wonderful to me.

King of all days, oh so highly exalted, glorious in heaven above.

Humbly You came to the earth You created, all for love's sake became poor. *Refrain*

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Redeeming Love

From God’s heaven to a manger, from great riches to the poor,
Came the holy Son of God, a little Child;
From the azure halls of heaven to a lowly manger stall,
Jesus came, and here He gave His life for all.

Refrain: Redeeming love, a love that knows no limit;
Redeeming love, a love that never dies;
My soul shall sing throughout the endless ages
The adoration of this great love on high.

From a loving heavenly Father, to a world that knew Him not,
Came a man of sorrows, Jesus Christ, the Lord;
In my wandering Jesus found me, touched my life with His great love,
And this Babe has grown to be my sovereign Lord. *Refrain*

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Call to Confession: *based on Romans 5:8; Hebrews 4:16*

The proof of God’s amazing love is this: While we were sinners, Christ died for us.

Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Trusting in God’s faithfulness and compassion, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Prayer of Confession and Preparation

Assurance: *Lamentations 3:22*

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end.

The Goodness of God

I love You Lord. Oh, Your mercy never fails me. All my days I've been held in Your hands.
From the moment that I wake up until I lay my head, I will sing of the goodness of God.

Refrain: All my life You have been faithful. All my life You have been so, so good.
With every breath that I am able I will sing of the goodness of God.

I love Your voice. You have led me through the fire. In darkest night, You are close like no other.
I've known You as a father, I've known You as a friend. I have lived in the goodness of God. *Refrain*

Your goodness is running after, it’s running after me.
Your goodness is running after, it’s running after me.
With my life laid down, I’m surrendered now; I give You everything.
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me. *Refrain*

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Offertory Prayer and Offering: Aaron D

Congregational Prayer

Knowing You

All I once held dear, built my life upon, all this world reveres and wars to own;
All I once thought gain I have counted loss, spent and worthless now compared to this.

Refrain: Knowing You, Jesus, knowing You there is no greater thing.
You're my all, You're my rest, You're my joy, my righteousness, and I love You Lord.

Now my heart's desire is to know You more, to be found in You and known as Yours,
To possess by faith what I could not earn, all surpassing gift of righteousness. *Refrain*

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Scripture: *Romans 8:18-28*

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. 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.

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.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: *Waiting for the Redemption of Our Bodies*

The Solid Rock

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain: On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand, all other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on His unchanging grace;
In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil. *Refrain*

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God's Blessing

The Solid Rock

His oath, His covenant, His blood, support me in the whelming flood;
When all around my soul gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.

Refrain: On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand, all other ground is sinking sand.

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Pastors: Zac H, Robert W

Prayer: Rob H, Wes V

Music: Paul A, Sharon A, Kaden K, Nancy Z

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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.

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