

First Christian Reformed Church  
Lynden, Washington  
October 20, 2024 ~ 10:30 AM Worship Service

**Call to Worship:** *from Psalm 67:4-6 (NRSV)*

*Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.*

***Let all the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.***

*The earth has brought forth its increase; God, our God, has blessed us.*

***Let all the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.***

**God's Greeting**

***Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above***

Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation,

The God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation.

My soul with comfort rich he fills, and every grief he gently stills: to God all praise and glory!

What God's almighty power has made, in mercy he is keeping;

By morning glow or evening shade his eye is never sleeping.

And where he rules in kingly might, there all is just and all is right: to God all praise and glory!

Let all who name Christ's holy name give God the praise and glory.

Let all who own His power proclaim aloud the wondrous story.

**Cast every idol from its throne; the Lord is God, and he alone: to God all praise and glory!**

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***That's Why We Praise Him***

He came to live, live a perfect life; He came to be the living Word, our light.

He came to die so we'd be reconciled; He came to rise to show his power and might.

*Refrain:* That's why we praise him, that's why we sing.

That's why we offer him our everything.

That's why we bow down and worship this king,

'Cause he gave his everything; 'cause he gave his everything.

He came to live, live again in us; He came to be our conquering King and Friend.

He came to heal and show the lost ones his love; He came to go prepare a place for us. *Refrain*

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**Call to Confession:** *1 John 1:5b-8*

*God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.*

**Prayer of Confession**

**Assurance:** *John 3:16-17*

***For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.***

***For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.***

***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

**Offering:** Building the Future

## Congregational Prayer

**Scripture:** *Romans 8:28-30*

<sup>28</sup> And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. <sup>29</sup> 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. <sup>30</sup> And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Message:** *God's Foreknowledge*

### ***Christ Our Hope in Life and Death***

What is our hope in life and death? Christ alone, Christ alone.

What is our only confidence? That our souls to Him belong.

Who holds our days within His hand? What comes, apart from His command?

And what will keep us to the end? The love of Christ, in which we stand.

*Refrain:* O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal;

O sing hallelujah! Now and ever we confess Christ our hope in life and death.

## Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

***Christ Our Hope in Life and Death*** (A Love Offering will be received for the First CRC Adoption Fund during this song.)

What truth can calm the troubled soul? God is good, God is good.

Where is His grace and goodness known? In our great Redeemer's blood.

Who holds our faith when fears arise? Who stands above the stormy trial?

Who sends the waves that bring us nigh unto the shore, the rock of Christ?

*Refrain:* O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal;

O sing hallelujah! Now and ever we confess Christ our hope in life and death.

Unto the grave, what will we sing? "Christ, He lives; Christ, He lives!"

And what reward will heaven bring? Everlasting life with Him.

There we will rise to meet the Lord, then sin and death will be destroyed,

And we will feast in endless joy, when Christ is ours forevermore. *Refrain*

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## God's Blessing

### ***Go My Children, With My Blessing***

Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me; grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.

Here my Spirit's power filled you; here his tender comfort stilled you,

Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.

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Offering will be received for Building the Future, a fund in place for future building projects of our church. For more information, talk to any member of Phase III Team.

Love Offering will be received for the First CRC Adoption Fund, to help those in the congregation with the high cost of adoption.

For more information, talk to any deacon.

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 – 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

An assistive listening system is available in the sanctuary; to use this system, switch hearing aids to "T".