

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

Call to Worship: *Psalm 67:3-4*

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!

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

God's Greeting

O Worship the King

O worship the King all glorious above,
And gratefully sing His wonderful 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.

Thy 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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Crown Him With Many Crowns

Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne.
Hark! How the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee;
And hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of life: who triumphed o'er the grave,
Who rose victorious to the strife for those He came to save;
His glories now we sing, who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

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How Great Thou Art

O Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed:

Refrain: Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee;
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee;
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin. *Refrain*

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Call to Confession: *Psalm 79:9*

*Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of your name;
deliver us, and atone for our sins, for your name's sake!*

Prayer of Confession

Assurance: *Ephesians 2:4-5*

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ; by grace you have been saved.

Come Unto Jesus

Come unto Jesus, all you who are weary, come to the mercy seat, fervently kneel
Here bring your wounded heart, broken and needy, come unto Jesus, mighty to heal.

Joy of the comfortless, light for the straying, hope of the penitent, peace in our strife
Here speaks the Comforter, tenderly saying "My yoke is easy, My burden is light".

Refrain: Come unto Jesus, come unto Jesus
Lay down your burdens, He is enough
Come unto Jesus, rest in His love.

Come now and follow Him, this life forsaking, all that was gained count as nothing but loss
Trade all this world for His kingdom unfading, come unto Jesus, and take up your cross. *Refrain*

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Offertory Prayer and Offering: Dustin & Melissa

Congregational Prayer

Scripture: Ruth 1:15-22

¹⁵ And she said, "See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law." ¹⁶ But Ruth said, "Do not urge me to leave you or to return from following you. For where you go I will go, and where you lodge I will lodge. Your people shall be my people, and your God my God. ¹⁷ Where you die I will die, and there will I be buried. May the Lord do so to me and more also if anything but death parts me from you." ¹⁸ And when Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more. ¹⁹ So the two of them went on until they came to Bethlehem. And when they came to Bethlehem, the whole town was stirred because of them. And the women said, "Is this Naomi?" ²⁰ She said to them, "Do not call me Naomi; call me Mara, for the Almighty has dealt very bitterly with me. ²¹ I went away full, and the Lord has brought me back empty. Why call me Naomi, when the Lord has testified against me and the Almighty has brought calamity upon me?" ²² So Naomi returned, and Ruth the Moabite her daughter-in-law with her, who returned from the country of Moab. And they came to Bethlehem at the beginning of barley harvest.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: Finding Home: Ruth and Naomi's Path to Restoration

When Peace Like a River

When peace like a river attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll—
Whatever my lot, Thou has taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.
It is well, with my soul, it is well, it is well, with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come, let this blest assurance control:
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate, and has shed his own blood for my soul.
It is well, with my soul, it is well, it is well, with my soul.

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God's Blessing

When Peace Like a River

O, Lord haste the day when my faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled back as a scroll:
The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend, even so it is well with my soul.
It is well, with my soul, it is well, it is well, with my soul.

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Pastor: Zac H
Prayer: Carl R, Gene T
Music: Paul A, Sharon A, Alicia H, Cheryl K

Offering will be received for Dustin & Melissa, serving in Thailand with Converge to train and mobilize indigenous leaders to join them in sharing the Gospel.

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.

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