

First Christian Reformed Church  
Lynden, Washington  
January 26, 2025 ~ 10:30 AM Worship Service

**Call to Worship:** *Revelation 15:3b-4*

*“Great and marvelous are your deeds, Lord God Almighty. Just and true are your ways, King of the nations. Who will not fear you, Lord, and bring glory to your name?”*

***For you alone are holy.***

***All nations will come and worship before you, for your righteous acts have been revealed.”***

**God’s Greeting**

***Bless the Lord***

*Refrain:* Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul, worship His holy name.  
Sing like never before, O my soul, I worship your holy name.

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning. It's time to sing your song again.  
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me, let me be singing when the evening comes. *Refrain*

You're rich in love and you're slow to anger. Your name is great and your heart is kind.  
For all your goodness, I will keep on singing, ten thousand reasons for my heart to find. *Refrain*

And on that day when my strength is failing, the end draws near and my time has come,  
Soon my soul will sing your praise unending, ten thousand years and then forever more. *Refrain*

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***Salvation Belongs to Our God***

Salvation belongs to our God, who sits upon the throne, and to the Lamb.  
Praise and glory, wisdom and thanks, honor and power and strength  
Be to our God forever and ever, be to our God forever and ever,  
Be to our God forever and ever. Amen

We, the redeemed, shall be strong in purpose and unity, declaring aloud:  
Praise and glory, wisdom and thanks, honor and power and strength  
Be to our God forever and ever, be to our God forever and ever,  
Be to our God forever and ever. Amen

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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*

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**Call to Confession:** *Psalm 25:6-7, 11*

*Remember, Lord, your great mercy and love, for they are from of old.  
Do not remember the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways;  
according to your love remember me, for you, Lord, are good.  
For the sake of your name, Lord, forgive my iniquity, though it is great.*

**Prayer of Confession and Preparation**

**Assurance:** *Psalm 103:9-12*

*He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever.  
He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.  
**For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;  
as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.***

## *Jesus, Draw Me Ever Nearer*

Jesus, draw me ever nearer as I labor through the storm.  
You have called me to this passage, and I'll follow though I'm worn.

*Refrain:* May this journey bring a blessing; may I rise on wings of faith;  
And at the end of my heart's testing with your likeness let me wake.

Jesus, guide me through the tempest, keep my spirit staid and sure.  
When the midnight meets the morning, let me love you even more. *Refrain*

Let the treasures of the trial form within me as I go,  
And at the end of this long passage let me leave them at your throne. *Refrain*

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## **Offertory Prayer and Offering: Benevolence**

### **Congregational Prayer**

**Scripture:** *Ephesians 6:10-18* <sup>10</sup> Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. <sup>11</sup> Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. <sup>12</sup> For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. <sup>13</sup> Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. <sup>14</sup> Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, <sup>15</sup> and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. <sup>16</sup> In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; <sup>17</sup> and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, <sup>18</sup> praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints.

*I Peter 5:8-9* <sup>8</sup> Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. <sup>9</sup> Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Message: Equipping Families for Battle**

### ***Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus***

Stand up, stand up for Jesus, ye soldiers of the cross;  
Lift high His royal banner, it must not suffer loss.  
From victory unto victory His army shall He lead,  
'Til every foe is conquered and Christ is Lord indeed.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus, stand in His strength alone;  
The arm of flesh will fail you, ye dare not trust your own.  
Put on the gospel armor, each piece put on with prayer;  
When duty calls, or danger be never wanting there.

## **God's Blessing**

### ***Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus***

Stand up, stand for Jesus, the strife will not be long;  
This day the noise of battle, the next the victor's song.  
To him that overcometh a crown of life shall be:  
He with the King of glory shall reign eternally.

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Pastors: Zac H, Robert W    Prayer: Jason V, Tim V  
Music: Paul & Sharon A, Emily A, Brian K, Cheryl K

Offering will be received for the First CRC Benevolence Fund, used to help local people and families in times of need.

Nursery is available with a paging system for children under 3 years during the 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".

On the bulletin, bold font is a response by the congregation. You are invited to join if you feel comfortable.