

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
February 23, 2025 ~ 6:00 PM Worship Service

Call to Worship: *Psalm 47:1-2, 5-6 (NRSV)*

*Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with loud songs of joy.
For the LORD, the Most High, is awesome, a great king over all the earth.
God has gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.
Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises.*

Opening Prayer

Clap Your Hands

Clap your hands all ye people, shout unto God with a voice of triumph!
Clap your hands all ye people, shout unto God with a voice of praise!
Hosanna, hosanna, shout unto God with a voice of triumph!
Praise Him, praise Him, shout unto God with a voice of praise!

("Clap Your Hands" words Psalm 47:1 para. Jimmy Owens, music Jimmy Owens, harm. Dale Grotenhuis, 1986 © 1972 Lexicon Music, Inc. CCLI #358926 Streaming #20317932)

It Is Well with My Soul

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.

My sin, O the joy of this glorious thought, my sin, not in part, but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more: praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
It is well, with my soul, it is well, it is well, with my soul.

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In Christ Alone

In Christ alone, my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song,
This Cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
My Comforter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ, I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God, in helpless Babe.
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save.
'Til on the cross, as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied.
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid, here in the death of Christ I live.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ in me.
From life's first cry, to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from His hand.
'Til He returns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

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Profession of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 1

What is your only comfort in life and in death?

**That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—
to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ.**

**He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood,
and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil.**

**He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head
without the will of my Father in heaven:**

in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.

**Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life
and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.**

How Deep the Father's Love For Us

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss; the Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.

Behold the Man upon the cross, my sin upon His shoulders.
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life; I know that it is finished.

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Offering: Steve & Sandy

Evening Prayer

Scripture: *Hebrews 4:14-16*

¹⁴ Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. ¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.

¹⁶ Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: *Christ and Shame*

Since Our High Priest, Christ Jesus

Since our great high priest, Christ Jesus, bears the name above all names,
Reigning Son of God, surpassing other titles, powers, and claims —
Since to heaven our Lord has passed, let us hold our witness fast!

Since we have a priest who suffered, knowing weakness, tears, and pain;
Who, like us, was tried and tempted; unlike us, without stain —
Since he shared our lowly place, let us boldly seek his grace!

Sacrifice and suffering over, now he sits at God's right hand,
Crowned with praise, no more an outcast, His preeminence long planned;
Such a great high priest we have, strong to help, supreme to save!

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God's Blessing

Awesome God

Our God is an awesome God.
He reigns from heaven above;
With wisdom, pow'r and love,
Our God is an awesome God. *Repeat All*

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Pastors: Zac H, Nate J

Music: Ken Q

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