

Fourth Sunday of Lent
First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
March 30, 2025
10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Call to Worship: based Psalm 98:1-6

Sing a new song to the Lord, who has worked wonders,
whose right hand and holy arm have brought salvation.

**The Lord has made known salvation;
has shown justice to the nations;
has remembered truth and love for the house of Israel.**

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Shout to the Lord, all the earth, sing out your joy.

Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp, with the sound of music.

**With trumpets and the sound of the horn
acclaim the King, the Lord.**

God's Greeting

O God, You Are My God

O God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you.

O God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you.

I will seek you in the morning,

And I will learn to walk in your ways.

And step by step you'll lead me,

And I will follow you all of my days. *Repeat All*

("O God, You Are My God" words and music Beaker (20th c.), © 1991 BMG Songs and Kid Brothers of St. Frank Publishing, CCLI 358926, Streaming License 20317932)

Who You Say I Am

Who am I that the highest King would welcome me?

I was lost but He brought me in, Oh, His love for me.

Oh, His love for me.

Who the Son sets free, oh, is free indeed.

I'm a child of God, yes, I am.

Free at last, he has ransomed me. His grace runs deep.

While I was a slave to sin, Jesus died for me.

Yes, He died for me.

In my Father's house there's a place for me.

I'm a child of God, yes, I am.

I am chosen, not forsaken; I am who You say I am.

You are for me, not against me; I am who You say I am.

I am chosen, not forsaken; I am who You say I am.

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In my Father's house there's a place for me.

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("Who You Say I Am" words and music by Ben Fielding and Reuben Morgan © 2017 Hillsong Music Publishing CCLI #358926, Streaming #20317932)

Lead Me to Calvary

King of my life, I crown Thee now,
Thine shall the glory be;
Lest I forget Thy thorn crowned brow,
Lead me to Calvary.

Refrain: Lest I forget Gethsemane,
Lest I forget Thine agony;
Lest I forget Thy love for me,
Lead me to Calvary.

Let me like Mary, through the gloom,
Come with a gift to Thee;
Show to me now the empty tomb,
Lead me to Calvary. *Refrain*

May I be willing, Lord, to bear
Daily my cross for Thee;
Even Thy cup of grief to share,
Thou hast borne all for me. *Refrain*

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Lenten Reading: *Isaiah 53:1-6*

Near the Cross

Jesus, keep me near the cross,
There a precious fountain,
Free to all, a healing stream,
Flows from Calvary's mountain.

Refrain: In the cross, in the cross, be my glory ever.
'Til my raptured soul shall find,
Rest beyond the river.

At the cross, I stood one day,
Love and mercy found me;
There the bright and Morning Star
Shed its beams around me. *Refrain*

Near the cross I'll watch and wait,
Hoping, trusting ever,
'Til I reach the golden strand
Just beyond the river. *Refrain*

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Offertory Prayer

Offering: *Helping Hands for Babies*

Offertory Ministry of Music: *Will the Lord Remember Me?*

Congregational Prayer

* **Scripture:** *Romans 10:5-13*

⁵ For Moses writes about the righteousness that is based on the law, that the person who does the commandments shall live by them. ⁶ But the righteousness based on faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷ "or 'Who will descend into the abyss?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸ But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹ because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. ¹¹ For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in him will not be

put to shame.”¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him.¹³ For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: *You Will Be Saved*

Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me

What gift of grace is Jesus, my redeemer.
There is no more for heaven now to give.
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom,
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace.
To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus.
For my life is wholly bound to his.
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing: all is mine!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven,
The future sure, the price, it has been paid.
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon,
And He was raised to overthrow the grave.
To this I hold: my sin has been defeated.
Jesus now, and ever is my plea.
Oh the chains are released, I can sing: I am free!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

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God’s Blessing

Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me

With every breath I long to follow Jesus,
For He has said that He will bring me home.
And day by day I know He will renew me,
Until I stand with joy before the throne.
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus,
All the glory evermore to Him!
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat:
Yet not I, but through Christ in me!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me!

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Pastors: Robert W
Prayer: Dustin H, Fred Y
Readers: Fred & Helene Y
Music: Ken Q, Lisa Q, Valerie A, Brad H, Jack P, Brian K

Offering Helping Hands for Babies is a ministry of First CRC. Donations help cover expenses of the fabric and shipping for the thousands of blankets and baby clothing made by women of First CRC to send to people in need. For more information, talk to Leona Oostema.

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 – 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.

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