

Fifth Sunday of Lent
First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
April 6, 2025
10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Call to Worship: *Psalm 86:9-10*

*All the nations you have made shall come
and worship before you, O Lord, and shall glorify your name.
For you are great and do wondrous things;
you alone are God.*

God's Greeting

The Ends of All the Earth Shall Hear

The ends of all the earth shall hear
And turn unto the Lord in fear;
All kindreds of the earth shall own
And worship Him as God alone.

Refrain: All earth to Him her homage brings,
The Lord of lords, the King of kings.

Both rich and poor, both bond and free
Shall worship Him on bended knee,
And children's children shall proclaim
The glorious honor of His name. *Refrain*

The Lord's unfailing righteousness all generations shall confess;
From age to age they shall be taught
What wondrous works the Lord has wrought. *Refrain*

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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.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail;
Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer and Friend.

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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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Lenten Reading: *Isaiah 53:7-12*

Sacrament of Infant Baptism: Linda Grace TeVelde

He Will Hold Me Fast

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;
When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast.
I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path;
For my love is often cold; He must hold me fast.

Refrain: He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;
For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

Those He saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast;
Precious in His holy sight, He will hold me fast.
He'll not let my soul be lost; His Promises shall last;
Bought by Him at such a cost; He will hold me fast. *Refrain*

For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;
Justice has been satisfied; He will hold me fast.
Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast
Till our faith is turned to sight, when He comes at last! *Refrain*

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Offertory Prayer

Offering: Christian School Tuition Assistance

Congregational Prayer

O Word of God Incarnate

O Word of God incarnate, O Wisdom from on high,
O Truth unchanged, unchanging, O Light of our dark sky:
We praise you for the radiance that from the Scripture's page,
A lantern to our footsteps, shines on from age to age.

The church from you, dear Master, received this gift divine;
And still that light is lifted o'er all the earth to shine.
It is the chart and compass that all life's voyage through,
Mid mists and rocks and quicksands, still guides, O Christ, to you.

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Scripture: *Romans 10:13-21*

¹³ For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

¹⁴ How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching?

¹⁵ And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!" ¹⁶ But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?" ¹⁷ So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

¹⁸ But I ask, have they not heard? Indeed they have, for
"Their voice has gone out to all the earth,
and their words to the ends of the world."

¹⁹ But I ask, did Israel not understand? First Moses says,
"I will make you jealous of those who are not a nation;
with a foolish nation I will make you angry."

²⁰ Then Isaiah is so bold as to say,
"I have been found by those who did not seek me;
I have shown myself to those who did not ask for me."

²¹ But of Israel he says, "All day long I have held out my hands to a disobedient and contrary people."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: *Faith Comes From Hearing*

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

O for a thousand tongues to sing
My great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King,
The triumphs of His grace!

My gracious Master and my God,
Assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad
The honors of Thy name.

Hear Him, ye deaf; His praise ye dumb,
Your loosened tongues employ;
Ye blind, behold your Savior come;
And leap, ye lame for joy!

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God's Blessing

Glory Be to the Father

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost,
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen. Amen.

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Pastors: Robert W
Prayer: Jason V, Galene L
Readers: Ted & Elaine S
Music: Mike H, Sharon A

Offering will be received for Christian School Tuition Assistance, a fund used to help cover tuition cost of First church families who send their children to Christian schools.

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".