

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
April 6, 2025
6:00 p.m. Worship Service

Call to Worship: from Hebrews 12:2-3 (NIV)

Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith,
who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of God.
Let us consider him who endured such opposition from sinful people, so that we will not grow weary and lose heart.

Opening Prayer

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

Beneath the cross of Jesus I gladly take my stand: the shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land,
A home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way, from the burning of the noon-tide heat and the burden of the day.

Upon the cross of Jesus my eyes at time can see the very dying form of One who suffered there for me;
And from my smitten heart, with tears, two wonders I confess; the wonders of His glorious love and my unworthiness.

I take, O cross, thy shadow for my abiding place; I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of His face,
Content to let the world go by, to know no gain or loss, my sinful self my only shame, my glory all the cross.

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Jesus Paid It All

I hear the Savior say, "Thy strength indeed is small!
Child of weakness watch and pray, find in Me thine all in all.

Refrain: Jesus paid it all, all to Him I owe;
Sin had left a crimson stain; He washed it white as snow.

And when before the throne I stand in Him complete,
"Jesus died my soul to save," my lips shall still repeat.

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Come, Behold the Wondrous Mystery

Come, behold the wondrous mystery, in the dawning of the King;
He the theme of heaven's praises, robed in frail humanity.
In our longing, in our darkness, now, the light of life has come,
Look to Christ, who condescended, took on flesh to ransom us.

Come, behold the wondrous mystery, He the perfect Son of man;
In His living, in His suffering never trace nor stain of sin.
See the true and better Adam, come to save the hell-bound man;
Christ, the great and sure fulfillment of the law, in Him we stand.

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Profession of Faith: *Philippians 2:6-11*

***Jesus Christ, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped,
but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.
And being found in human form,
he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.
Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.***

Offering: Christian School Tuition Assistance

Evening Prayer

Be Still, My Soul

Be still, my soul; the Lord is on thy side. Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
Leave to thy God to order and provide. In every change He faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul! Thy best, Thy heavenly Friend through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul; Thy God doth undertake to guide the future as He has the past.
Thy hope, Thy confidence let nothing shake; all now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul! The waves and winds still know His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below.

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Scripture: Psalm 35:1-4, 9-14, 20-28

¹ *Contend, O Lord, with those who contend with me;
fight against those who fight against me!*
² *Take hold of shield and buckler and rise for my help!*
³ *Draw the spear and javelin against my pursuers!*
Say to my soul, "I am your salvation!"
⁴ *Let them be put to shame and dishonor who seek after my life!*
Let them be turned back and disappointed
who devise evil against me!

⁹ *Then my soul will rejoice in the Lord, exulting in his salvation.*
¹⁰ *All my bones shall say,*
"O Lord, who is like you, delivering the poor
from him who is too strong for him,
the poor and needy from him who robs him?"
¹¹ *Malicious witnesses rise up;*
they ask me of things that I do not know.
¹² *They repay me evil for good; my soul is bereft.*
¹³ *But I, when they were sick—*
I wore sackcloth; I afflicted myself with fasting;
I prayed with head bowed on my chest.
¹⁴ *I went about as though I grieved for my friend or my brother;*
as one who laments his mother, I bowed down in mourning.

²⁰ *For they do not speak peace, but against those who are quiet in the land*
they devise words of deceit.
²¹ *They open wide their mouths against me;*
they say, "Aha, Aha! Our eyes have seen it!"
²² *You have seen, O Lord; be not silent!*
O Lord, be not far from me!
²³ *Awake and rouse yourself for my vindication,*
for my cause, my God and my Lord!
²⁴ *Vindicate me, O Lord, my God, according to your righteousness,*
and let them not rejoice over me!
²⁵ *Let them not say in their hearts, "Aha, our heart's desire!"*
Let them not say, "We have swallowed him up."
²⁶ *Let them be put to shame and disappointed altogether*
who rejoice at my calamity!
Let them be clothed with shame and dishonor
who magnify themselves against me!
²⁷ *Let those who delight in my righteousness*
shout for joy and be glad and say evermore,
"Great is the Lord, who delights in the welfare of his servant!"
²⁸ *Then my tongue shall tell of your righteousness*
and of your praise all the day long.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: *When Justice Seems Delayed*

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father!
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not:
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

Refrain: Great is Thy faithfulness, great is Thy faithfulness,
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided –
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. *Refrain*

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God's Blessing

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow –
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

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