

First Christian Reformed Church  
Lynden, Washington  
April 27, 2025 ~ 10:30 a.m. Worship Service

**Call to Worship:** *based on Revelation 7:9-10 (NRSV)*

*I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands.*

*They cried out in a loud voice, saying,*

***“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!”***

*Today our voices join this ongoing heavenly hymn of praise. In Jesus' name, let us worship God.*

**God's Greeting**

***Come, People of the Risen King***

Come, people of the risen King, who delight to bring Him praise.

Come, all, and tune your hearts to sing to the Morning Star of grace.

From the shifting shadows of the earth we will lift our eyes to Him,

Where steady arms of mercy reach to gather children in.

*Refrain:* Rejoice! Rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice!

One heart, one voice, O Church of Christ, rejoice!

Come, those whose joy is morning sun,

And those weeping through the night.

Come, those who tell of battles won, and those struggling in the fight.

For His perfect love will never change, and His mercies never cease,

But follow us through all our days with the certain hope of peace. *Refrain*

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***But For The Cross of Christ***

What is the truth that ever anchors me

Amidst the waves of all my guilt?

That Christ has shed His blood and pardoned me

At the cross, at the cross.

He bore my sin, I bear His righteousness.

Oh what a glorious exchange.

The wrath of God laid on the spotless Lamb.

Oh what grace, oh what grace,

*Refrain:* Behold the cross, there is no greater love.

Heaven's Son laid down His life for us.

Oh my soul would be lost with no hope to find,

But for the cross of Christ.

How do I walk with humble confidence?

I look to Christ, who is my peace.

He sealed my hope and my inheritance

At the cross, at the cross.

When I am weak and stumble into sin,

There is an ever-flowing stream.

His cleansing blood revives my soul again.

Oh what grace, oh what grace. *Refrain*

One day I'll stand before the King of Kings

One day I'll see Him face to face.

For Jesus rose, death lost its bitter sting.

Christ has won, Christ has won. *Refrain*

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**Call to Confession:** *Romans 8:38-39*

*For I am sure that neither death nor life,  
nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come,  
nor powers, nor height nor depth,  
nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us  
from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

**Prayer of Confession**

**Assurance of Pardon:** *I Corinthians 15:54-57*

*"Death is swallowed up in victory."  
"O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?"  
The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.  
But thanks be to God,  
who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.*

**Here is Love**

Here is love, vast as the ocean, loving-kindness as the flood,  
When the Prince of Life, our Ransom, shed for us His precious blood.  
Who His love will not remember? Who can cease to sing His praise?  
He can never be forgotten throughout heav'n's eternal days.

On the mount of crucifixion, fountains opened deep and wide;  
Through the floodgates of God's mercy flowed a vast and gracious tide.  
Grace and love, like mighty rivers, poured incessant from above,  
And heav'n's peace and perfect justice kissed a guilty world in love.

Let me all Thy love accepting, love Thee, ever all my days;  
Let me see Thy kingdom only and my life be to Thy praise;  
Thou alone shalt be my glory, nothing in the world I see.  
Thou hast cleansed and sanctified me, Thou Thyself hast set me free.

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**Offertory Prayer**

**Offering:** Building the Future

**Offertory Ministry of Music:** *O Praise the Name*

**Congregational Prayer**

**Here is Love**

In Thy truth Thou dost direct me by Thy Spirit through Thy Word;  
And Thy grace my need is meeting as I trust in Thee, my Lord.  
Of Thy fullness Thou art pouring Thy great love and pow'r on me,  
Without measure, full and boundless, drawing out my heart to Thee.

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**Scripture:** *Romans 11:1-10*

<sup>1</sup> *I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! For I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin.* <sup>2</sup> *God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. Do you not know what the Scripture says of Elijah, how he appeals to God against Israel?* <sup>3</sup> *"Lord, they have killed your prophets, they have demolished your altars, and I alone am left, and they seek my life."* <sup>4</sup> *But what is God's reply to him? "I have kept for myself seven thousand men who have not bowed the knee to Baal."* <sup>5</sup> *So too at the present time there is a remnant, chosen by grace.* <sup>6</sup> *But if it is by grace, it is no longer on the basis of works; otherwise grace would no longer be grace.*

<sup>7</sup> *What then? Israel failed to obtain what it was seeking. The elect obtained it, but the rest were hardened,* <sup>8</sup> *as it is written,*

*“God gave them a spirit of stupor, eyes that would not see  
and ears that would not hear, down to this very day.”*

<sup>9</sup> *And David says,*

*“Let their table become a snare and a trap,  
a stumbling block and a retribution for them;*

<sup>10</sup> *let their eyes be darkened so that they cannot see,  
and bend their backs forever.”*

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Message:** *I Have Kept for Myself a Remnant*

***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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**God's Blessing**

***To God Be the Glory***

To God be the glory, to God be the glory,  
To God be the glory for the things he has done:  
With his blood he has saved me;  
With his power he has raised me.  
To God be the glory for the things he has done.

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