

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
August 10, 2025 ~ 10:30 AM Worship Service

Call to Worship: Psalm 96:1-2

Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth.

Sing to the LORD, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day.

God's Greeting

Sing to the Lord, Sing His Praise

Sing to the Lord, sing His praise all you peoples; new be your song as new honors you pay.
Sing of His majesty, praise Him forever, show His salvation from day to day.

Tell of his wondrous works, tell of his glory till through the nations his name is revered.
Praise and exalt him, for he is almighty; God over all, let the Lord be feared.

Vain are the idols and gods of the nations; God made the heavens and his glory they tell.
Splendor and majesty shine out before him; glory and strength in his temple dwell.

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Crown Him with Many Crowns

Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne.
Hark! How the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee;
And hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of life: who triumphed o'er the grave,
Who rose victorious to the strife for those He came to save;
His glories now we sing, who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

Crown Him the Lord of heaven: one with the Father known,
One with the Spirit through Him given from yonder glorious throne.
To Thee be endless praise, for Thou for us hast died;
Be Thou, O Lord, through endless days adored and magnified.

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We Come, O Christ, to You

We come, O Christ, to you, true Son of God and man,
By whom all things consist, in whom all life began.
In you alone we live and move and have our being in your love.

You are the way to God, your blood our ransom paid;
In you we face our Judge and Maker unafraid.
Before the throne absolved we stand; Your love has met your law's demand.

You only are true life to know you is to live
The more abundant life that earth can never give.
O risen Lord! we live in you: in us each day your life renew!

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Call to Confession and Preparation: 1 John 1:9-10

If we confess our sins,

he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

If we say we have not sinned,

we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

Prayer of Confession

Assurance: 1 Peter 2:24-25

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

I Am Not My Own

The one who made the heavens made my heart and soul, before I drew a breath, I was loved and known.
I am His creation, the Maker's masterpiece and all that He designs will be done in me.

My body is a temple of the Living God, I'll worship in this house that His blood has bought.
As I bear His image, oh may I not profane the holiness I hold in this earthly frame.

Refrain: I belong to the Lord; oh, I am not my own.
I belong to the Lord; I am not my own.
I will honor Him, for this I know:
I belong to the Lord; I am not my own.

And if He has redeemed me, I am not my own; the measure of my worth is His love alone.
He declares my standing and He declares my state, so I will know myself by the name He gave. *Refrain*

I am not my own, and now my heart is free; oh, Maker, come and make what You will of me.
There is nothing broken that You can not repair, so Lord, I leave my life in Your loving care. *Refrain*

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Sacrament of Baptism

Offertory Prayer

Offering: Ken & Chris

Congregational Prayer

Scripture: *Mark 1:1-15*

¹ *The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.*

² *As it is written in Isaiah the prophet, "Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way,*

³ *the voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,'"*

⁴ *John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.*

⁵ *And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶ Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷ And he preached, saying, "After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. ⁸ I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."*

⁹ *In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰ And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove.*

¹¹ *And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."*

¹² *The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. ¹³ And he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. And he was with the wild animals, and the angels were ministering to him.*

¹⁴ *Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, ¹⁵ and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."*

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: *The Gospel Call: A Clash of Loyalties*

I Then Shall Live

I then shall live as one who's been forgiven; I'll walk with joy to know my debts are paid.

I know my name is clear before my Father; I am his child, and I am not afraid.

So greatly pardoned, I'll forgive another; the law of love I gladly will obey.

Your kingdom come around and through and in me, Your power and glory, let them shine through me;

Your hallowed name, oh, may I bear with honor, and may your living kingdom come in me.

The Bread of Life, oh, may I share with honor, and may you feed a hungry world through me.

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God's Blessing

Revive Us Again

We praise Thee, O God, for the Son of Thy love; for Jesus, who died and is now gone above.

Hallelujah! Thine the glory! Hallelujah! Amen! Hallelujah! Thine the glory! Revive us again.

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Pastors: Zac H, Robert W
Prayer: Carl R
Music: Paul A, Sharon A, Lee V

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