

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
March 8, 2026 ~ 10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Call to Worship: based on Isaiah 43:19-21

Let us worship God, who has done great things.

We rejoice in our God, who made a way through the desert of this world.

Let us worship God, who has caused streams of mercy to flow in the wasteland.

We are the people God has formed through Christ; we worship him, and we rejoice!

Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

We praise God for the grace that has saved us. Alleluia! We rejoice!

God's Greeting

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days.
Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.

To all, life Thou givest, to both great and small;
In all life Thou livest, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
And wither and perish – but naught changeth Thee.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;
All praise we would render: O help us to see
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee.

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How Great is Our God

The splendor of the King, and clothed in majesty;
Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice.
He wraps Himself in light, and darkness tries to hide,
And trembles at His voice, and trembles at His voice.

Refrain: How great is our God! Sing with me: How Great is our God!
All will see how great, how great is our God!

Age to age He stands, and time is in His hands;
Beginning and the End, Beginning and the End.
The God-head, three in one, and Father, Spirit, Son,
The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb. *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! *Refrain*

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Hallelujah for the Cross

Up to the hill of Calvary, my Savior went courageously.
And there He bled and died for me, hallelujah for the cross.
And on the day the world was changed, a final perfect Lamb was slain.
Let earth and heaven now proclaim, hallelujah for the cross.

Refrain: Hallelujah for the war He fought; love has won, death has lost.
Hallelujah for the souls He bought; hallelujah for the cross.

What good I've done could never save, my debt too great for deeds to pay.
But God, my Savior made a way, hallelujah for the cross.
A slave to sin, my life was bound; but all my chains fell to the ground
When Jesus' blood came flowing down. Hallelujah for the cross. *Refrain*

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Lenten Reading: The Lord's Prayer – Give us this day our daily bread

His Glory and My Good

I have seen my Father's glory revealed in Jesus Christ
And the more that I behold Him, the more He satisfies.
When I gaze upon His beauty, when I see Him as I should,
Then my eyes are lifted upward for His glory and my good.

See the open arms of Jesus upon the cross that day.
What they understood as weakness deserves my every praise.
For the charge that was against me, it was nailed into the wood.
Yes I know that He has saved me for His glory and my good.

Refrain: To our God be the glory, to our God be praise.
He alone, the name above all names.
I will boast ever only in the Lord, my God.
For I know His glory is my good.

Would I gladly be made nothing that Christ would be made more
Would I seek the only kingdom that far outweighs them all
I will stand before my Father where the faithful saints have stood
And with joy my heart shall praise Him for His glory and my good.

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Offertory Prayer and Offering: Dustin & Melissa - Converge

Congregational Prayer

Scripture: *Romans 14:5-12*

⁵ One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. ⁶ The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God. ⁷ For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. ⁸ For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹ For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

¹⁰ Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; ¹¹ for it is written,

“As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God.”

¹² So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: “Why Do We Pass Judgement”

I Set My Hope on Jesus

When this life of trials tests my faith, I set my hope on Jesus.
When the questions come and doubts remain, I set my hope on Jesus.
For the deepest wounds that time won't heal, there's a joy that runs still deeper.
There's a truth that's more than all I feel. I set my hope on Jesus.

Refrain: I set my hope on Jesus, my rock, my only trust.
Who set His heart upon me first, I set my hope on Jesus.

Though I falter in this war with sin, I set my hope on Jesus.
When I fail the fight and sink within, I set my hope on Jesus.
Though the shame would drown me in its sea, and I dread the waves of justice.
I will cast my life on Calvary, I set my hope on Jesus. *Refrain*

Though the world call me to leave my Lord, I set my hope on Jesus.
Though it offer all its vain rewards, I set my hope on Jesus.
Though this heart of mine is prone to stray, give me grace enough to finish.
'Till I worship on that final day, I set my hope on you. *Refrain*

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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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Pastors: Zac H, Jonathan U, Robert W

Readers: Zac, Alicia, and Olivia H

Prayer: Dustin H, Jonathan U

Music: Paul A, Sharon A, Alicia H, Brian K, Cynthia U

Offering will be received for Dustin & Melissa, serving in Thailand with Converge to train and mobilize indigenous leaders to join them in sharing the Gospel.

Nursery is available with a paging system for children under 3 years during worship 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".

On the bulletin, bold font is a response by the congregation. You are invited to join if you feel comfortable.

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