

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
March 8, 2026 ~ 6:00 p.m. Worship Service

Call to Worship: *Psalm 98:1-3*

Oh sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things!

His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

The Lord has made known his salvation; he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.

He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Opening Prayer

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.

Give unto God Most High glory and honor;

Come with your offerings and humbly draw near.

Worship the Lord in all beauty and splendor;

Tremble before Him with godly fear.

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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 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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Near the Cross

Jesus, keep me near the cross, there a precious fountain,

Free to all, a healing stream, flows from Calvary's mountain.

Refrain: In the cross, in the cross, be my glory ever.

‘Til my raptured soul shall find, rest beyond the river.

Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes before me;

Help me walk from day to day, with its shadows o'er me. *Refrain*

Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hoping, trusting ever,

‘Til I reach the golden strand just beyond the river. *Refrain*

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Profession of Faith: *Mark 8:34-35*

And calling the crowd to him with his disciples, he said to them,

“If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.

For whoever would save his life will lose it,

but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it.”

Offering: Dustin & Melissa - Converge

Evening Prayer

I Surrender All

All to Jesus I surrender, all to Him I freely give;
I will ever love and trust Him, in His presence daily live.

Refrain: I surrender all, I surrender all,
All to Thee, my blessed Savior, I surrender all.

All to Jesus, I surrender, make me, Savior, wholly Thine.
Let me feel the Holy Spirit, truly know that Thou art mine. *Refrain*

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Scripture: *Mark 1:1-3, 11, 17-21*

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, '"*

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

¹⁷ *And Jesus said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men." ¹⁸ And immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹ And going on a little farther, he saw James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰ And immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and followed him.*

²¹ *And they went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath he entered the synagogue and was teaching.*

Mark 10:44-45

⁴⁴ *Whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. ⁴⁵ For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.*

Mark 15:37-39

³⁷ *And Jesus uttered a loud cry and breathed his last. ³⁸ And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. ³⁹ And when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, "Truly this man was the Son of God!"*

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: "Mark's Portrait of Jesus: The Son of Man, The Servant King"

And Can It Be That I Should Gain?

And can it be that I should gain an interest in the Savior's blood?
Died He for me, who caused His pain? For me, who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?
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He left his Father's throne above, so free, so infinite His grace!
Emptied Himself of all but love, and bled for Adam's helpless race!
'Tis mercy all, immense and free, for, O my God, it found out me.
Amazing love! How can it be that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me!

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God's Blessing

And Can It Be That I Should Gain?

No condemnation now I dread: Jesus, and all in Him, is mine!
Alive in Him, my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach the eternal throne, and claim the crown, through Christ my own.
Amazing love! How can it be that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me!

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Pastors: Zac H, Jonathan U, Robert W

Music: Lee V

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.

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.