

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
March 15, 2026 ~ 10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Call to Worship: *Psalm 138:1-2*

*I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise;
I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness,
for you have exalted above all things your name and your word.*

God's Greeting

Jesus Shall Reign

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun does His successive journeys run,
His kingdom spread from shore to shore, 'til moons shall wax and wane no more.

People and realms of every tongue dwell on His love with sweetest song;
And infant voices shall proclaim their early blessings on His name.

Let every creature rise and bring His grateful honors to our King;
Angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud "Amen!"

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In the Cross of Christ I Glory

In the cross of Christ I glory, towering o'er the wrecks of time;
All the light of sacred story gathers round its head sublime.

When the woes of life o'er take me, hopes deceive and fears annoy;
Never shall the cross forsake me, Lo! it glows with peace and joy.

When the sun of bliss is beaming light and love upon my way;
From the cross the radiance streaming adds more luster to the day.

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He Leadeth Me

He leadeth me! O blessed thought! O words with heavenly comfort fraught!
Whate'er I do, where'er I be, still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

Refrain: He leadeth me, he leadeth me; by his own hand he leadeth me:
His faithful follower I would be, for by his hand he leadeth me.

Sometimes mid scenes of deepest gloom, sometimes where Eden's flowers bloom,
By waters calm, o'er troubled sea, still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me. *Refrain*

Lord, I would clasp Thy hand in mine, nor ever murmur nor repine;
Content, whatever lot I see, since 'tis Thy hand that leadeth me. *Refrain*

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Lenten Reading: The Lord's Prayer – Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors

All I Have is Christ

I once was lost in darkest night, yet thought I knew the way.
The sin that promised joy and life had led me to the grave.
I had no hope that You would own a rebel to Your will.
And if You had not loved me first, I would refuse You still.

But as I ran my hell-bound race, indifferent to the cost,
You looked upon my helpless state and led me to the cross.
And I beheld God's love displayed, You suffered in my place.
You bore the wrath reserved for me, now all I know is grace.

Refrain: Hallelujah! All I have is Christ. Hallelujah! Jesus is my life.
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Now Lord I would be Yours alone, and live so all might see
The strength to follow Your commands could never come from me.
O Father, use my ransomed life in anyway You choose,
And let my song forever be my only boast is You. *Refrain*

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Offertory Prayer and Offering: Mitchell & Rochelle – Envision Mission

Offertory Ministry of Music: *Power of the Cross*

Congregational Prayer

Scripture: *Romans 14:13-23*

¹³ Therefore let us not pass judgment on one another any longer, but rather decide never to put a stumbling block or hindrance in the way of a brother. ¹⁴ I know and am persuaded in the Lord Jesus that nothing is unclean in itself, but it is unclean for anyone who thinks it unclean. ¹⁵ For if your brother is grieved by what you eat, you are no longer walking in love. By what you eat, do not destroy the one for whom Christ died. ¹⁶ So do not let what you regard as good be spoken of as evil. ¹⁷ For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking but of righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. ¹⁸ Whoever thus serves Christ is acceptable to God and approved by men. ¹⁹ So then let us pursue what makes for peace and for mutual upbuilding. ²⁰ Do not, for the sake of food, destroy the work of God. Everything is indeed clean, but it is wrong for anyone to make another stumble by what he eats. ²¹ It is good not to eat meat or drink wine or do anything that causes your brother to stumble. ²² The faith that you have, keep between yourself and God. Blessed is the one who has no reason to pass judgment on himself for what he approves. ²³ But whoever has doubts is condemned if he eats, because the eating is not from faith. For whatever does not proceed from faith is sin.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: *Pursue Peace*

Like a River Glorious

Like a river glorious is God's perfect peace, over all victorious in its bright increase;
Perfect, yet it floweth fuller every day; perfect, yet it groweth deeper all the way.

Refrain: Trusting in the Father, hearts are fully blest,
Finding, as he promised, perfect peace and rest.

Hidden in the hollow of His blessed hand, never foe can follow, never traitor stand;
Not a surge of worry, not a shade of care, not a blast of hurry touch the spirit there. *Refrain*

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God's Blessing

He is Lord

He is Lord, he is Lord, He is risen from the dead, and he is Lord!
Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

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Pastors: Zac H, Jonathan U, Robert W

Readers: Cheryl and Kamryn K

Prayer: Tabin B

Music: Kaden K, Micah K, Jack P, Kingston P, Mike S, Jonathan U, Cynthia U, Nancy Z

Offering will be received for Mitchell & Rochelle with Envision Mission. They are working to build authentic community by proclaiming the gospel and making disciples of Jesus Christ in Whatcom County especially through Summit discipleship houses as a church missionary effort working in conjunction with local churches. For more information, visit www.envisionmission.org.

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Children's Church is available for children 3 years – 3rd grade. Children are dismissed to the Education Building during the service.

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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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