

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
March 22, 2026 ~ 10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Presentation of the Flags of the Nations

Blessings of the Missionaries

As your brothers and sisters in Christ and partners in ministry, we join in giving our blessing:
“Blessed are you, who come in the name of the Lord.”

Call to Worship: Psalm 96:1-4a

Oh sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth!

Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.

Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!

For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised.

God’s Greeting

Song for the Nations

May we be a shining light to the nations, a shining light to the peoples of the earth,
Till the whole world sees the glory of Your name; may Your pure light shine through us.

May we sing a song of joy to the nations, a song of praise to the peoples of the earth,
Till the whole world rings with the praises of your name; may Your song be sung through us.

May Your kingdom come to the nations, Your will be done in the peoples of the earth,
Till the whole world knows that Jesus Christ is Lord; may Your kingdom come on earth.

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Hear the Call of the Kingdom

Hear the call of the Kingdom, lift your eyes to the King.
Let His song rise within you as a fragrant offering
Of how God, rich in mercy, came in Christ to redeem
All who trust in His unfailing grace.

Refrain: King of heaven, we will answer the call; we will follow, bringing hope to the world,
Filled with passion, filled with power to proclaim salvation in Jesus’ name.

Hear the call of the Kingdom to reach out to the lost;
With the Father’s compassion, in the wonder of the cross.
Bringing peace and forgiveness and a hope yet to come,
Let the nations put their trust in Him. *Refrain*

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O Church, Arise

O church, arise and put your armor on; hear the call of Christ our captain;
For now the weak can say that they are strong in the strength that God has given.
With shield of faith and belt of truth we’ll stand against the devil’s lies,
An army bold whose battle cry is, “Love!” reaching out to those in darkness.

Come, see the cross where love and mercy meet, as the Son of God is stricken;
Then see his foes lie crushed beneath his feet, for the conqueror has risen!
And as the stone is rolled away, and Christ emerges from the grave,
This victory march continues till the day every eye and heart shall see him.

So Spirit, come! Put strength in every stride, give grace for every hurdle,
That we may run with faith to win the prize of a servant good and faithful.
As saints of old still line the way, retelling triumphs of his grace,
We hear their calls, and hunger for the day when, with Christ, we stand in glory!

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Lenten Reading: The Lord’s Prayer – Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil

Wonderful, Merciful Savior

Wonderful, merciful Savior, Precious Redeemer and Friend;
Who would have thought that a Lamb could rescue the souls of men? Oh, You rescue the souls of men.

Refrain: You are the One that we praise, You are the One we adore.

You give the healing and grace our hearts always hunger for, oh, our hearts always hunger for.

Almighty, infinite Father, faithfully loving Your own;

Here in our weakness You find us falling before Your throne, oh, we're falling before Your throne. *Refrain*

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Offertory Prayer and Offering: Mission and Outreach Fund

Offertory Video Presentation: Envision Mission

Congregational Prayer

Scripture: *Matthew 25:14-30*

¹⁴ “For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. ¹⁵ To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶ He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. ¹⁷ So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. ¹⁸ But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money. ¹⁹ Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰ And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me five talents; here, I have made five talents more.’ ²¹ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’ ²² And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me two talents; here, I have made two talents more.’ ²³ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’ ²⁴ He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, ²⁵ so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here, you have what is yours.’ ²⁶ But his master answered him, ‘You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I scattered no seed? ²⁷ Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸ So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. ²⁹ For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. ³⁰ And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: *New/Renewed Calling*

Facing a Task Unfinished

Facing a task unfinished, that drives us to our knees,
A need that, undiminished, rebukes our slothful ease.
We, who rejoice to know Thee, renew before Thy throne,
The solemn pledge we owe Thee, to go and make Thee known.

We bear the torch that, flaming, fell from the hands of those
Who gave their lives proclaiming that Jesus died and rose.
Ours is the same commission, the same glad message ours;
Fired by the same ambition, to Thee we yield our powers.

O Father who sustained them, O Spirit who inspired,
Savior, whose love constrained them to toil with zeal untired.
From cowardice defend us, from lethargy awake!
Forth on Thine errands send us to labor for Thy sake.

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God’s Blessing

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen. Amen.

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Pastors: Mitchell S, Robert W
Readers: Brian, Lane, and Nathan V
Prayer: Jason V, Zac H
Music: Jonathan & Cynthia U, Lee V, Nancy Z

Offering will be received for the Missions and Outreach Fund, used to help organizations that fall outside of the realm of our benevolence fund but still need support. This fund allows the church to help organizations when our offering schedule is full.

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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