

**First Christian Reformed Church**  
**Lynden, Washington**  
**April 12, 2026 ~ 10:30 a.m. Worship Service**

**Call to Worship:** *I Peter 1:3-4 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you.*

**God's Greeting**

***Come, Christians, Join to Sing***

Come, Christians, join to sing; Alleluia! Amen!  
Loud praise to Christ our King; Alleluia! Amen!  
Let all, with heart and voice, before His throne rejoice;  
Praise is His gracious choice: Alleluia! Amen!

Come praise the Risen King. Alleluia! Amen!  
He died to ransom men, Alleluia! Amen!  
On that triumphant day, He took our sins away!  
Death could not bid Him stay, Alleluia! Amen!

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***Days of Elijah***

These are the days of Elijah, declaring the Word of the Lord;  
And these are the days of Your servant, Moses, righteousness being restored;  
And though these are days of great trials, of famine and darkness and sword,  
Still we are the voice in the desert crying "Prepare ye the way of the Lord."

*Refrain:* Behold He comes, riding on the clouds, shining like the sun at the trumpet call;  
Lift your voice, it's the year of Jubilee, and out of Zion's hill salvation comes.

And these are the days of Ezekiel, the dry bones becoming as flesh;  
And these are the days of Your servant, David, rebuilding a temple of praise;  
And these are the days of the harvest, the fields are as white in the world;  
And we are the laborers in Your vineyard, declaring the Word of the Lord. *Refrain*

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***Bless the Lord, O My Soul***

*Refrain:* Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul, worship His holy name.  
Sing like never before, O my soul, I worship your holy name.

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning. It's time to sing your song again.  
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me, let me be singing when the evening comes. *Refrain*

You're rich in love and you're slow to anger. Your name is great and your heart is kind.  
For all your goodness, I will keep on singing, ten thousand reasons for my heart to find. *Refrain*

And on that day when my strength is failing, the end draws near and my time has come,  
Soon my soul will sing your praise unending, ten thousand years and then forever more. *Refrain*

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**Call to Confession:** *Lamentations 3:40-41*

*Let us test and examine our ways, and return to the Lord!*  
*Let us lift up our hearts and hands to God in heaven.*

**Prayer of Confession**

**Assurance:** *Micah 7:18-19*

*Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of his inheritance?  
He does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in steadfast love.  
He will again have compassion on us; he will tread our iniquities underfoot.  
You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea.*

***Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing***

Come, thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.  
Praise the mount – I'm fixed upon it – mount of God's redeeming love.

Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee:  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;  
Here's my heart, O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

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## Offertory Prayer and Offering: Tribe - First CRC High School Ministry

### Congregational Prayer

#### Scripture: Mark 8:11-30

<sup>11</sup> The Pharisees came and began to argue with him, seeking from him a sign from heaven to test him. <sup>12</sup> And he sighed deeply in his spirit and said, "Why does this generation seek a sign? Truly, I say to you, no sign will be given to this generation." <sup>13</sup> And he left them, got into the boat again, and went to the other side.

<sup>14</sup> Now they had forgotten to bring bread, and they had only one loaf with them in the boat. <sup>15</sup> And he cautioned them, saying, "Watch out; beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and the leaven of Herod." <sup>16</sup> And they began discussing with one another the fact that they had no bread. <sup>17</sup> And Jesus, aware of this, said to them, "Why are you discussing the fact that you have no bread? Do you not yet perceive or understand? Are your hearts hardened? <sup>18</sup> Having eyes do you not see, and having ears do you not hear? And do you not remember? <sup>19</sup> When I broke the five loaves for the five thousand, how many baskets full of broken pieces did you take up?" They said to him, "Twelve." <sup>20</sup> "And the seven for the four thousand, how many baskets full of broken pieces did you take up?" And they said to him, "Seven." <sup>21</sup> And he said to them, "Do you not yet understand?"

<sup>22</sup> And they came to Bethsaida. And some people brought to him a blind man and begged him to touch him. <sup>23</sup> And he took the blind man by the hand and led him out of the village, and when he had spit on his eyes and laid his hands on him, he asked him, "Do you see anything?" <sup>24</sup> And he looked up and said, "I see people, but they look like trees, walking." <sup>25</sup> Then Jesus laid his hands on his eyes again; and he opened his eyes, his sight was restored, and he saw everything clearly. <sup>26</sup> And he sent him to his home, saying, "Do not even enter the village."

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### Message: *The Sign You Already Have*

#### **Christ Our Hope in Life and Death**

What is our hope in life and death? Christ alone, Christ alone.

What is our only confidence? That our souls to Him belong.

Who holds our days within His hand? What comes, apart from His command?

And what will keep us to the end? The love of Christ, in which we stand.

What truth can calm the troubled soul? God is good, God is good.

Where is His grace and goodness known? In our great Redeemer's blood.

Who holds our faith when fears arise? Who stands above the stormy trial?

Who sends the waves that bring us nigh unto the shore, the rock of Christ?

*Refrain:* O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal;

O sing hallelujah! Now and ever we confess Christ our hope in life and death.

Unto the grave, what will we sing? "Christ, He lives; Christ, He lives!"

And what reward will heaven bring? Everlasting life with Him.

There we will feast to meet the Lord, then sin and death will be destroyed,

And we will feast in endless joy, when Christ is ours forevermore. *Refrain*

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### God's Blessing

#### **One Generation Will Call to the Next**

We will extol you, God and King and bless your holy name.

Day after day we'll sing your praise; forever and forever.

*Refrain:* One generation will call to the next: "Our God is good, and his hand is strong!"

All of the world sings his marvelous acts, and our voice will join with theirs in the song.

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