

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
April 19, 2026 ~ 10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Call to Worship: *Psalm 148:1-6*

*Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights!
Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his hosts!
Praise him, sun and moon, praise him, all you shining stars!
Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!
Let them praise the name of the Lord! For he commanded and they were created.
And he established them forever and ever; he gave a decree, and it shall not pass away.*

God's Greeting

All Creatures of Our God and King

All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing, Alleluia! Allelu – ia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam, Thou silver moon with softer gleam,
O praise Him! O praise – Him! Alleluia! Allelu – ia! Al – lelu – ia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong, ye clouds that sail in heaven along, O praise Him! Allelu – ia!
Thou rising morn in praise rejoice, ye lights of evening, find a voice!
O praise Him! O praise – Him! Alleluia! Allelu – ia! Al – lelu – ia!

Thou flowing water, pure and clear, make music for thy Lord to hear, Alleluia! Allelu – ia!
Thou fire so masterful and bright, that givest man both warm and light,
O praise Him! O praise – Him! Alleluia! Allelu – ia! Al – lelu – ia!

And all ye men of tender heart, forgiving others, take your part, O sing ye! Allelu – ia!
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear, praise God and on Him cast your care!
O praise Him! O praise – Him! Alleluia! Allelu – ia! Al – lelu – ia!

Let all things their Creator bless, and worship Him in humbleness. O praise Him! Allelu – ia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, Three in One!
O praise Him! O praise – Him! Alleluia! Allelu – ia! Al – lelu, Al – lelu, Al – lelu – ia!

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Jesus, Lover of My Soul

Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to Thy bosom fly,
While the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high:
Hide me, O my Savior, hide, till life's storm is past;
Safe into the haven guide; receive my soul at last.

Other refuge have I none, I helpless hang on Thee;
Leave, oh, leave me not alone, support and comfort me.
All my trust on Thee is stayed, all help from Thee I bring;
Cover my defenseless head in the shadow of Thy wing.

Thou, O Christ, art all I want; here more than all I find;
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint, heal the sick and lead the blind.
Just and holy is Thy name, I am all unrighteousness;
Vile and full of sin I am, Thou art full of truth and grace.

Plenteous grace with Thee is found, grace to cover all my sin;
Let the healing streams abound; make and keep me pure within.
Thou of life the fountain art, let me take of Thee;
Spring Thou up within my heart, for all eternity.

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Call to Confession: *Psalm 51:16-17*

*For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it; you will not be pleased with a burnt offering.
The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.*

Prayer of Confession

Assurance: *1 John 1:7*

But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged – take it to the Lord in prayer!
Can we find a friend so faithful, who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness – take it to the Lord in prayer!

Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge – take it to the Lord in prayer!
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In His arms He'll take and shield thee – Thou wilt find a solace there.

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Offertory Prayer and Offering: Lighthouse Mission

Offertory Ministry of Music: *Nearer, Still Nearer*

Congregational Prayer

Scripture: *Romans 15:1-7*

¹ *We who are strong have an obligation to bear with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves. ² Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, to build him up. ³ For Christ did not please himself, but as it is written, “The reproaches of those who reproached you fell on me.” ⁴ For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.*

⁵ *May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, ⁶ that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁷ Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.*

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: *The God of Endurance and Encouragement*

Yet Not I, but Through Christ in Me

What gift of grace is Jesus, my redeemer. There is no more for heaven now to give.
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom, my steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace.
To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus. For my life is wholly bound to his.
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing: all is mine! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

The night is dark, but I am not forsaken, for by my side, the Savior, He will stay.
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing, for in my need, His power is displayed.
To this I hold: my Shepherd will defend me. Through the deepest valley He will lead.
Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven, the future sure, the price, it has been paid.
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon, and He was raised to overthrow the grave.
To this I hold: my sin has been defeated. Jesus now, and ever is my plea.
Oh the chains are released, I can sing: I am free! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

God's Blessing

Yet Not I, but Through Christ in Me

With every breath I long to follow Jesus, for He has said that He will bring me home.
And day by day I know He will renew me, until I stand with joy before the throne.
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus, all the glory evermore to Him!
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat: Yet not I, but through Christ in me!
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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 during the worship service.

Worship services are also broadcast live in the basement and streamed online for anyone unable to worship in the sanctuary.

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

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