

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
August 16, 2026 ~ 6:00 p.m. Worship Service

Call to Worship: based on Colossians 1:15-28

Lord Jesus Christ, You have called us together,

To rejoice in who You are.

And delight in who we are because of You!

We stand amazed in Your presence,

Because, O Lord, You live your life in us!

Opening Prayer

Rejoice, the Lord is King

Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore!

Rejoice, give thanks, and sing and triumph evermore:

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

The Lord, our Savior, reigns, the God of truth and love;

When He had purged our stains, He took His seat above:

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Rejoice in glorious hope! Our Lord the judge shall come

And take His servants up to their eternal home:

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

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At the Name of Jesus

At the Name of Jesus every knee shall bow,

Every tongue confess Him King of Glory now.

'Tis the Father's pleasure we should call Him Lord,

Who from the beginning was the mighty Word.

Humbled for a season, to receive a name

From the lips of sinners, unto whom he came;

Faithfully he bore it spotless to the last,

Brought it back victorious when from death he passed.

Christians, this Lord Jesus shall return again,

With His Father's glory, o'er the earth to reign;

For the wreaths of empire meet upon his brow,

And our hearts confess him King of glory now.

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Lift High the Cross

Refrain: Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim

Till all the world adore his sacred name.

Come, Christians, follow where our Savior led, our King victorious, Jesus Christ, our Head. *Refrain*

So shall our song of triumph ever be: praise to the Crucified for victory! *Refrain*

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Profession of Faith: Colossians 1:15-20

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.

For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible,

whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him.

And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church.

He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent.

For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,

and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

Offering: Snehakunja House – Kidstown International

Evening Prayer

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all;
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all!

Let every kindred, every tribe on this terrestrial ball,
To Him all majesty ascribe, and crown Him Lord of all;
To Him all majesty ascribe, and crown Him Lord of all!

O that with yonder sacred throng, we at His feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown Him Lord of all;
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown Him Lord of all.

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Scripture: Colossians 1:1-2

¹ Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

² To the saints and faithful brothers in Christ at Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

Colossians 2:8-10

⁸ See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ. ⁹ For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰ and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority.

Colossians 2:13-15

¹³ You, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, ¹⁴ by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵ He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

Colossians 3:1-4, 12-14

³ If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. ³ For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

¹² Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, ¹³ bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴ And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: A Walk Through the Bible – Colossians

May the Mind of Christ My Savior

May the mind of Christ, my Savior, live in me from day to day, by His love and power controlling all I do and say.

May the peace of God, my Father, rule my life in everything, that I may be calm to comfort sick and sorrowing.

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God's Blessing

May the Mind of Christ My Savior

May the love of Jesus fill me as the waters fill the sea. Him exalting, self abasing: this is victory.

May His beauty rest upon me as I seek the lost to win, and may they forget the channel, see only Him.

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Pastors: Zac H, Robert W

Music: Mike H

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