

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
August 16, 2020

Call to Worship: *Psalm 68:32-35*

*Sing to God, you kingdoms of the earth, sing praise to the Lord,
to him who rides across the highest heavens, the ancient heavens, who thunders with mighty voice.
Proclaim the power of God,
whose majesty is over Israel, whose power is in the heavens.
You, God, are awesome in your sanctuary;
the God of Israel gives power and strength to his people.*

God's Greeting

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne,
While heaven's eternal anthem drowns all music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died to be
Your Savior and your matchless King through all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of life, triumphant over the grave,
Who rose victorious from the strife for those He came to save.
His glories now we sing who died and reigns on high;
He died, eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

Crown him the Lord of peace; His kingdom is at hand.
From pole to pole let warfare cease and Christ rule every land!
All hail, Redeemer, hail, for you have died for me.
Your praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.

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Call to Confession: *Psalm 32:1-2, 5*

*Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.
Blessed is the one whose sin the LORD does not count against them and in whose spirit is no deceit.
Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity.
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD."
And you forgave the guilt of my sin.*

Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance: *based on Romans 8:34; 2 Cor. 5:17*

Hear the good news!
Who is in a position to condemn?
Only Christ,
and Christ died for us,
Christ rose for us,
Christ reigns in power for us,
Christ prays for us.
Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.
The old life has gone; a new life has begun.
Know that you are forgiven, and be at peace.
Thanks be to God.

Video Scripture

Morning Prayer

There is a Redeemer

There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son;
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.

Refrain: Thank You, O my Father, for giving us Your Son,
And leaving Your Spirit till the work on earth is done.

Jesus my Redeemer, name above all names,
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, hope for sinners slain. *Refrain*

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Scripture:

Proverbs 16:1 (ESV) The plans of the heart belong to man, but the answer of the tongue is from the Lord.

Proverbs 19:21 (ESV) Many are the plans in a man's heart, but it is the LORD's purpose that prevails.

Proverbs 20:24 (ESV) A man's steps are directed by the LORD. How then can anyone understand his own way?

Proverbs 27:1 (ESV) Do not boast about tomorrow, for you do not know what a day may bring.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: *When God Changes Our Plans*

Speak, O Lord

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You,
To receive the food of Your holy Word.
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us;
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness,
That the light of Christ might be seen today,
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us
All Your purposes for Your glory.

Teach us Lord, full obedience,
Holy reverence, true humility.
Test our thoughts and our attitudes,
In the radiance of Your purity.
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see,
Your majestic love and authority.
Words of power that can never fail;
Let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us.
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time,
That will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises,
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built,
And the earth is filled with Your glory.

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*** God's Blessing**

Pastor: Robert W

Prayer: Larry K

Music: Ken & Lisa Q

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