

# First Christian Reformed Church

## May 24, 2020

### Welcome

#### **Call to Worship:** *from Revelation 15:3-4 (NIV)*

*Great and marvelous are your deeds, Lord God Almighty!*

***Just and true are your ways, King of the ages.***

*Who will not fear you, O Lord, and bring glory to your name?*

***For you alone are holy.***

***All nations will come and worship you!***

### God's Greeting

#### ***Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!***

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;

Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!

God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,  
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,  
Who wert and art and ever-more shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,  
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see.  
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee;  
Perfect in power, in love and purity.

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#### ***Here is Love***

Here is love, vast as the ocean, loving-kindness as the flood,  
When the Prince of Life, our Ransom, shed for us His precious blood.  
Who His love will not remember? Who can cease to sing His praise?  
He can never be forgotten throughout heav'n's eternal days.

Let me all Thy love accepting, love Thee, ever all my days;  
Let me see Thy kingdom only and my life be to Thy praise;  
Thou alone shalt be my glory, nothing in the world I see.  
Thou hast cleansed and sanctified me, Thou Thyself hast set me free.

In Thy truth Thou dost direct me by Thy Spirit through Thy Word;  
And Thy grace my need is meeting as I trust in Thee, my Lord.  
Of Thy fullness Thou art pouring Thy great love and pow'r on me,  
Without measure, full and boundless, drawing out my heart to Thee.

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## **Call to Confession:** *Daniel 9:3-5*

*Then I turned my face to the Lord God, seeking him by prayer and pleas for mercy with fasting and sackcloth and ashes. I prayed to the LORD my God and made confession, saying, "O Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, we have sinned and done wrong and acted wickedly and rebelled, turning aside from your commandments and rules."*

## **Prayer of Confession**

### **God's Law:** *from Exodus 20:1-17 (NRSV)*

*God spoke all these words:*

*"I am the LORD your God.*

*You shall have no other gods before me.*

*You shall not make for yourself an idol,  
whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above,  
or that is on the earth beneath,  
or that is in the water under the earth.*

*You shall not bow down to them or worship them.*

*You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God.*

*Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy.*

*Honor your father and your mother.*

*You shall not murder.*

*You shall not commit adultery.*

*You shall not steal.*

*You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.*

*You shall not covet your neighbor's house;  
you shall not covet your neighbor's wife,  
or anything that belongs to your neighbor."*

## **Video Scripture**

## **Morning Prayer**

### **Scripture:** *Romans 13:1-7 (ESV)*

*<sup>1</sup> Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. <sup>2</sup> Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. <sup>3</sup> For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, <sup>4</sup> for he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer. <sup>5</sup> Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God's wrath but also for the sake of conscience. <sup>6</sup> For because of this you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. <sup>7</sup> Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed.*

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Message:** *Reflections on Government Authority II*

## *Let Us Go*

Father, in your presence we have gathered.  
May your Spirit reign in us, we ask.  
Free us from the things that do not matter.  
Let us focus on the glory of this task.

Strengthen our feet; don't let them stumble.  
Grant us all the wisdom of your grace.  
Fill our hearts with love and make them humble.  
Teach us, Father, how to run this holy race.

*Refrain:* Let us go in the love of the Father,  
Let us go in the glory of the Son.  
Let us go in the Spirit's mighty power.  
For your kingdom let us go.  
So that others unto you may come.

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## **God's Blessing**

**Offering:** Part of worship is giving. The offering this week is for TRIBE – High School Youth Group.

[At this time we encourage you to continue in home worship. Begin with prayer, taking time to pray for the many needs around us. Google a couple of your favorite hymns or songs, play them on your computer and listen or sing along. Re-read the morning Scripture text and spend some time reflecting on the message and discussing its implications and applications in our life.]

Pastor: Robert W

Prayer: Larry K

Music: Nancy Z, Sara K

Offering: TRIBE is a ministry to 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students and is led by Cal & Laura B and assisted by several volunteers from First CRC. For more information, talk to Cal or Laura B.

Just a reminder that if even though we are not having worship services together, the needs of the church operating expenses remain the same. Titles and offering can be mailed to the church office (1010 Front Street, Lynden, WA 98264), dropped off (place in the mailbox), through a bank's bill pay service, or electronically with Tithe.ly ( [www.tithe.ly](http://www.tithe.ly) or through the app).

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