

# First Christian Reformed Church

## June 7, 2020

### Welcome

#### Call to Worship:

O God, who created us in love,  
create us anew in love as we worship you.  
O Jesus Christ, who redeemed this world in love,  
reclaim our hearts as we worship you.  
O Holy Spirit, who moves this world toward its God-appointed end,  
**move within us as we worship you. Amen.**

#### God's Greeting

#### *Come, Thou Almighty King* #246:1,2,3,4 (PH)

Come, thou Almighty King,  
Help us thy name to sing; help us to praise.  
Father all glorious, o'er all victorious,  
Come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.

Come, thou incarnate Word,  
Gird on thy mighty sword; scatter thy foes.  
Let thine almighty aid our sure defense be made,  
Our souls on thee be stayed; thy wonders show.

Come, holy Comforter,  
Thy sacred witness bear in this glad hour.  
Thou who almighty art, rule now in every heart,  
And ne'er from us depart, Spirit of power.

To thee, great One in Three,  
Eternal praises be hence evermore!  
Thy sovereign majesty may we in glory see,  
And to eternity love and adore.

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#### *How Great is Our God*

The splendor of the King, and clothed in majesty;  
Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice.  
He wraps Himself in light, and darkness tries to hide,  
And trembles at His voice, and trembles at His voice.

*Refrain:* How great is our God!  
Sing with me: How great is our God!  
All will see how great, how great is our God!

From age to age He stands, and time is in His hands;  
Beginning and the End, Beginning and the End.  
The God-head, three in one, and Father, Spirit, Son,  
The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb. *Refrain*

Name above all names, worthy of all praise.  
My heart will sing: How great is Our God! *Refrain*

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#### Video Scripture

## **Morning Prayer: A Prayer for the World**

Almighty God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit,

You alone are holy and righteous. We gather with believers all over the world, to humble ourselves before You, to pray, to seek your Face and to turn from our wicked ways, to intercede for the lost, the hopeless, the helpless and the world.

**Lord, have mercy on us.**

Our Father in heaven,

Thank You for loving the world so much that You gave Your only Son, Jesus Christ, to die on the cross for our sins so that we could be reconciled to You and adopted into your Family.

**Lord, have mercy on us.**

Let your Kingdom be established in every nation of the world, Your will be done through the transformation among peoples of all tribes and languages, so that righteousness and justice will prevail. We call on You for the salvation of the unsaved, for the unreached and for those who have never heard about Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**May Your Name be great, from the rising of the sun to its setting.**

Father of mercy and grace,

We have sinned. Our world is gripped by the power of sin. Our hearts are grieved by injustice, hatred and violence. We are shamed by oppression, racism, corruption, rape, theft and bloodshed in our land. We mourn all loss of life in murder, abortion, war and terrorism.

**Lord, have mercy on us, forgive our sins and heal our land.**

Lord Jesus Christ,

You destroyed sin, conquered death and defeated Satan. Deliver us from oppression and from the scourge of the COVID-19 pandemic. Deliver us from demonically-inspired financial, religious and ideological systems, from poverty, slavery and tyranny. Remove the veil of darkness that covers the peoples. Restrain the evil that promotes violence and death.

**Lord, have mercy on us and deliver us from evil.**

Holy Spirit, Spirit of Grace, Spirit of Truth,

Anoint us to bring healing to the sick, deliverance to the oppressed and to comfort those who mourn. Strengthen those who care for the sick and grant wisdom for a cure for the COVID-19 virus. Fill us with love and compassion for the homeless, the hungry, the orphans, the elderly and the marginalized.

**Lord, have mercy on us and heal our diseases.**

Lord Jesus Christ, Head of the Church,

We confess that our homes are broken and our churches divided. Our lives are polluted by selfishness, greed, idolatry and sexual perversions. We draw near to You for forgiveness, healing and restoration. We need wisdom and insight for the global financial crisis and how to use the resources of the Earth for the well-being of all.

**Lord, have mercy on us, sanctify and consecrate us.**

King of Glory,

Come and finish Your work in our hearts, in our cities, our peoples and our nations. From all continents and islands, we cry:

**Lift up your heads, O you gates!**

**Be lifted up ancient doors so that the King of glory may come in!**

Come fill the earth with the knowledge of Your glory as the waters cover the sea.

The Spirit and the Bride say:

**Amen! Come Lord Jesus!**

**Scripture:** *II Corinthians 13:14 (ESV)*

<sup>14</sup> *The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.*

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Message:** *Our Triple Blessing*

***Shine, Jesus, Shine***

Lord, the light of Your love is shining  
In the midst of the darkness shining;  
Jesus, light of the world, shine upon us,  
Set us free by the truth You now bring us;  
Shine on me, shine on me.

*Refrain:* Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory.  
Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.  
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy.  
Send forth Your Word Lord, and let there be light.

As we gaze on Your kingly brightness  
So our faces display Your likeness,  
Ever changing from glory to glory;  
Mirrored here, may our lives tell Your story;  
Shine on me, shine on me. *Refrain*

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**God's Blessing**

**Offering:** Part of worship is giving. The offering this week is for Christian School Tuition Assistance.

[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

Music: Ken & Lisa Q

Offering: Christian School Tuition Assistance is used to help cover tuition cost of First church families who send their children to Christian schools.

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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