

* **Call to Worship:** *Psalm 8:1*

Praise the LORD.

Sing to the LORD a new song,

his praise in the assembly of his faithful people.

Let Israel rejoice in their Maker;

let the people of Zion be glad in their King.

Let them praise his name with dancing

and make music to him with timbrel and harp.

For the LORD takes delight in his people;

he crowns the humble with victory.

* **God's Greeting**

* **Crown Him with Many Crowns**

#345:1,3,4 (HFG)

Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne.

Hark! How the heavenly anthem drowns

All music but its own!

Awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee;

And hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of life: who triumphed o'er the grave,

Who rose victorious to the strife

For those He came to save;

His glories now we sing, who died and rose on high,

Who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

Crown Him the Lord of heaven: one with the Father known,

One with the Spirit through Him given

From yonder glorious throne.

To Thee be endless praise, for Thou for us hast died;

Be Thou, O Lord, through endless days adored and magnified.

* **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*

* **Salvation Belongs to our God**

Salvation belongs to our God,

Who sits upon the throne, and to the Lamb.

Praise and glory, wisdom and thanks,

Honor and power and strength

Be to our God forever and ever,

Be to our God forever and ever,

Be to our God forever and ever. Amen

We, the redeemed, shall be strong

In purpose and unity, declaring aloud:

Praise and glory, wisdom and thanks,

Honor and power and strength

Be to our God forever and ever,

Be to our God forever and ever,

Be to our God forever and ever. Amen

Call to Confession and Preparation: *Psalm 51:1,2*

Have mercy on me, O God,

according to your unfailing love;

according to your great compassion

blot out my transgressions.

Wash away all my iniquity

and cleanse me from my sin.

Prayer of Confession:

Sovereign Lord,

we come before you now without pretense or excuse;

you see all our actions

and know all our inward thoughts.

We are laid bare before you.

We have sinned against you,

and we plead for your forgiveness.

Have mercy on us.

We have tried to find our own way

instead of following the paths you laid out for us.

We have arrogantly thought ourselves

better than our neighbors.

Have mercy on us.

Sovereign Lord,

we come to you now, humbled and broken.

We ask for your forgiveness through the name of Jesus;

we ask for your mercy through the blood of Christ.

As we receive such grace from you,

teach us anew the paths of righteousness.

Create in us a clean heart

that we might follow you in your holiness. Amen.

Our Response: Create in Me a Clean Heart

Create in me a clean heart, O God,

And renew a right spirit within me.

Create in me a clean heart, O God,

And renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from Thy presence, O Lord,

And take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation,

And renew a right spirit within me.

(Children 3 years old – 2nd grade are invited to

Children's Church in the Ed. Building during this song.)

Offertory Prayer

Offering: Christian School Tuition Assistance

Morning Prayer

* **Knowing You**

All I once held dear, built my life upon,

All this world reveres and wars to own;

All I once thought gain I have counted loss,

Spent and worthless now compared to this.

Refrain: Knowing You, Jesus, knowing You

There is no greater thing.

You're my all, You're my rest,

You're my joy, my righteousness,

And I love You Lord.

Now my heart's desire is to know You more,

To be found in You and known as Yours,

To possess by faith what I could not earn,

All surpassing gift of righteousness. *Refrain*

* **Scripture:** *Psalm 34:8-10 (ESV)*

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⁸ *Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good!*

Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!

⁹ *Oh, fear the LORD, you his saints,*

for those who fear him have no lack!

¹⁰ *The young lions suffer want and hunger;*

but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing.

Psalm 63:1 (ESV)

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O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you;

my soul thirsts for you;

my flesh faints for you,

as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

Isaiah 55:6 (ESV) pg. 774

⁶"Seek the LORD while he may be found;
call upon him while he is near;

Hebrews 4:16 (ESV) pg. 1256

¹⁶Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of
grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in
time of need.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: *Seeking the God Who Seeks Us*

*** Let This Be My Supreme Desire**

Let this be my supreme desire, my object and my prayer,
Until I stand before your throne to glorify you there:

To lead a blameless life, O Lord, to trust you without fear,
To bring my humble heart to you and know your love is near:

To walk before you in the truth, to shun all evil ways,
To come into your house to pray and shout aloud your praise.

*** God's Blessing**

*** Our God Reigns**

#195 (PH)

How lovely on the mountains are the feet of him
Who brings good news, good news
Announcing peace, proclaiming news of happiness.
Our God reigns; our God reigns!
Our God reigns; our God reigns!
Our God reigns; our God reigns!

Seeking the God Who Seeks Us

Psalm 34:8-10; Psalm 63:1; Isaiah 55:6; Hebrews 4:16



First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
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10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Worship services are broadcast live in the church basement
for anyone who is unable to worship in the sanctuary.
The sanctuary is equipped with an assistive listening system.
Please switch hearing aids to "T" to use this system.

Pastor: Robert W

Prayer: Ryan B, Doug V

Music: Ken & Lisa Q

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