

\* **Call to Worship:**

In your wisdom, O God,  
you call us here to worship you.  
**We gather, alive to the Word of God.**  
You call us to be fully alive with your life abundant,  
ready to listen and respond with  
heart, soul, strength, and mind.  
**We listen, alive to the Word of God.**  
You call us to be always watchful  
for your Word of wisdom,  
sometimes startling and unexpected,  
sometimes still and quiet,  
but always dwelling among us.  
**We watch and wait for the Word of God.**

\* **Opening Prayer**

#341:1,2,3 (HFG)

\* **Come, Thou Almighty King**

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,  
Our prayer attend:  
Come, and Thy people bless, and give Thy word success:  
Spirit of holiness, on us descend.

Come, Holy Comforter, Thy sacred witness bear  
In this glad hour:  
Thou who almighty art, now rule in every heart,  
Never from us depart, Spirit of power.

\* **Come, Christians, Join to Sing**

#342:1,2 (HFG)

Come, Christians, join to sing; Alleluia! Amen!  
Loud praise to Christ our King; Alleluia! Amen!  
Let all, with heart and voice, before His throne rejoice;  
Praise is His gracious choice: Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high; Alleluia! Amen!  
Let praises fill the sky; Alleluia! Amen!  
He is our Guide and Friend; to us He'll condescend;  
His love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen!

\* indicates to stand if able

\* **Jesus Loves Even Me**

#225:1,2 (HFG)

I am so glad that my Father in heaven  
Tells of His love in the Book He has given;  
Wonderful things in the Bible I see—  
This is the dearest, that Jesus loves me.

*Refrain:* I am so glad that Jesus loves me,  
Jesus loves me; Jesus loves me.  
I am so glad that Jesus loves me,  
Jesus loves even me.

Though I forget Him and wander away,  
Still Jesus loves me wherever I stray;  
Back to His dear loving arms I would flee,  
When I remember that Jesus loves me. *Refrain*

**Profession of Faith:** Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 126

What does the fifth request mean?

**"Forgive us our debts,  
as we also have forgiven our debtors" means,  
Because of Christ's blood,  
do not hold against us, poor sinners that we are,  
any of the sins we do  
or the evil that constantly clings to us.  
Forgive us just as we are fully determined,  
as evidence of your grace in us,  
to forgive our neighbors.**

**Offering:** First CRC SERVE

**Evening Prayer**

\* **I Hide Your Word Within My Heart**

I hide Your Word within my heart  
To keep me safe from sin;  
For where Your truth is in control  
No lie can enter in.

I trust Your Word with all my heart  
And give You thanks and praise;  
For all the beauty of Your truth  
That stands from age to age.

\* **Scripture:** *II Peter 1:16-21 (ESV)*

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<sup>16</sup>For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. <sup>17</sup>For when he received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased," <sup>18</sup>we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain. <sup>19</sup>And we have the prophetic word more fully confirmed, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts, <sup>20</sup>knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. <sup>21</sup>For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

This is the Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Message:** *Something Better*

**Prayer**

\* **O Word of God Incarnate**

#279:1,2 (PH)

O Word of God incarnate,  
O Wisdom from on high,  
O Truth unchanged, unchanging,  
O Light of our dark sky:  
We praise you for the radiance  
That from the Scripture's page,  
A lantern to our footsteps,  
Shines on from age to age.

The church from you, dear Master,  
Received this gift divine;  
And still that light is lifted  
O'er all the earth to shine.  
It is the chart and compass  
That all life's voyage through,  
Mid mists and rocks and quicksands,  
Still guides, O Christ, to you.

\* **God's Blessing**

\* **How Firm a Foundation**

#500:1,2 (PH)

How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord,  
Is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!  
What more can he say than to you he has said,  
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

"Fear not, I am with you; O be not dismayed,  
For I am your God and will still give you aid;  
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

**Something Better**

*II Peter 1:16-21*

This is my  
*BELOVED*  
Son,  
with whom  
I am  
*well pleased.*

II Peter 1:17b

First Christian Reformed Church  
Lynden, Washington  
April 22, 2018  
6:00 p.m. Worship Service

The sanctuary is equipped with an assistive listening system.  
Please switch hearing aids to "T" to use this system.

Pastor: Robert Wo

Music: Perlene H

Offering: SERVE is a faith-forming experience where the communities, congregations and students involved all experience lasting transformation. First CRC will be hosting a SERVE mission trip in June 2018. For more information, contact Dan Houston, the First CRC host coordinator.

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