

The Gathering

* Call to Worship

Let us worship the eternal God,
the source of love and life, who creates us.
Let us worship Jesus Christ,
the risen one, who lives among us.
Let us worship the Spirit, the holy fire, who renews us.
**To the one true God be praise in all times and
places, through the grace of Jesus Christ.**

* God's Greeting

* *Praise the Savior Now and Ever* #400:1.3 (PH)

Praise the Savior now and ever;
Praise him, all beneath the skies;
Self denying, suffering, dying,
On the cross a sacrifice.
Victory gaining, life obtaining,
Now in glory he doth rise!

Sin's bonds severed, we're delivered;
Christ has crushed the serpent's head.
Death no longer is the stronger;
Hell itself is captive led.
Christ has risen from death's prison;
O'er the tomb he light has shed.

* *Crown Him with Many Crowns* #410:1,2 (PH)

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.

Were You There?

#287:1,4 (HFG)

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
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O! Sometimes it causes me to tremble,
Tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when He rose up from the grave?
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Call to Confession: *based on Isaiah 30:15,18*

*In repentance and rest is your salvation; in quietness
and trust is your strength. The LORD longs to be
gracious to you; He rises to show you compassion.
For the LORD is God of justice. Blessed are all who
wait for him!*

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon: *based on Rom. 8:34; I 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.

Dedication: *Take My Life and Let it Be* #288:1,6 (PH)

Take my life and let it be consecrated Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days;
Let them flow in endless praise,
Let them flow in endless praise.

Take my love, my Lord, I pour
At thy feet its treasure store.
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all for thee, ever, only, all for thee.

**(Children ages 3 years old – 2nd grade may leave
for Children's Church during this song.)**

Morning Prayer

The Proclamation

* Prayer of Illumination:

Open My Eyes That I May See

#486:1,2 (HFG)

Open my eyes, that I may see
Glimpses of truth You have for me;
Place in my hands the wonderful key
That shall unlock and set me free.
Silently now I wait for You,
Ready, my God, Your will to do;
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my ears, that I may hear
Voices of truth so sharp and clear;
And while the message sounds in my ear,
Everything else will disappear.
Silently now I wait for You,
Ready, my God, Your will to do;
Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!

* **Scripture:** *I Corinthians 15:12-20 (NIV)* pg. 1205

¹² But if it is preached that Christ has been raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³ If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. ¹⁴ And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith. ¹⁵ More than that, we are then found to be false witnesses about God, for we have testified about God that he raised Christ from the dead. But he did not raise him if in fact the dead are not raised. ¹⁶ For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised either. ¹⁷ And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. ¹⁸ Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost. ¹⁹ If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are to be pitied more than all men. ²⁰ But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

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

Message: All the Difference in the World (I)

The Response

Prayer

Offering: Christian Hope Association

Offertory Prayer

* Consecration:

Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain #389:1,2 (PH)

Come, you faithful, Raise the strain
Of triumphant gladness;
God has brought his people forth into joy from sadness.
Now rejoice, Jerusalem, and with true affection
Welcome in unwearied strains Jesus' resurrection.

Tis the spring of life today! Christ has burst his prison,
And from three days' sleep in death
Like the sun has risen.
All the winter of our sins, long and dark, is flying;
Welcome now the light of Christ,
Give him praise undying.

The Sending

* God's Blessing

* ***Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain*** #389:3 (PH)

"Alleluia!" now we cry to our King immortal,
Who, triumphant, burst the bars of the tomb's dark portal;
"Alleluia!" with the Son, God the Father praising;
"Alleluia!" yet again to the Spirit raising.

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Offering: *The Christian Hope Association is a ministry of the CR Churches in Whatcom County. Ministries that the association oversees include Project Hope, The Hope Chest, Seafarers Ministry and New Way Ministries. For more information go to www.christianhopeassociation.org*

Worship services are broadcast live in the church basement for anyone who is unable to worship in the sanctuary.

SERMON NOTES

*First Christian Reformed Church
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The LORD
is my light
and my
salvation;
whom shall
I fear?
Psalm 27.1

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