

First Christian Reformed Church  
Lynden, Washington  
June 20, 2021  
*Father's Day*

**Call to Worship: Psalm 100**

*Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.*

***Worship the LORD with gladness;  
come before him with joyful songs.***

*Know that the LORD is God.*

*It is he who made us and we are his;*

***we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.***

*Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise;  
give thanks to him and praise his name.*

***For the LORD is good and his love endures forever;  
his faithfulness continues through all generations.***

**God's Greeting**

***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!

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

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee;  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee;  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art! *Refrain*

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***Living Hope***

How great the chasm that lay between us.  
How high the mountain I could not climb.  
In desperation, I turned to heaven,  
And spoke your name into the night.  
Then through the darkness, Your loving kindness,  
Tore through the shadows of my soul.  
The work is finished, the end is written,  
Jesus Christ, my living hope.

Who could imagine so great a mercy?  
What heart could fathom such boundless grace?  
The God of ages stepped down from glory,  
To wear my sin and bear my shame.  
The cross has spoken, I am forgiven.  
The king of kings calls me His own.  
Beautiful Savior, I'm yours forever,  
Jesus Christ, my living hope.

*Refrain:* Hallelujah, praise the one who set me free.  
Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me.  
You have broken every chain,  
There's salvation in your name,  
Jesus Christ, my living hope. *Repeat Refrain*

Then came the morning that sealed the promise,  
Your buried body began to breathe.  
Out of the silence, the Roaring Lion,  
Declared the grave has no claim on me.  
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Declared the grave has no claim on me.  
Jesus, yours is the victory! *Refrain*

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### **Call to Confession:** *I John 3:4-6*

*Everyone who sins breaks the law; in fact, sin is lawlessness.  
But you know that he appeared so that he might take away our sins.  
And in him is no sin. No one who lives in him keeps on sinning.  
No one who continues to sin has either seen him or known him.*

### **Prayer of Confession**

#### **Assurance:** *I John 3:1-3*

*See what great love the Father has lavished on us,  
that we should be called children of God!  
And that is what we are!  
The reason the world does not know us  
is that it did not know him.*

*Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known.  
But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.  
All who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.*

### **Ministry of Music:** *A Christian Home*

### **Morning Prayer**

#### **Scripture:** *Acts 2:37-40 (ESV)*

<sup>37</sup> Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" <sup>38</sup> And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup> For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself." <sup>40</sup> And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, "Save yourselves from this crooked generation."

*Acts 16:30-34 (ESV)*

<sup>30</sup> Then he brought them out and said, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?” <sup>31</sup> And they said, “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.”

<sup>32</sup> And they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house.

<sup>33</sup> And he took them the same hour of the night and washed their wounds; and he was baptized at once, he and all his family. <sup>34</sup> Then he brought them up into his house and set food before them. And he rejoiced along with his entire household that he had believed in God.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Message:** *Fathers Who Fail Faithfully*

### ***How Deep the Father’s Love for Us***

How deep the Father’s love for us,  
How vast beyond all measure  
That He should give His only Son  
To make a wretch His treasure.  
How great the pain of searing loss.  
The Father turns His face away  
As wounds which mar the Chosen One  
Bring many sons to glory.

I will not boast in anything;  
No gifts, no pow’r, no wisdom.  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ:  
His death and resurrection.  
Why should I gain from His reward?  
I cannot give an answer.  
But this I know with all my heart:  
His wounds have paid my ransom.

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### **God’s Blessing**

#### ***Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow***

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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