

First Christian Reformed Church  
Lynden, Washington  
August 1, 2021

**Call to Worship:** *based on Psalm 145:3-4, 10-11, 21*

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;

**there is no end to his greatness.**

One generation shall praise your works to another

**and shall declare your power.**

All your works praise you, Lord,

**and your faithful servants bless you.**

They make known the glory of your kingdom

**and speak of your power.**

My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord:

**Let all flesh bless his holy name for ever and ever.**

**God's Greeting**

***All Hail the Power of Jesus Name***

All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;

Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all;

Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all!

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, ye ransomed from the fall,

Hail Him who saves you by His grace, and crown Him Lord of all;

Hail Him who saves you by His grace, and crown Him Lord of all!

Let every kindred, every tribe on this terrestrial ball,

To Him all majesty ascribe, and crown Him Lord of all;

To Him all majesty ascribe, and crown Him Lord of all!

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***What A Mighty God We Serve***

What a mighty God we serve, what a mighty God we serve;

Angels bow before Him, heaven and earth adore Him,

What a mighty God we serve. *Repeat 3 times*

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**Call to Confession:** *Isaiah 30:15; Psalm 145:8,17,18*

*This is what the Sovereign LORD, the Holy One of Israel, says:*

*"In repentance and rest is your salvation,*

*in quietness and trust is your strength,*

*but you would have none of it.*

*The LORD is gracious and compassionate,*

*slow to anger and rich in love.*

*The LORD is righteous in all his ways*

*and faithful in all he does.*

*The LORD is near to all who call on him,*

*to all who call on him in truth.*

**Prayer of Confession**

**Assurance of Pardon:** *Psalm 145:13-14 (NRSV)*

*The LORD is faithful in all his words,*

*and gracious in all his deeds.*

*The LORD upholds all who are falling,*

*and raises up all who are bowed down.*

## ***Heaven Came Down and Glory Filled My Soul***

O what a wonderful, wonderful day, day I will never forget;  
After I'd wandered in darkness away, Jesus my Savior I met.  
O what a tender, compassionate friend, He met the need of my heart;  
Shadows dispelling, with joy I am telling, He made all the darkness depart!

*Refrain:* Heaven came down and glory filled my soul,  
When at the cross the Savior made me whole;  
My sins were washed away and my night was turned to day,  
Heaven came down and glory filled my soul!

Now I've a hope that will surely endure after the passing of time;  
I have a future in heaven for sure, there in those mansions sublime.  
And it's because of that wonderful day when at the cross I believed;  
Riches eternal and blessings supernal from His precious hand I received. *Refrain*

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## **Morning Prayer**

### ***Take Time to Be Holy***

Take time to be holy, speak oft with Thy Lord;  
Abide in Him always, and feed on His Word.  
Make friends of God's children, help those who are weak;  
Forgetting in nothing His blessing to seek.

Take time to be holy, let Him be Thy Guide;  
And run not before Him, whatever betide.  
In joy or in sorrow, still follow Thy Lord,  
And, looking to Jesus, still trust in His word.

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### **Scripture: Acts 18:18-28 (ESV)**

<sup>18</sup> After this, Paul stayed many days longer and then took leave of the brothers and set sail for Syria, and with him Priscilla and Aquila. At Cenchreae he had cut his hair, for he was under a vow. <sup>19</sup> And they came to Ephesus, and he left them there, but he himself went into the synagogue and reasoned with the Jews. <sup>20</sup> When they asked him to stay for a longer period, he declined. <sup>21</sup> But on taking leave of them he said, "I will return to you if God wills," and he set sail from Ephesus.

<sup>22</sup> When he had landed at Caesarea, he went up and greeted the church, and then went down to Antioch. <sup>23</sup> After spending some time there, he departed and went from one place to the next through the region of Galatia and Phrygia, strengthening all the disciples.

<sup>24</sup> Now a Jew named Apollos, a native of Alexandria, came to Ephesus. He was an eloquent man, competent in the Scriptures. <sup>25</sup> He had been instructed in the way of the Lord. And being fervent in spirit, he spoke and taught accurately the things concerning Jesus, though he knew only the baptism of John. <sup>26</sup> He began to speak boldly in the synagogue, but when Priscilla and Aquila heard him, they took him aside and explained to him the way of God more accurately. <sup>27</sup> And when he wished to cross to Achaia, the brothers encouraged him and wrote to the disciples to welcome him. When he arrived, he greatly helped those who through grace had believed, <sup>28</sup> for he powerfully refuted the Jews in public, showing by the Scriptures that the Christ was Jesus.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Message: Building the Eternal Kingdom**

## ***Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken***

Glorious things of Thee are spoken, Zion, city of our God.  
He whose word cannot be broken formed thee for his own abode.  
On the Rock of Ages founded, what can shake thy sure repose?  
With salvation's walls surrounded, Thou may smile at all thy foes.

See, the streams of living waters, springing from eternal love,  
Well supply thy sons and daughters and all fear of want remove.  
Who can faint while such a river ever will their thirst assuage?  
Grace which, like the Lord, the giver, never fails from age to age.

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## **God's Blessing**

### ***I Love to Tell the Story***

I love to tell the story of unseen things above,  
Of Jesus and His glory, of Jesus and His love;  
I love to tell the story – because I know 'tis true,  
It satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.

*Refrain:* I love to tell the story! 'Twill be my theme in glory  
To tell the old, old story of Jesus and His love.

I love to tell the story; more wonderful it seems  
Than all the golden fancies of all our golden dreams.  
I love to tell the story; it did so much for me,  
And that is just the reason I tell it now to thee. *Refrain*

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Offerings and tithes can be placed in the baskets in the narthex,  
mailed to the church office (1010 Front Street, Lynden, WA 98264), dropped off in the church mailbox,  
through a bill pay service, or electronically at [www.tithe.ly](http://www.tithe.ly) (or through the app).

If you would like to give to the First CRC operating fund, please use a blue envelope (on the Welcome Center) or designate on memo line.

*This week the offering is for Christian School Tuition Assistance.* Christian School Tuition Assistance is used to help cover tuition cost of First church families who send their children to Christian schools.

Nursery is available with a paging system for children under 3 years during the 10:30 AM worship service in the Education Building.

Children's Church is available for children 3 years – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade during the 10:30 AM service. Children are dismissed to the Education Building during the worship service.

Worship services are also broadcast live in the church basement and streamed online for anyone unable to worship in the sanctuary.

An assistive listening system is available in the sanctuary; to use this system, switch hearing aids to "T".