

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
August 22, 2021 ~ 6:00 PM Service

Call to Worship: *Psalm 145:1-8*

Opening Prayer

Jesus Loves Me, This I Know

Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so;
Little ones to Him belong; they are weak, but He is strong.

Refrain: Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me! This I know, as He loved so long ago,
Taking children on His knee, saying, "Let them come to Me." *Refrain*

Jesus loves me! He who died heaven's gate to open wide;
He will wash away my sin, let His little child come in. *Refrain*

Jesus loves me! He will stay close beside me all the way;
Thou hast bled and died for me, I will henceforth live for Thee. *Refrain*

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Jesus Loves the Little Children

Jesus loves the little children, all the children of the world.
Red and yellow, black and white they are precious in His sight,
Jesus loves the little children of the world.

Jesus died for all the children, all the children of the world.
Red and yellow, black and white they are precious in His sight,
Jesus died for all the children of the world.

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He's Got the Whole World in His Hands

He's got the whole world in His hands,
He's got the whole world in His hands,
He's got the whole world in His hands,
He's got the whole world in His hands.

He's got the earth and the sky in His hands,
He's got the sun and the moon in His hands,
He's got the wind and the rain in His hands,
He's got the whole world in His hands.

He's got the little tiny baby in his hands,
He's got you and me brother in his hands,
He's got you and me sister in his hands,
He's got the whole world in His hands.

He's got everybody here in His hands,
He's got everybody there in His hands,
He's got everybody here in His hands,
He's got the whole world in His hands.

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Scripture: *I Samuel 7:3-12*

³ And Samuel said to all the house of Israel, "If you are returning to the LORD with all your heart, then put away the foreign gods and the Ashtaroath from among you and direct your heart to the LORD and serve him only, and he will deliver you out of the hand of the Philistines."

⁴ So the people of Israel put away the Baals and the Ashtaroath, and they served the LORD only.

⁵ Then Samuel said, "Gather all Israel at Mizpah, and I will pray to the LORD for you." ⁶ So they gathered at Mizpah and drew water and poured it out before the LORD and fasted on that day and said there, "We have sinned against the LORD." And Samuel judged the people of Israel at Mizpah. ⁷ Now when the Philistines heard that the people of Israel had gathered at Mizpah, the lords of the Philistines went up against Israel. And when the people of Israel heard of it, they were afraid of the Philistines. ⁸ And the people of Israel said to Samuel, "Do not cease to cry out to the LORD our God for us, that he may save us from the hand of the Philistines." ⁹ So Samuel took a nursing lamb and offered it as a whole burnt offering to the LORD. And Samuel cried out to the LORD for Israel, and the LORD answered him.

¹⁰ As Samuel was offering up the burnt offering, the Philistines drew near to attack Israel. But the LORD thundered with a mighty sound that day against the Philistines and threw them into confusion, and they were defeated before Israel. ¹¹ And the men of Israel went out from Mizpah and pursued the Philistines and struck them, as far as below Beth-car.

¹² Then Samuel took a stone and set it up between Mizpah and Shen and called its name Ebenezer; for he said, "Till now the LORD has helped us."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Guest Appearance: Robert Robinson

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Come, thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount – I'm fixed upon it – mount of God's redeeming love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come;
And I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger, bought me with his precious blood.

Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee:
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

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Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

His Banner Over Me Is Love

The Lord is mine and I am His, His banner over me is love.
The Lord is mine and I am His, His banner over me is love.
The Lord is mine and I am His, His banner over me is love.
His banner over me is love!

He brought me to His banqueting table, His banner over me is love.
He brought me to His banqueting table, His banner over me is love.
He brought me to His banqueting table, His banner over me is love.
His banner over me is love!

Jesus is the rock of my salvation, His banner over me is love.
Jesus is the rock of my salvation, His banner over me is love.
Jesus is the rock of my salvation, His banner over me is love.
His banner over me is love!

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God's Blessing

Go, My Children, With My Blessing

Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you; you are my own.
In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever.
Go, my children, with my blessing – you are my own.

I, the Lord, will bless and keep you and give you peace;
I, the Lord, will smile upon you and give you peace;
I, the Lord, will be your Father, Savior, Comforter and Brother.
Go, my children, I will keep you and give you peace.

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