

First Christian Reformed Church  
Lynden, Washington  
November 7, 2021  
10:30 a.m. Worship Service

**Call to Worship:** *Psalm 96:6; Habakkuk 3:18*

*Splendor and majesty are before him;  
strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.  
I will rejoice in the LORD;  
I will take joy in the God of my salvation.*

**God's Greeting**

***Bless the Lord, O My Soul***

*Refrain:* Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul,  
Worship His holy name.  
Sing like never before, O my soul,  
I worship your holy name.

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning.  
It's time to sing your song again.  
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me,  
Let me be singing when the evening comes. *Refrain*

You're rich in love and you're slow to anger.  
Your name is great and your heart is kind.  
For all your goodness, I will keep on singing,  
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find. *Refrain*

And on that day when my strength is failing,  
The end draws near and my time has come,  
Soon my soul will sing your praise unending,  
Ten thousand years and then forever more. *Refrain*

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***Great and Mighty***

Great and mighty is the Lord our God, great and mighty is He.  
Great and mighty is the Lord our God, great and mighty is He.  
Lift up your banner, let the anthems ring praises to our King;  
Great and mighty is the Lord our God, great and mighty is He.

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***Grace Alone***

Every promise we can make, every prayer and step of faith;  
Every difference we will make is only by His grace.  
Every mountain we will climb, every ray of hope we shine;  
Every blessing left behind is only by His grace.

*Refrain:* Grace alone which God supplies;  
Strength unknown He will provide.  
Christ in us, our cornerstone,  
We will go forth in grace alone.

Every soul we long to reach, every heart we hope to teach;  
Everywhere we share His peace is only by His grace.  
Every loving word we say, every tear we wipe away;  
Every sorrow turned to praise is only by His grace. *Refrain*

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**Call to Confession:** *Psalm 55:22*

*Cast your burden on the LORD, and he will sustain you;  
he will never permit the righteous to be moved.*

**Prayer of Confession**

**Assurance:** *John 3:16*

*For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son,  
that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.*

**Who You Say I Am**

Who am I that the highest King would welcome me?  
I was lost but He brought me in. Oh, His love for me.  
Oh, His love for me.  
Who the Son sets free, oh, is free indeed.  
I'm a child of God, yes, I am.

Free at last, he has ransomed me. His grace runs deep.  
While I was a slave to sin, Jesus died for me.  
Yes, He died for me.  
In my Father's house there's a place for me.  
I'm a child of God, yes, I am.

I am chosen, not forsaken. I am who You say I am.  
You are for me, not against me. I am who You say I am.  
I am chosen, not forsaken. I am who You say I am.  
You are for me, not against me. I am who You say I am.  
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Who the Son sets free, oh, is free indeed.  
I'm a child of God, yes, I am.  
In my Father's house there's a place for me.  
I'm a child of God, yes, I am.

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**Offertory Prayer**

**Offering:** Christian School Tuition Assistance

**Morning Prayer**

**Now With Joyful Exultation**

Now with joyful exultation let us sing to God our praise;  
To the Rock of our salvation loud hosannas let us raise.  
Thankful tribute gladly bringing, let us come before him now,  
And, with psalms his praises singing, joyful in his presence bow.

While he offers peace and pardon let us hear his voice today,  
Lest, if we our hearts should harden, we should perish in the way,  
Lest to us, so un-believing, he in judgment should declare:  
"You, so long my Spirit grieving, never in my rest will share."

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**Scripture:** *John 5:16-23*

<sup>16</sup> And this was why the Jews were persecuting Jesus, because he was doing these things on the Sabbath. <sup>17</sup> But Jesus answered them, "My Father is working until now, and I am working." <sup>18</sup> This was why the Jews were seeking all the more to kill him, because not only was he breaking the Sabbath, but he was even calling God his own Father, making himself equal with God. <sup>19</sup> So Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of his own accord, but only what he sees the Father doing. For whatever the Father does, that the Son does likewise. <sup>20</sup> For the Father loves the Son and shows him all that he himself is doing. And greater works than these will he show him, so that you may marvel. <sup>21</sup> For as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, so also the Son gives life to whom he will. <sup>22</sup> For the Father judges no one, but has given all judgment to the Son, <sup>23</sup> that all may honor the Son, just as they honor the Father. Whoever does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent him.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Message:** *Doing Only What the Father is Doing*

***Be Thou My Vision***

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;  
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art,  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my Wisdom and Thou my true Word;  
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;  
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son,  
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

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**God's Blessing**

***Be Thou My Vision***

High King of heaven, my victory won,  
May I reach heaven's joys, bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

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Pastor: Mike B, Eric S, Robert W  
Prayer: Randy L, Wes V  
Music: Paul A, Sharon A, Brian K, Jack P

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