

**First Christian Reformed Church**  
Lynden, Washington  
February 27, 2022 - 6:00 a.m. Worship Service

**Call to Worship:** from Psalm 89:1-4

I will sing of your steadfast love, O LORD, forever;  
**with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.**

I declare that your steadfast love is established forever;  
**your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.**

You said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one, I have sworn to my servant David:  
'I will establish your descendants forever, and build your throne for all generations.'"

**Praise the Lord!**

**God's Greeting**

***One Generation Will Call to the Next***

We will extol you, God and King and bless your holy name.  
Day after day we'll sing your praise; forever and forever.

*Refrain:* One generation will call to the next:  
"Our God is good, and his hand is strong!"  
All of the world sings his marvelous acts,  
And our voice will join with theirs in the song.

Great is the Lord! In all his ways He's greatly to be praised.  
Were we to search for endless days, His greatness none could fathom. *Refrain*

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***Here is Love***

Here is love, vast as the ocean, lovingkindness as the flood,  
When the Prince of Life, our Ransom, shed for us His precious blood.  
Who His love will not remember? Who can cease to sing His praise?  
He can never be forgotten throughout heav'n's eternal days.

Let me all Thy love accepting, love Thee, ever all my days;  
Let me see Thy kingdom only and my life be to Thy praise;  
Thou alone shalt be my glory, nothing in the world I see.  
Thou hast cleansed and sanctified me, Thou Thyself hast set me free.

In Thy truth Thou dost direct me by Thy Spirit through Thy Word;  
And Thy grace my need is meeting as I trust in Thee, my Lord.  
Of Thy fullness Thou art pouring Thy great love and pow'r on me,  
Without measure, full and boundless, drawing out my heart to Thee.

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**Call to Confession and Preparation:** *Psalm 51:1-4, 6, 9-11*

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;  
according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

**Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.**

For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

**Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight,  
so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment.**

You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.

**Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.**

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.

**Do not cast me from your presence, and do not take your Holy Spirit from me.**

**Prayer of Confession**

**Assurance:** *Psalm 139:10*

*Even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast.*

### ***He Will Hold Me Fast***

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;  
When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast.  
I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path;  
For my love is often cold; He must hold me fast.

*Refrain:* He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;  
For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

Those He saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast;  
Precious in His holy sight, He will hold me fast.  
He'll not let my soul be lost; His promises shall last;  
Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast. *Refrain*

For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;  
Justice has been satisfied; He will hold me fast.  
Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast  
Till our faith is turned to sight, when He comes at last. *Refrain*

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### **Sacrament of Infant Baptism – Jessica Joyce**

#### **Offertory Prayer**

**Offertory Ministry of Music:** *10,000 Reasons*

**Offering:** Steve & Sandy

#### **Morning Prayer**

#### ***Baptized in Water***

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,  
Cleansed by the blood of Christ, our King;  
Heirs of salvation, trusting His promise,  
Faithfully now God's praise we sing.

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,  
Marked with the sign of Christ, our King;  
Born of one Father, we are His children,  
Joyfully now God's praise we sing.

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#### **Scripture:** *Romans 6:1-5*

<sup>1</sup> *What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound?* <sup>2</sup> *By no means!*  
*How can we who died to sin still live in it?* <sup>3</sup> *Do you not know that all of us who have been*  
*baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?* <sup>4</sup> *We were buried therefore with him*  
*by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the*  
*Father, we too might walk in newness of life.* <sup>5</sup> *For if we have been united with him in a death*  
*like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.*

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Message:** *Living Under the Water*

#### ***Blessed Be Your Name***

Blessed be your name in the land that is plentiful,  
Where your streams of abundance flow; blessed be your name.  
Blessed be your name when I'm found in the desert place.  
Though I walk through the wilderness, blessed be your name.

*Refrain:* Every blessing you pour out, I'll turn back to praise.  
When the darkness closes in, Lord still I will say,  
"Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be your name.  
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be your glorious name."

Blessed be your name when the sun's shining down on me,  
When the world's "all as it should be." Blessed be your name.  
Blessed be your name on the road marked with suffering;  
Though there's pain in the offering, blessed be your name. *Refrain*

You give and take away, You give and take away.  
My heart will choose to say, "Lord, blessed be your name."  
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be your name.  
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be your glorious name."

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## God's Blessing

### *My Friends, May You Grace in Grace*

My friends, may you grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior.  
My friends, may you grow in grace and in the knowledge of Jesus Christ.  
To God be the glory, now and forever, now and forever, amen.  
To God be the glory, now and forever, now and forever, amen.

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Pastors: Robert W  
Music: Ken Q, Ella

Offering Steve and Sandy serve with Africa Inland Mission in Canada ministering to a Muslim people group from northeastern Africa. Their focus is building relationships with people from this group to open opportunities to present the good news of Jesus Christ. They do this through activities such as fixing and giving out bikes, tutoring homework, and teaching English as a second language. Many of the people suffer from mental health problems and addictions. Covid has exacerbated this and made spending time with people more difficult.

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

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