

**First Christian Reformed Church**  
Lynden, Washington  
May 1, 2022 – 10:30 a.m. Worship Service

**Call to Worship:** *Psalm 62:7-8*

*On God rests my salvation and my glory; My mighty rock, my refuge is God.  
Trust in him at all times, O people; Pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us.*

**God's Greeting**

**Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)**

Amazing grace how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me.  
I once was lost, but now I'm found was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear and grace my fears relieved.  
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.

*Refrain:* My chains are gone, I've been set free.  
My God, my Savior has ransomed me,  
And like a flood His mercy rains, unending love, amazing grace.

The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures.  
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures. *Refrain*

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow, the sun forbear to shine.  
But God, who called me here below, will be forever mine.  
Will be forever mine. You are forever mine.

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**Awesome God**

Our God is an awesome God. He reigns from heaven above;  
With wisdom, pow'r and love, Our God is an awesome God. *Repeat All*

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**Standing on the Promises**

Standing on the promises of Christ, my King! Through eternal ages let His praises ring;  
"Glory in the highest" I will shout and sing, standing on the promises of God.

*Refrain:* Standing, standing, standing on the promises of God, my Savior;  
Standing, standing, I'm standing on the promises of God.

Standing on the promises that cannot fail, when the howling storms of doubt and fear assail,  
By the living Word of God I shall prevail, standing on the promises of God. *Refrain*

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**GEMS Litany**

LEADER: In John 16:33 Jesus said, "In this world you will have trouble." We don't have to look very far for very long to see the troubles that are shaking our world. But when we turn our eyes from our troubles to the Truth of who God is and His unbreakable promises, everything changes.

GEMS GIRL: God is who He says He is. It's His unbreakable promise to us.

GEMS: *God is unshakeable.*

ALL: ***Truly he is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I will never be shaken (Psalm 62:2).***

GEMS GIRL: We are who God says we are.

It's His unbreakable promise to us.

GEMS: *God promises you are loved.*

ALL: ***See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God (1 John 3:1).***

GEMS: *God promises you are not alone.*

ALL: ***Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you (Deut. 31:6).***

GEMS: *God promises you are strong.*

ALL: ***In our concerns, circumstances, and contentment in this shaking world, we can do all things through God who gives us strength (Philippians 4:13).***

GEMS: *God promises you are forgiven.*

**ALL:** *If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness (1 John 1:9).*

*GEMS: God promises you are a world changer.*

**ALL:** *He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God (Micah 6:8).*

**LEADER:** Thanks be to God for all His unbreakable, unshakeable promises to each one of us. Go tell a girl and go tell the world. In Christ, we will not be shaken.

**GEMS Theme Song:** *Unshakeable*

**GEMS Year in Review**

**Offertory Prayer**

**Offering:** GEMS Girls Club

**Offertory Ministry of Music:** *My Lighthouse*

**Morning Prayer**

*Speak, O Lord*

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You, to receive the food of Your holy Word.  
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and fashion us in Your likeness,  
That the light of Christ might be seen today, in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.  
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all Your purposes for Your glory.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds; help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us.  
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time, that will echo down through eternity.  
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises, and by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.  
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built, and the earth is filled with Your glory.

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**Scripture:** *Psalm 62:1-2, 5-8*

<sup>1</sup> *For God alone my soul waits in silence; from him comes my salvation.*

<sup>2</sup> *He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be greatly shaken.*

<sup>5</sup> *For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence, for my hope is from him.*

<sup>6</sup> *He only is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken.*

<sup>7</sup> *On God rests my salvation and my glory; my mighty rock, my refuge is God.*

<sup>8</sup> *Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us. Selah*

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Message:** *Unchangeable Promises, Unshakeable Confidence*

**The Solid Rock**

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

*Refrain:* On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand, all other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on His unchanging grace;  
In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil. *Refrain*

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**God's Blessing**

**The Solid Rock**

When He shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in Him be found;  
Dressed in His righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne.

*Refrain:* On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand, all other ground is sinking sand.

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Pastors: Mike B, Robert W

Prayer: David & Isabelle W

Music: Ken & Lisa Q

GEMS Participants: Ella MK, Klara B, Isabelle W, Grace M, Hazel M, Caitlyn T, Genevieve W, Violet Z, Maya M, Ella A, Lisa K, Ella VV

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Offering will be received for the GEMS Girls Club. GEMS is an acronym for Girls Everywhere Meeting the Savior. Their vision is to see girls around the world actively and enthusiastically expressing love for God and others—girls equipped, motivated, and passionately engaged in living out their faith. Their mission is to bring girls everywhere into a living, dynamic relationship with Jesus Christ. GEMS was founded on the principles defined in Titus 2, to help women show girls how to live God-honoring lives.

Here at First CRC, GEMS is led by women who are members of First church for girls in 2<sup>nd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade from First church and from the community. For more information, visit [www.gemsgc.org](http://www.gemsgc.org).

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