

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
May 8, 2022 – 10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Call to Worship: *Isaiah 12:4-6*

*And you will say in that day: Give thanks to the LORD, call upon his name,
make known his deeds among the peoples, proclaim that his name is exalted.*

“Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously;

let this be made known in all the earth.

Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion,

for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.”

God’s Greeting

Be Exalted, O God

I will give thanks to Thee, O Lord, among the people.

I will sing praises to Thee among the nations.

For Thy steadfast love is great, is great to the heavens;

And Thy faithfulness, Thy faithfulness to the clouds.

Be exalted, O God, above the heavens; let Thy glory be over all the earth.

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The Love of God

The love of God is greater far than tongue or pen can ever tell;

It goes beyond the highest star, and reaches to the lowest hell;

The guilty pair, bowed down with care, God gave His Son to win;

His erring child He reconciled, and pardoned from his sin.

Refrain: O love of God, how rich and pure! How measureless and strong!

It shall for evermore endure the saints’ and angels’ song.

Could we with ink the ocean fill, and were the skies of parchment made,

Were every stalk on earth a quill, and every man a scribe by trade,

To write the love of God above, would drain the ocean dry.

Nor could the scroll contain the whole, though stretched from sky to sky. *Refrain*

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God of Grace

God of grace, amazing wonder, irresistible and free;

Oh, the miracle of mercy, Jesus reaches down to me.

God of grace, I stand in wonder, as my God restores my soul.

His own blood has paid my ransom; awesome cost to make me whole.

God of grace, who loved and knew me long before the world began;

Sent my Savior down from heaven; perfect God and perfect man.

God of grace, I trust in Jesus; I’m accepted as His own.

Every day new grace sustains me, as I lean on Him alone.

God of grace, I stand astounded, cleansed forgiven and secure.

All my fears are now confounded and my hope is ever sure.

God of grace, now crowned in glory, where one day I’ll see Your face;

And forever I’ll adore You in Your everlasting grace.

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Call to Confession: *Isaiah 55:6-7*

“Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near;

let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts;

let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him,

and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

Prayer of Confession

Assurance and Mother's Day Litany: *Philippians 4:4-9*

Mother: Rejoice in the Lord always, I will say it again: Rejoice!
Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near.

Daughter: *Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer, and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.*

All: And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Daughter: *Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable – if anything is excellent or praiseworthy –*

Mother: Think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me – put into practice.

All: And the God of peace will be with you.

Offertory Prayer

Offering: Christian School Tuition Assistance

Offertory Ministry of Music: *You Are My All in All*

Yet Not I, But Through Christ in Me

What gift of grace is Jesus, my redeemer.
There is no more for heaven now to give.
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom,
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace.
To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus.
For my life is wholly bound to his.
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing: all is mine!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

The night is dark, but I am not forsaken,
For by my side, the Savior, He will stay.
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing,
For in my need, His power is displayed.
To this I hold: my Shepherd will defend me.
Through the deepest valley He will lead.
Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

With every breath I long to follow Jesus,
For He has said that He will bring me home.
And day by day I know He will renew me,
Until I stand with joy before the throne.
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus,
All the glory evermore to Him!
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat:
Yet not I, but through Christ in me!
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Morning Prayer

Scripture: *I Samuel 1 (selected verses)*

¹ There was a certain man.... whose name was Elkanah. ... ² He had two wives. The name of the one was Hannah, and the name of the other, Peninnah. And Peninnah had children, but Hannah had no children. ³ Now this man used to go up year by year from his city to worship and to sacrifice to the Lord of hosts at Shiloh, On the day when Elkanah sacrificed, he would give portions to Peninnah his wife and to all her sons and daughters. ⁵ But to Hannah he gave a double portion, because he loved her, though the Lord had closed her womb. ⁶ And her rival used to provoke her grievously to irritate her, because the Lord had closed her womb. ⁷ So it went on year by year. As often as she went up to the house of the Lord, she used to provoke her. Therefore Hannah wept and would not eat. ...

⁹ After they had eaten and drunk in Shiloh, Hannah rose. Now Eli the priest was sitting on the seat beside the doorpost of the temple of the Lord. ¹⁰ She was deeply distressed and prayed to the Lord and wept bitterly. ¹¹ And she vowed a vow and said, "O Lord of hosts, if you will indeed look on the affliction of your servant and remember me and not forget your servant, but will give to your servant a son, then I will give him to the Lord all the days of his life, and no razor shall touch his head." ¹² As she continued praying before the Lord, Eli observed her mouth. ¹³ Hannah was speaking in her heart; only her lips moved, and her voice was not heard. Therefore Eli took her to be a drunken woman. ¹⁴ And Eli said to her, "How long will you go on being drunk? Put your wine away from you." ¹⁵ But Hannah answered, "No, my lord, I am a woman troubled in spirit. I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but I have been pouring out my soul before the Lord. ¹⁶ Do not regard your servant as a worthless woman, for all along I have been speaking out of my great anxiety and vexation." ¹⁷ Then Eli answered, "Go in peace, and the God of Israel grant your petition that you have made to him." ¹⁸ And she said, "Let your servant find favor in your eyes." Then the woman went her way and ate, and her face was no longer sad.

... ²⁰ In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son, and she called his name Samuel, for she said, "I have asked for him from the Lord." ... ²⁴ And when she had weaned him, ... they brought the child to Eli. ²⁶ And she said, "Oh, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who was standing here in your presence, praying to the Lord. ²⁷ For this child I prayed, and the Lord has granted me my petition that I made to him. ²⁸ Therefore I have lent him to the Lord. As long as he lives, he is lent to the Lord." And he worshiped the Lord there.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: *The Power of a Praying Woman*

When Peace Like a River

When peace like a river attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll—
Whatever my lot, Thou has taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul.
It is well, with my soul, it is well, it is well, with my soul.

My sin, O the joy of this glorious thought,
My sin, not in part, but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more:
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
It is well, with my soul, it is well, it is well, with my soul.

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God's Blessing

When Peace Like a River

O, Lord haste the day when my faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll:
The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend,
Even so it is well with my soul.
It is well, with my soul, it is well, it is well, with my soul.

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Pastor: Robert W

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Offering will be received for Christian School Tuition Assistance. Christian School Assistance is used to help cover tuition cost of First church families who send their children to Christian schools.

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