

# First Christian Reformed Church

Lynden, Washington

July 3, 2022 – 6:00 p.m. Worship Service

**Call to Worship:** *Psalm 57:9-10*

*I will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples;*

*I will sing praises to you among the nations.*

*For your steadfast love is great to the heavens,*

*your faithfulness to the clouds.*

## Opening Prayer

### *How Deep the Father's Love for Us*

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure  
That He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure.  
How great the pain of searing loss. The Father turns His face away.  
As wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.

Behold the Man upon the cross, my sin upon His shoulders.  
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.  
It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished;  
His dying breath has brought me life. I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything; no gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom.  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ: His death and resurrection.  
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer.  
But this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ransom.

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### *I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord*

I love Thy kingdom, Lord, the house of Thine abode,  
The Church our blest Redeemer saved with His own precious blood.

I love Thy Church, O God! Her walls before Thee stand,  
Dear as the apple of Thine eye, and graven on Thy hand.

Sure as Thy truth shall last, to Zion shall be given  
The brightest glories earth can yield, and brighter bliss of heaven.

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### *Change My Heart, O God*

Change my heart, O God, make it ever true.  
Change my heart, O God, may I be like You.

You are the Potter, I am the clay;  
Mold me and make me, this is what I pray.  
Change my heart, O God, make it ever true.  
Change my heart, O God, may I be like You. *Repeat*

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### **Profession of Faith:** Lord's Day 32 Q&A 86

We have been delivered from our misery by God's grace alone through Christ  
and not because we have earned it: why then must we still do good?

**To be sure, Christ has redeemed us by his blood.**

**But we do good because Christ by his Spirit is also renewing us to be like himself,  
so that in all our living we may show that we are thankful to God for all he has done for us,  
and so that he may be praised through us.**

**And we do good so that we may be assured of our faith by its fruits,  
and so that by our godly living our neighbors may be won over to Christ.**

**Offering:** Christian School Tuition Assistance

## Evening Prayer

### *This is My Father's World*

This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears;  
All nature sings and round me rings the music of the spheres.  
This is my Father's world; I rest me in the thought  
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world; the birds their carols raise.  
The morning light, the lily white, declare their Maker's praise;  
This is my Father's world; he shines in all that's fair;  
In the rustling grass I hear Him pass, he speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world, O let me ne'er forget  
That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Ruler yet.  
This is my Father's world; the battle is not done;  
Jesus, who died, shall be satisfied, and earth and heaven be one.

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### **Scripture:** *Ecclesiastes 8:1-9 (ESV)*

<sup>1</sup> Who is like the wise? And who knows the interpretation of a thing?  
A man's wisdom makes his face shine, and the hardness of his face is changed.  
<sup>2</sup> I say: Keep the king's command, because of God's oath to him. <sup>3</sup> Be not hasty to go from his presence.  
Do not take your stand in an evil cause, for he does whatever he pleases. <sup>4</sup> For the word of the king is  
supreme, and who may say to him, "What are you doing?" <sup>5</sup> Whoever keeps a command will know no evil  
thing, and the wise heart will know the proper time and the just way. <sup>6</sup> For there is a time and a way for  
everything, although man's trouble lies heavy on him. <sup>7</sup> For he does not know what is to be, for who can  
tell him how it will be? <sup>8</sup> No man has power to retain the spirit, or power over the day of death. There is  
no discharge from war, nor will wickedness deliver those who are given to it. <sup>9</sup> All this I observed while  
applying my heart to all that is done under the sun, when man had power over man to his hurt.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Message:** *Wisdom for Relating to Authority*

#### *Have Thine Own Way, Lord*

Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way! Thou art the potter, I am the clay!  
Mold me and make me after Thy will, while I am waiting, yielded and still.

Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way! Search me and try me, Master, today!  
Open mine eyes, my sin show me now, as in thy presence humbly I bow.

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## God's Blessing

#### *Have Thine Own Way, Lord*

Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way! Wounded and weary, help me, I pray!  
Power – all power – surely is Thine! Touch me and heal me, Savior divine!

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