

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
July 24, 2022 – 10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Call to Worship: *Isaiah 2:3, 5*

*“Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the temple of the God of Jacob.
He will teach us his ways, so that we may walk in his paths.”
O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD.*

God’s Greeting

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

I sing the mighty power of God, that made the mountains rise;
That spread the flowing seas abroad, and built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;
The moon shines full at His command, and all the stars obey.

There's not a plant or flower below but makes Thy glories known,
And clouds arise and tempests blow, by order from Thy throne.
While all that borrows life from Thee is ever in Thy care;
And everywhere that man can be, Thou, God, art present there.

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Wonderful, Merciful Savior

Wonderful, merciful Savior, Precious Redeemer and Friend;
Who would have thought that a Lamb could rescue the souls of men? Oh, You rescue the souls of men.

Refrain: You are the One that we praise, You are the One we adore.
You give the healing and grace our hearts always hunger for, oh, our hearts always hunger for.

Counselor, Comforter, Keeper, Spirit we long to embrace;
You offer hope when our hearts have hopelessly lost the way, oh, we hopelessly lost the way. *Refrain*

Almighty, infinite Father, faithfully loving Your own;
Here in our weakness You find us falling before Your throne, oh, we're falling before Your throne. *Refrain*

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Call to Confession: *Psalms 130:1-4*

*Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD! O Lord, hear my voice!
Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy!
If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?
But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared.*

Prayer of Confession

Assurance: *His Mercy Is More*

What love could remember no wrongs we have done?
Omniscient, all-knowing, He counts not their sum.
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore,
Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more.

What patience would wait as we constantly roam?
What Father, so tender, is calling us home?
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor.
Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more.

What riches of kindness He lavished on us.
His blood was the payment, His life was the cost.
We stood ‘neath a debt we could never afford.
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.

Refrain: Praise the Lord, His mercy is more.
Stronger than darkness, new every morn.
Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more. *Repeat Refrain*

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Baptism, Profession of Faith, and Reaffirmation of Faith

Offertory Prayer

Offering: Gideons

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

Morning Prayer

Scripture: *Acts 22:30 – 23:11 (ESV)*

³⁰ *But on the next day, desiring to know the real reason why he was being accused by the Jews, he unbound him and commanded the chief priests and all the council to meet, and he brought Paul down and set him before them.*

^{23:1} *And looking intently at the council, Paul said, “Brothers, I have lived my life before God in all good conscience up to this day.”* ² *And the high priest Ananias commanded those who stood by him to strike him on the mouth.* ³ *Then Paul said to him, “God is going to strike you, you whitewashed wall! Are you sitting to judge me according to the law, and yet contrary to the law you order me to be struck?”* ⁴ *Those who stood by said, “Would you revile God’s high priest?”* ⁵ *And Paul said, “I did not know, brothers, that he was the high priest, for it is written, ‘You shall not speak evil of a ruler of your people.’”*

⁶ *Now when Paul perceived that one part were Sadducees and the other Pharisees, he cried out in the council, “Brothers, I am a Pharisee, a son of Pharisees. It is with respect to the hope and the resurrection of the dead that I am on trial.”* ⁷ *And when he had said this, a dissension arose between the Pharisees and the Sadducees, and the assembly was divided.* ⁸ *For the Sadducees say that there is no resurrection, nor angel, nor spirit, but the Pharisees acknowledge them all.* ⁹ *Then a great clamor arose, and some of the scribes of the Pharisees’ party stood up and contended sharply, “We find nothing wrong in this man. What if a spirit or an angel spoke to him?”* ¹⁰ *And when the dissension became violent, the tribune, afraid that Paul would be torn to pieces by them, commanded the soldiers to go down and take him away from among them by force and bring him into the barracks.*

¹¹ *The following night the Lord stood by him and said, “Take courage, for as you have testified to the facts about me in Jerusalem, so you must testify also in Rome.”*

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: *Paul Before the Council and God*

When We Walk With the Lord

When we walk with the Lord in the light of his Word, what a glory he sheds on our way!

While we do his good will he abides with us still, and with all who will trust and obey.

Refrain: Trust and obey, for there’s no other way
To be happy in Jesus but to trust and obey.

Then in fellowship sweet we will sit at his feet, or we’ll walk by his side in the way;

What he says we will do, where he sends we will go, never fear, only trust and obey. *Refrain*

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God’s Blessing

He is Lord

He is Lord, he is Lord, He is risen from the dead, and he is Lord!

Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

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Pastors: Mike B, Robert W
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Music: Carol H, Sara K, Mike S, Nancy Z

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