

**First Christian Reformed Church**  
Lynden, Washington  
August 7, 2022 – 6:00 p.m. Worship Service

**Call to Worship:** *Romans 11:33, 36*

*O the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!  
How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!  
For from him and through him and to him are all things.  
To him be the glory forever. Amen.*

**Opening Prayer**

***Immortal, Invisible, God only Wise***

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days.  
Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,  
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;  
All praise we would render: O help us to see  
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee.

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***My Jesus, I Love Thee***

My Jesus, I love Thee, I know Thou art mine;  
For Thee all the follies of sin I resign;  
My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art Thou:  
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I love Thee because Thou hast first loved me,  
And purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree;  
I love Thee for wearing the thorns on Thy brow:  
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I'll love Thee in life, I will love Thee in death,  
And praise Thee as long as Thou lendest me breath;  
And say when the death-dew lies cold on my brow:  
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

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***Leaning on the Everlasting Arms***

What a fellowship, what a joy divine,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms;  
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

*Refrain:* Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;  
Leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

What have I to dread, what have I to fear,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms?  
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms. *Refrain*

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**Profession of Faith:**

**Almighty and loving God,**  
**we confess that we put our trust in our own wisdom and our strength.**  
**We have placed our agendas, our desires ahead of yours.**  
**By the Holy Spirit's power, help us to know you, the only true God,**  
**as you have revealed yourself in your Word,**  
**to trust in you alone, to look to you for every good thing, humbly and patiently,**  
**and to love, fear, and honor you with all our hearts.**

**Offering:** Benevolence

## Evening Prayer

### *O Master Let Me Walk With Thee*

O Master, let me walk with Thee in lowly paths of service free;  
Tell me Thy secret – help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.

Teach me thy patience; still with thee in closer, dearer company,  
In work that keeps faith sweet and strong, in trust that triumphs over wrong.

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### **Scripture:** *Ecclesiastes 10:1-20 (ESV)*

- <sup>1</sup> *Dead flies make the perfumer's ointment give off a stench;  
so a little folly outweighs wisdom and honor.*
- <sup>2</sup> *A wise man's heart inclines him to the right,  
but a fool's heart to the left.*
- <sup>3</sup> *Even when the fool walks on the road, he lacks sense,  
and he says to everyone that he is a fool.*
- <sup>4</sup> *If the anger of the ruler rises against you, do not leave  
your place, for calmness will lay great offenses to rest.*
- <sup>5</sup> *There is an evil that I have seen under the sun, as it were an error proceeding from the ruler:*
- <sup>6</sup> *folly is set in many high places, and the rich sit in a low place. <sup>7</sup>I have seen slaves on horses,  
and princes walking on the ground like slaves.*
- <sup>8</sup> *He who digs a pit will fall into it,  
and a serpent will bite him who breaks through a wall.*
- <sup>9</sup> *He who quarries stones is hurt by them,  
and he who splits logs is endangered by them.*
- <sup>10</sup> *If the iron is blunt, and one does not sharpen the edge,  
he must use more strength, but wisdom helps one to succeed.*
- <sup>11</sup> *If the serpent bites before it is charmed,  
there is no advantage to the charmer.*
- <sup>12</sup> *The words of a wise man's mouth win him favor,  
but the lips of a fool consume him.*
- <sup>13</sup> *The beginning of the words of his mouth is foolishness,  
and the end of his talk is evil madness.*
- <sup>14</sup> *A fool multiplies words, though no man knows what is to be,  
and who can tell him what will be after him?*
- <sup>15</sup> *The toil of a fool wearies him,  
for he does not know the way to the city.*
- <sup>16</sup> *Woe to you, O land, when your king is a child,  
and your princes feast in the morning!*
- <sup>17</sup> *Happy are you, O land, when your king is the son  
of the nobility, and your princes feast at the proper time,  
for strength, and not for drunkenness!*
- <sup>18</sup> *Through sloth the roof sinks in,  
and through indolence the house leaks.*
- <sup>19</sup> *Bread is made for laughter, and wine gladdens life,  
and money answers everything.*
- <sup>20</sup> *Even in your thoughts, do not curse the king,  
nor in your bedroom curse the rich,  
for a bird of the air will carry your voice,  
or some winged creature tell the matter.*

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Message:** *Wisdom, Folly, Rulers*

***Be Thou My Vision***

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;  
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art,  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my Wisdom and Thou my true Word;  
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;  
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son,  
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

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**God's Blessing**

***Be Thou My Vision***

High King of heaven, my victory won,  
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

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