

**First Christian Reformed Church**  
Lynden, Washington  
August 21, 2022 – 10:30 a.m. Worship Service

**Call to Worship:** *Psalm 84:1-2, 10*

*How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!  
My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the Lord;  
my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.  
For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.*

**God's Greeting**

***A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*** #469:1,3,4 (PH)

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;  
Our helper he, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.  
For still our ancient foe does seek to work us woe;  
His craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hate,  
On earth is not his equal.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,  
We will not fear, for God has willed His truth to triumph through us.  
The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him;  
His rage we can endure, for lo! his doom is sure;  
One little word shall fell him.

That Word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them – abideth;  
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sideth.  
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;  
The body they may kill: God's truth abideth still;  
His kingdom is forever.

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**\* *Great Is the LORD Our God*** #48:1,2,3 (PH)

Great is the LORD our God, and greatly to be praised.  
Upon a hill God's city stands in glorious beauty raised,  
His holy mountain high, the city of our King,  
The joy of all the earth below. in praise of God we sing.

God makes his city strong by living in her halls.  
When kings join forces and advance, they marvel at her walls.  
God scatters those around whose pride makes them so sure.  
As we have heard, so have we seen: God's city is secure.

Within your temple, Lord, in your most holy place,  
We on your loving-kindness dwell, the wonders of your grace.  
Your people sing your praise where'er your name is known.  
By every deed your hand has done your righteousness is shown.

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***Man of Sorrows! What a Name*** #482:1,2,4 (PH)

"Man of Sorrows!" What a name for the Son of God who came;  
Ruined sinners to reclaim, hallelujah, what a Savior!

Bearing shame and scoffing rude, in my place condemned He stood;  
Sealed my pardon with His blood, hallelujah, what a Savior!

He was lifted up to die; "It is finished" was His cry;  
Now in heaven exalted high; hallelujah, what a Savior!

("Man of Sorrows – What a Name" text and tune Philipp P. Bliss, 1875, alt., CCLI #358926, Streaming #20317932)

**Call to Confession:** *John 15:9-12*

*As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full. "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.*

**Prayer of Confession**

**Assurance of Pardon:** *Jonah 2:7-9*

*When my life was fainting away, I remembered the LORD,  
and my prayer came to you, into your holy temple.  
Those who pay regard to vain idols  
forsake their hope of steadfast love.  
But I with the voice of thanksgiving will sacrifice to you;  
what I have vowed I will pay.  
Salvation belongs to the LORD!"*

**How Blest Are They Whose Trespass** #32:1,2,3 (PH)

How blest are they whose trespass has freely been forgiven,  
Whose sins are wholly covered before the sight of heaven.  
Blest they to whom the LORD God does not impute their sin,  
Who have a guileless spirit, whose heart is true within.

While I kept guilty silence, my strength was spent with grief:  
Your hand was heavy on me; my soul found no relief.  
But when I owned my trespass and did not hide my sin,  
Then you forgave my guilt, LORD, restored my life within.

So let the godly seek you in times when you are near;  
No whelming floods shall reach them or cause their hearts to fear.  
O LORD, you are my refuge, you are my hiding place,  
And you surround me always with songs of saving grace.

("How Blest Are They Whose Trespasses" text Psalm 32, music Chretien Urhan, 1834, arr. Edward F. Rimbault, 1867, CCLI #358926, Streaming License 20317932)

**Offertory Prayer**

**Offering:** Kidstown International – Snehakunja Home

**Morning Prayer**

**Scripture:** *Romans 15:5-6 (NKJV)*

<sup>5</sup> Now may the God of patience and comfort grant you to be like-minded toward one another, according to Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> that you may with one mind and one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Message:** *The Uniqueness of Christian Unity*

***Our Church***

Here we are now, a crowd assembled,  
Peace like incense fills the air.  
Men and women, the sounds of children,  
Young and old have come to share.  
In the beauty of this place,  
We have gathered by His grace.

*Refrain:* This is our church, our family of faith,  
On this Holy ground we're all the same.  
And we are the joy of God on display  
Whenever we meet in Jesus' Name.  
Whenever we meet in Jesus' Name.

Walls are falling, hearts disarming  
As his presence ushers in.  
Waves of mercy fill the building  
As His Spirit stirs within.  
In the beauty of this place,  
We have gathered by His grace. *Refrain*

From the suburbs to the streets  
We have gathered to receive.  
Some with plenty, some with need,  
Cause we are a family, His family. *Refrain*

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**God's Blessing**

***Rise Up, O Church of God***

Rise up, O church of God! Have done with lesser things;  
Give heart and mind and soul and strength  
To serve the King of kings.

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