

**First Christian Reformed Church**  
Lynden, Washington  
September 11, 2022 – 10:30 a.m. Worship Service

**Call to Worship: Psalm 100**

*Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!*

***Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!***

*Know that the LORD, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his;*

***we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.***

*Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name!*

***For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.***

**God's Greeting**

***Blessed Assurance***

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine!

Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

*Refrain:* This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;

This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

Joyful confession: I am his own! Following Jesus, I'm never alone.

Born of his Spirit, I am restored, challenged to serve my Savior and Lord. *Refrain*

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***In Christ Alone***

In Christ alone, my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song,

This Cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.

What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease.

My Comforter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ, I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God, in helpless Babe.

This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save.

'Til on the cross, as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied.

For ev'ry sin on Him was laid, here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, light of the world by darkness slain.

Then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave He rose again.

And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me,

For I am His and He is mine. Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ in me.

From life's first cry, to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.

No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from His hand.

'Til He returns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

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**Call to Confession: Exodus 20:1-17 (ESV)**

*And God spoke all these words, saying, "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. "You shall have no other gods before me.*

*"You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.*

*"You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.*

*"Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.*

***"Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.***

***You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery.***

***You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.***

***You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's."***

## Prayer of Confession

**Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden—  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, so that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## Assurance of Pardon: *Isaiah 53:4-6*

*Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.  
But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that  
brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every  
one—to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.*

## Amazing Grace

Amazing grace how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me.  
I once was lost, but now I'm found was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear and grace my fears relieved.  
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.

*Refrain:* My chains are gone, I've been set free. My God, my Savior has ransomed me,  
And like a flood His mercy rains, unending love, amazing grace.

The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures.  
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures. *Refrain*

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow, the sun forbear to shine.  
But God, who called me here below, will be forever mine.  
Will be forever mine. You are forever mine.

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## Offertory Prayer

**Offering:** Steve & Sandy

## Morning Prayer

**Scripture:** *Matthew 16:24 (ESV)*

*Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.*

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Message:** *The Cost of Discipleship*

## Onward, Christian Soldiers

Onward, Christian soldiers, marching as to war, with the cross of Jesus going on before.  
Christ, the royal master, leads against the foe; forward into battle see his banners go!

*Refrain:* Onward, Christian soldiers, marching as to war, with the cross of Jesus going on before.

Like a mighty army moves the church of God; let us boldly follow where the saints have trod.  
We are not divided; all one body we one in hope and doctrine, one in charity. *Refrain*

Crowns and thrones may perish, kingdoms rise and wane, but the church of Jesus constant will remain;  
Gates of hell can never 'gainst that church prevail. We have Christ's own promise, and that cannot fail. *Refrain*

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## God's Blessing

### Onward, Christian Soldiers

Onward, then, O people, join our happy throng: blend with ours your voices in the triumph song.  
Glory, laud, and honor unto Christ the King, we through countless ages with the angels sing.

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Offering: Steve & Sandy serve in Canada ministering to a people group from northeastern Africa. Their focus is building relationships with people to open opportunities to present the good news of Jesus Christ.