

**First Christian Reformed Church**  
Lynden, Washington  
October 2, 2022 – 6:00 p.m. Worship Service

**Call to Worship:** *Isaiah 61:10; Psalm 62:7*

*Rejoice greatly in the Lord; let your soul exult in your God, for He has clothed you with the garments of salvation; He has covered you with the robe of righteousness.  
On God rests my salvation and my glory; my mighty rock, my refuge is God.*

**Opening Prayer**

***My Soul Finds Rest In God Alone***

My soul finds rest in God alone; on Him my help depends.  
He is my fortress and my rock; salvation sure He sends.  
My foes conspire to bring me down; they scorn my troubled state.  
Their lips are quick to sound my praise, but in their hearts they hate.

Find rest, my soul in God alone; on Him my hope depends.  
He is my fortress and my rock; salvation sure He sends.  
My aid and honor come from God, my refuge strong and sure.  
Let all God's servants trust the Lord; in Him we are secure.

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***What a Friend We Have in Jesus***

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!  
O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear,  
All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged – take it to the Lord in prayer!  
Can we find a friend so faithful, who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our every weakness – take it to the Lord in prayer!

Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Savior, still our refuge – take it to the Lord in prayer!  
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!  
In His arms He'll take and shield thee – Thou wilt find a solace there.

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***Grace Greater than Our Sin***

Marvelous grace of our loving Lord, grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt!  
Yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured – there where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.

*Refrain:* Grace, grace God's grace, grace that will pardon and cleanse within;  
Grace, grace, God's grace, grace that is greater than all our sin!

Sin and despair, like the sea waves cold, threaten the soul with infinite loss:  
Grace, that is greater – yes grace untold – points to the Refuge, the mighty Cross. *Refrain*

Marvelous, infinite, matchless grace, freely bestowed on all who believe!  
You that are longing to see His face, will you this moment His grace receive? *Refrain*

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**Profession of Faith:** Belgic Confession, Article 1

What do you believe about God?

**We all believe in our hearts and confess with our mouths  
that there is a single and simple spiritual being, whom we call God –  
eternal, incomprehensible, invisible, unchangeable, infinite, almighty;  
completely wise, just, and good, and the overflowing source of all good.**

**Offering:** Christian School Tuition Assistance

**Evening Prayer**

## **Lord, Speak to Me**

Lord, speak to me that I may speak in living echoes of Thy tone.  
As Thou hast sought, so let me seek Thy erring children lost and lone.

O teach me, Lord, that I may teach the precious things Thou dost impart;  
And wing my words, that they may reach the hidden depths of many a heart.

O fill me with Thy fullness, Lord, until my very heart o'erflow  
In kindling thought and glowing word, Thy love to tell, Thy praise to show.

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## **Scripture: Romans 8:18-25 (NKJV)**

<sup>18</sup> For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. <sup>19</sup> For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God. <sup>20</sup> For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it in hope; <sup>21</sup> because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. <sup>22</sup> For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now. <sup>23</sup> Not only that, but we also who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body. <sup>24</sup> For we were saved in this hope, but hope that is seen is not hope; for why does one still hope for what he sees? <sup>25</sup> But if we hope for what we do not see, we eagerly wait for it with perseverance.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Message: A Pauline Postscript to Ecclesiastes**

### **The Solid Rock**

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

*Refrain:* On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand,  
All other ground is sinking sand.

His oath, His covenant, His blood, support me in the whelming flood;  
When all around my soul gives way, He then is all my hope and stay. *Refrain*

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## **God's Blessing**

### **Go Now in Peace**

Go now in peace, though friends must part, Your presence lives in every heart.  
Your gifts to us no words can tell: go now in peace, in Christ go well.

Go now in hope, and hopeful stay, though shadowed valleys hide your way;  
Through good and evil, joy and pain, with God, in Spirit, you remain.

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