

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
October 16, 2022 – 10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Call to Worship: *Psalm 113:1-3*

*Hallelujah! Servants of God, praise, praise the name of the Lord.
Bless the Lord's name now and always.
Praise the Lord's name here and in every place from east to west.*

God's Greeting

We Sing the Greatness of Our God

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

We sing the goodness of the Lord that filled the earth with food;
He formed the creatures with His word and then pronounced them good.
Lord, how Thy wonders are displayed where'er we turn our eyes:
In every season of the year, and through the changing skies.

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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Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of His grace!

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad, the honors of your name.

To God all glory, praise and love be now and ever given
By saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heaven.

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O God, You Are My God

O God, You are my God, and I will ever praise You!
O God, You are my God, and I will ever praise You!
I will seek You in the morning, and I will learn to walk in Your ways;
And step by step You'll lead me, and I will follow You all of my days. *Repeat All*

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Call to Confession: Heidelberg Catechism Q & A 56

What do you believe concerning "the forgiveness of sins"?

**I believe that God, because of Christ's atonement, will never hold against me
any of my sins nor my sinful nature which I need to struggle against all my life.
Rather, in his grace God grants me the righteousness of Christ to free me forever from judgment.**

Prayer of Confession

Assurance: *John 20:21-23*

*And Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you."
And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins,
they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."*

Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)

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: Friend of Sinners Reformed Church

Morning Prayer

Lord, We Hear Your Word with Gladness

Lord, we hear your word with gladness: You have spoken, we rejoice:
Words of love and life and freedom help us make their truth our choice!
Now in holy celebration for your Word we worship you;
Spoken, written, known in Jesus, ours today to prove anew.

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Scripture: *Acts 27:1-12*

¹And when it was decided that we should sail for Italy, they delivered Paul and some other prisoners to a centurion of the Augustan Cohort named Julius. ²And embarking in a ship of Adramyttium, which was about to sail to the ports along the coast of Asia, we put to sea, accompanied by Aristarchus, a Macedonian from Thessalonica. ³The next day we put in at Sidon. And Julius treated Paul kindly and gave him leave to go to his friends and be cared for. ⁴And putting out to sea from there we sailed under the lee of Cyprus, because the winds were against us. ⁵And when we had sailed across the open sea along the coast of Cilicia and Pamphylia, we came to Myra in Lycia. ⁶There the centurion found a ship of Alexandria sailing for Italy and put us on board. ⁷We sailed slowly for a number of days and arrived with difficulty off Cnidus, and as the wind did not allow us to go farther, we sailed under the lee of Crete off Salmone. ⁸Coasting along it with difficulty, we came to a place called Fair Havens, near which was the city of Lasea. ⁹Since much time had passed, and the voyage was now dangerous because even the Fast was already over, Paul advised them, ¹⁰saying, "Sirs, I perceive that the voyage will be with injury and much loss, not only of the cargo and the ship, but also of our lives." ¹¹But the centurion paid more attention to the pilot and to the owner of the ship than to what Paul said. ¹²And because the harbor was not suitable to spend the winter in, the majority decided to put out to sea from there, on the chance that somehow they could reach Phoenix, a harbor of Crete, facing both southwest and northwest, and spend the winter there.

This is the Word of Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: *Paul's Mediterranean Cruise*

More About Jesus

More about Jesus would I know, more of His grace to others show;
More of His saving fullness see, more of His love who died for me. *Refrain*

Refrain: More, more, about Jesus, more, more about Jesus;
More of His saving fullness see, more of His love who died for me.

More about Jesus let me learn, more of His holy will discern;
Spirit of God, my teacher be, showing the things of Christ to me. *Refrain*

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God's Blessing

My Friends, May You Grow in Grace

My friends, may you grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior.

My friends, may you grow in grace and in the knowledge of Jesus Christ.

To God be the glory, now and forever, now and forever, amen.

To God be the glory, now and forever, now and forever, amen.

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