

**First Christian Reformed Church**  
Lynden, Washington  
October 23, 2022 – 10:30 a.m. Worship Service

**Call to Worship: *Come, Let Us Worship and Bow Down***

Come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our God, our Maker.  
Come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our God, our Maker.  
For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture,  
And the sheep of his hand, just the sheep of his hand.

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**God's Greeting**

***Here I Am to Worship***

Light of the world, You stepped down into darkness, opened my eyes let me see.  
Beauty that made this heart adore You, hope of a life spent with You.

*Refrain:* So here I am to worship, here I am to bow down, here I am to say that You're my God.  
You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy, altogether wonderful to me.

King of all days, oh so highly exalted, glorious in heaven above.  
Humbly You came to the earth You created, all for love's sake became poor. *Refrain*

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***Stronger***

There is Love, that came for us. Humbled to a sinner's cross.  
You broke my shame, and sinfulness. You rose again, victorious.

Faithfulness none can deny. Through the storm, and through the fire.  
There is truth that sets me free, Jesus Christ who lives in me.

*Refrain:* You are stronger, You are stronger. Sin is broken, You have saved me.  
It is written, Christ is risen. Jesus, You are Lord of all.

No beginning, and no end. You're my hope, and my defense.  
You came to seek, and save the lost. You paid it all, upon the cross. *Refrain*

So let Your name be lifted higher, be lifted higher, be lifted higher.  
So let Your name be lifted higher, be lifted higher, be lifted higher. *Refrain*

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***What a Beautiful Name***

You were the Word at the beginning, one with God, the Lord Most High.  
Your hidden glory in creation, now revealed in You our Christ.  
What a beautiful Name it is, what a beautiful Name it is, the Name of Jesus Christ, my King.  
What a beautiful Name it is, nothing compares to this, what a beautiful Name it is, the Name of Jesus.

You didn't want heaven without us, so Jesus, You brought heaven down.  
My sin was great, Your love was greater, what could separate us now  
What a wonderful Name it is, what a wonderful Name it is, the Name of Jesus Christ, my King.  
What a wonderful Name it is, nothing compares to this, what a wonderful Name it is, the Name of Jesus.

Death could not hold You, the veil tore before You, You silence the boast of sin and grave.  
The heavens are roaring the praise of Your glory for You are raised to life again.  
You have no rival, You have no equal now and forever God, You reign.  
Yours is the kingdom, Yours is the glory, Yours is the Name above all names.

What a powerful Name it is, what a powerful Name it is, the Name of Jesus Christ, my King.  
What a powerful Name it is, nothing can stand against,  
What a powerful Name it is, the Name of Jesus.  
What a powerful Name it is, the Name of Jesus.

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**Call to Confession:** *Psalm 32:1-5*

*Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.  
Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.  
For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.  
For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.  
I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity;  
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.*

**Prayer of Confession**

**Assurance:** *Isaiah 55:6-7*

*"Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near;  
let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts;  
let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.*

**Come to the Savior Now**

Come to the Savior now, he gently calls to you;  
In true repentance bow, let him your heart renew.  
Christ came that you may know salvation, peace and love,  
True joy on earth below, a home in heaven above.

Come to the Savior, all, whate'er your burdens be;  
Hear now his loving call, "Cast all your care on me."  
Come, and for every grief, in Jesus you will find  
A sure and safe relief, a loving friend and kind.

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**Offertory Prayer**

**Offering:** Building the Future

**Offertory Ministry of Music:** *His Eye Is on the Sparrow*

**Morning Prayer**

**Speak, O Lord**

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You, to receive the food of Your holy Word.  
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and fashion us in Your likeness,  
That the light of Christ might be seen today, in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.  
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all Your purposes for Your glory.

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**Scripture:** *Acts 27:13-26*

<sup>13</sup> Now when the south wind blew gently, supposing that they had obtained their purpose, they weighed anchor and sailed along Crete, close to the shore. <sup>14</sup> But soon a tempestuous wind, called the northeaster, struck down from the land. <sup>15</sup> And when the ship was caught and could not face the wind, we gave way to it and were driven along. <sup>16</sup> Running under the lee of a small island called Cauda, we managed with difficulty to secure the ship's boat. <sup>17</sup> After hoisting it up, they used supports to undergird the ship. Then, fearing that they would run aground on the Syrtis, they lowered the gear, and thus they were driven along. <sup>18</sup> Since we were violently storm-tossed, they began the next day to jettison the cargo. <sup>19</sup> And on the third day they threw the ship's tackle overboard with their own hands. <sup>20</sup> When neither sun nor stars appeared for many days, and no small tempest lay on us, all hope of our being saved was at last abandoned. <sup>21</sup> Since they had been without food for a long time, Paul stood up among them and said, "Men, you should have listened to me and not have set sail from Crete and incurred this injury and loss.

<sup>22</sup> Yet now I urge you to take heart, for there will be no loss of life among you, but only of the ship. <sup>23</sup> For this very night there stood before me an angel of the God to whom I belong and whom I worship, <sup>24</sup> and he said, 'Do not be afraid, Paul; you must stand before Caesar. And behold, God has granted you all those who sail with you.' <sup>25</sup> So take heart, men, for I have faith in God that it will be exactly as I have been told. <sup>26</sup> But we must run aground on some island."

This is the Word of Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Message:** *Paul's Mediterranean Cruise Nightmare*

### ***He Will Hold Me Fast***

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;  
When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast.  
I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path;  
For my love is often cold; He must hold me fast.

*Refrain:* He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;  
For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

Those He saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast;  
Precious in His holy sight, He will hold me fast.  
He'll not let my soul be lost; His promises shall last;  
Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast. *Refrain*

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### **God's Blessing**

#### ***He Will Hold Me Fast***

For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;  
Justice has been satisfied; He will hold me fast.  
Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast  
Till our faith is turned to sight, when He comes at last!

*Refrain:* He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;  
For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

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