

**First Christian Reformed Church**  
Lynden, Washington  
October 30, 2022 – 6:00 p.m. Worship Service

**Welcome**

***A Mighty Fortress Is Our God***

*God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.*

***Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.***

All Sing:

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 doth seek to work us woe;  
His craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hate, on earth is not his equal.

*There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.*

***God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns.***

All Sing:

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing;  
Were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing.  
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus it is he,  
Lord Sabaoth his name, from age to age the same, and he must win the battle.

*The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter; God speaks and the earth melts.*

***The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.***

*Come, behold the works of the Lord!*

***God makes wars cease to the end of the earth;***

***God breaks the bow, shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.***

All Sing:

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.

*Be still, and know that the Lord is God!*

***God is exalted among the nations; God is exalted in the earth.***

*The Lord of hosts is with us;*

***The God of Jacob is our refuge.***

All Sing:

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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***How Firm a Foundation***

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,  
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!  
What more can He say than to you He hath said,  
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

When through the deep waters I call thee to go,  
The rivers of woe shall not thee overflow;  
For I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,  
And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,  
My grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply:  
The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design  
Thy dross to consume and thy gold to refine.

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**Profession of Faith:** Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 60-61

How are you right with God?

**Only by true faith in Jesus Christ.**

**Even though my conscience accuses me  
of having grievously sinned against all God's commandments  
and of never having kept any of them,  
and even though I am still inclined toward all evil,  
nevertheless, without my deserving it at all, out of sheer grace,  
God grants and credits to me  
the perfect satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ,  
as if I had never sinned nor been a sinner,  
as if I had been as perfectly obedient as Christ was obedient for me.  
All I need to do is to accept this gift of God with a believing heart.**

Why do you say that by faith alone you are right with God?

**It is not because of any value my faith has that God is pleased with me.**

**Only Christ's satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness make me right with God.**

**And I can receive this righteousness and make it mine in no other way than by faith alone.**

***And Can It Be That I Should Gain***

And can it be that I should gain an interest in the Savior's blood?  
Died He for me, who caused His pain? For me, who Him to death pursued?  
Amazing love! How can it be that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me? *Refrain*

*Refrain:* Amazing love! How can it be  
that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me!

He left his Father's throne above, so free, so infinite His grace!  
Emptied Himself of all but love, and bled for Adam's helpless race!  
'Tis mercy all, immense and free, for, O my God, it found out me. *Refrain*

Long my imprisoned spirit lay fast bound in sin and nature's night.  
Thine eye diffuse a quickening ray; I woke – the dungeon flamed with light!  
My chains fell off, my heart was free, I rose, went forth, and followed Thee. *Refrain*

No condemnation now I dread: Jesus, and all in Him, is mine!  
Alive in Him, my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine,  
Bold I approach the eternal throne, and claim the crown, through Christ my own. *Refrain*

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**Offertory Prayer & Offering:** World Renew – Disaster Relief for Hurricane Ian

**Offertory Ministry of Music:** *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

**Scripture:** *Colossians 1:15-23*

<sup>15</sup> He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. <sup>16</sup> For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup> And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup> And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. <sup>19</sup> For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, <sup>20</sup> and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross. <sup>21</sup> And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, <sup>22</sup> he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him, <sup>23</sup> if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Message:** *Christ Alone*

### ***Reformation Hymn***

We will trust God's Word alone, where His perfect will is known;  
Our traditions shift like sand while His Truth forever stands.  
We will live by faith alone, clothed in merit not our own;  
All we claim is Jesus Christ and His finished sacrifice.

*Refrain:* Glory be, glory be to God alone, through the church He redeemed and made His own.  
He has freed us, He will keep us till we're safely home glory be, glory be to God alone!

We are saved by grace alone, undeserved, yet freely shown;  
No accomplishment on earth can achieve the second birth.  
We will stand on Christ alone, the unyielding Cornerstone;  
Nations rage and devils roar, still He reigns forevermore! *Refrain*

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### **God's Blessing**

#### ***Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow***

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen. Amen.

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Offering will be received for World Renew to assist in disaster relief for Hurricane Ian.  
For more information, visit [www.worldrenew.net](http://www.worldrenew.net).  
An assistive listening system is available in the sanctuary; to use this system, switch  
hearing aids to "T".

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