

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
November 6, 2022 – 10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Call to Worship: *I Chronicles 16:8-10*

*Give praise to the LORD, proclaim his name;
make known among the nations what he has done.*

***Sing to him, sing praise to him;
tell of all his wonderful acts.***

*Glory in his holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.*

God's Greeting

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

#98:1,2,3 (HFG)

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father!
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not:
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

Refrain: Great is Thy faithfulness,
Great is Thy faithfulness,
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided,
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. *Refrain*

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! *Refrain*

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Give Thanks

Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One;
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son.
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Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son.
And now let the weak say, "I am strong;"
Let the poor say, "I am rich,"
Because of what the Lord has done for us.
And now let the weak say, "I am strong;"
Let the poor say, "I am rich,"
Because of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks.

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Be Unto Your Name

We are a moment, You are forever
Lord of the Ages, God before time;
We are a vapor, You are eternal,
Love everlasting, reigning on high. *Refrain*

Refrain: Holy, holy, Lord God Almighty,
Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain
Highest praises, honor and glory
Be unto Your name, be unto Your name.

We are the broken, You are the healer,
Jesus, Redeemer, mighty to save;
You are the love song we'll sing forever,
Bowing before You, blessing Your name. *Refrain*

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Call to Confession: *Hebrews 4:12-13*

For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.

Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight.

***Everything is uncovered and laid bare
before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.***

Prayer of Confession

Assurance: *Hebrews 4:14-16*

Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin. Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

Here is Love

Here is love, vast as the ocean, loving-kindness as the flood,
When the Prince of Life, our Ransom,
Shed for us His precious blood.
Who His love will not remember?
Who can cease to sing His praise?
He can never be forgotten throughout heav'n's eternal days.

On the mount of crucifixion, fountains opened deep and wide;
Through the floodgates of God's mercy
Flowed a vast and gracious tide.
Grace and love, like mighty rivers, poured incessant from above,
And heav'n's peace and perfect justice kissed a guilty world in love.

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Offertory Prayer

Offering: Ken & Chris

Morning Prayer

Here is Love

Let me all Thy love accepting, love Thee, ever all my days;
Let me see Thy kingdom only and my life be to Thy praise;
Thou alone shalt be my glory, nothing in the world I see.
Thou hast cleansed and sanctified me,
Thou Thyself hast set me free.

In Thy truth Thou dost direct me by Thy Spirit through Thy Word;
And Thy grace my need is meeting as I trust in Thee, my Lord.
Of Thy fullness Thou art pouring Thy great love and pow'r on me,
Without measure, full and boundless, drawing out my heart to Thee.

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Scripture: Acts 28:1-10

¹ After we were brought safely through, we then learned that the island was called Malta. ² The native people showed us unusual kindness, for they kindled a fire and welcomed us all, because it had begun to rain and was cold. ³ When Paul had gathered a bundle of sticks and put them on the fire, a viper came out because of the heat and fastened on his hand. ⁴ When the native people saw the creature hanging from his hand, they said to one another, “No doubt this man is a murderer. Though he has escaped from the sea, Justice has not allowed him to live.”

⁵ He, however, shook off the creature into the fire and suffered no harm. ⁶ They were waiting for him to swell up or suddenly fall down dead. But when they had waited a long time and saw no misfortune come to him, they changed their minds and said that he was a god.

⁷ Now in the neighborhood of that place were lands belonging to the chief man of the island, named Publius, who received us and entertained us hospitably for three days. ⁸ It happened that the father of Publius lay sick with fever and dysentery. And Paul visited him and prayed, and putting his hands on him, healed him.

⁹ And when this had taken place, the rest of the people on the island who had diseases also came and were cured. ¹⁰ They also honored us greatly, and when we were about to sail, they put on board whatever we needed.

This is the Word of Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: Paul on Malta

Our Church

Here we are now, a crowd assembled,
Peace like incense fills the air.
Men and women, the sounds of children,
Young and old have come to share.
In the beauty of this place, we have gathered by His grace.

Refrain: This is our church, our family of faith,
On this Holy ground we're all the same.
And we are the joy of God on display
Whenever we meet in Jesus' Name.
Whenever we meet in Jesus' Name.

Walls are falling, hearts disarming as his presence ushers in.
Waves of mercy fill the building as His Spirit stirs within.
In the beauty of this place, we have gathered by His grace. *Refrain*

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God's Blessing

Our Church

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