

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
November 13, 2022 – 10:30 AM Worship Service

Call to Worship: *Psalm 97:1,6,9 (NIV)*
*The LORD reigns, let the earth be glad;
let the distant shores rejoice.
The heavens proclaim his righteousness,
and all peoples see his glory.
For you, LORD, are the Most High over all the earth;
you are exalted far above all gods.*

God's Greeting

He Has Made Me Glad

I will enter His gates with thanksgiving in my heart.
I will enter His courts with praise.
I will say, "This is the day that the Lord has made."
I will rejoice for He has made me glad.
He has made me glad, He has made me glad,
I will rejoice for He has made me glad.
He has made me glad, He has made me glad,
I will rejoice for He has made me glad. *Repeat All*

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Praise Him, All Ye Little Children

Praise, Him, praise Him, all ye little children,
God is love, God is love;
Praise Him, praise Him, all ye little children,
God is love, God is love.

Love Him, love Him, all ye little children,
God is love, God is love;
Love Him, love Him, all ye little children,
God is love, God is love;

Thank Him, thank Him, all ye little children,
God is love, God is love;
Thank Him, thank Him, all ye little children,
God is love, God is love;

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Bless the Lord, O My Soul

Refrain: Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul,
Worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul,
I worship your holy name.

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning.
It's time to sing your song again.
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me,
Let me be singing when the evening comes. *Refrain*

You're rich in love and you're slow to anger.
Your name is great and your heart is kind.
For all your goodness, I will keep on singing,
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find. *Refrain*

And on that day when my strength is failing,
The end draws near and my time has come,
Soon my soul will sing your praise unending,
Ten thousand years and then forever more.

Refrain: Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul, worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul,
I worship your holy name. O, I worship your holy name.

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Call to Confession: *Psalm 97:10 (NIV)*

*Let those who love the LORD hate evil,
for he guards the lives of his faithful ones
and delivers them from the hand of the wicked.*

Prayer of Confession

Assurance: *Psalm 97:11-12 (NIV)*

*Light shines on the righteous and joy on the upright in heart.
Rejoice in the LORD, you who are righteous,
and praise his holy name.*

Yet Not I, But Through Christ in Me

What gift of grace is Jesus, my redeemer.
There is no more for heaven now to give.
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom,
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace.
To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus.
For my life is wholly bound to his.
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing: all is mine!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven,
The future sure, the price, it has been paid.
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon,
And He was raised to overthrow the grave.
To this I hold: my sin has been defeated.
Jesus now, and ever is my plea.
Oh the chains are released, I can sing: I am free!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

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Offertory Prayer

Offering: Reformed University Fellowship (RUF)

Morning Prayer

Seek Ye First #209:1,3 (PH)

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness,
And all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia.

We do not live by bread alone, but by every word
That proceeds from the mouth of God. Allelu, alleluia.

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Scripture: *Acts 28:11-28*

¹¹ After three months we set sail in a ship that had wintered in the island, a ship of Alexandria, with the twin gods as a figurehead. ¹² Putting in at Syracuse, we stayed there for three days. ¹³ And from there we made a circuit and arrived at Rhegium. And after one day a south wind sprang up, and on the second day we came to Puteoli. ¹⁴ There we found brothers and were invited to stay with them for seven days. And so we came to Rome. ¹⁵ And the brothers there, when they heard about us, came as far as the Forum of Appius and Three Taverns to meet us. On seeing them, Paul thanked God and took courage. ¹⁶ And when we came into Rome, Paul was allowed to stay by himself, with the soldier

who guarded him. ¹⁷ After three days he called together the local leaders of the Jews, and when they had gathered, he said to them, “Brothers, though I had done nothing against our people or the customs of our fathers, yet I was delivered as a prisoner from Jerusalem into the hands of the Romans. ¹⁸ When they had examined me, they wished to set me at liberty, because there was no reason for the death penalty in my case. ¹⁹ But because the Jews objected, I was compelled to appeal to Caesar—though I had no charge to bring against my nation. ²⁰ For this reason, therefore, I have asked to see you and speak with you, since it is because of the hope of Israel that I am wearing this chain.”

²¹ And they said to him, “We have received no letters from Judea about you, and none of the brothers coming here has reported or spoken any evil about you. ²² But we desire to hear from you what your views are, for with regard to this sect we know that everywhere it is spoken against.”

²³ When they had appointed a day for him, they came to him at his lodging in greater numbers. From morning till evening he expounded to them, testifying to the kingdom of God and trying to convince them about Jesus both from the Law of Moses and from the Prophets. ²⁴ And some were convinced by what he said, but others disbelieved. ²⁵ And disagreeing among themselves, they departed after Paul had made one statement: “The Holy Spirit was right in saying to your fathers through Isaiah the prophet:

²⁶ “Go to this people, and say,
 “You will indeed hear but never understand,
 and you will indeed see but never perceive.”

²⁷ For this people’s heart has grown dull,
 and with their ears they can barely hear, and their eyes they have closed;
 lest they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears
 and understand with their heart and turn, and I would heal them.’

²⁸ Therefore let it be known to you that this salvation of God has been sent to the Gentiles; they will listen.”

This is the Word of Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Message: *Paul in Rome*

Salvation Belongs to Our God

Salvation belongs to our God,
 Who sits upon the throne, and to the Lamb.
 Praise and glory, wisdom and thanks,
 Honor and power and strength be to our God forever and ever,
 Be to our God forever and ever, be to our God forever and ever. Amen

We, the redeemed, shall be strong
 In purpose and unity, declaring aloud:
 Praise and glory, wisdom and thanks,
 Honor and power and strength be to our God forever and ever,
 Be to our God forever and ever, be to our God forever and ever. Amen

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*** God’s Blessing**

Go, My Children, With My Blessing

Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.
 Waking, sleeping, I am with you; you are my own.
 In my love’s baptismal river I have made you mine forever.
 Go, my children, with my blessing – you are my own.

Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me;
 Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.
 Here my Spirit’s power filled you; here his tender comfort stilled you,
 Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.

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