

First Christian Reformed Church  
Lynden, Washington  
January 8, 2023 ~ 10:30 AM Worship Service

**Call to Worship:** *Romans 11:33-36*

*Oh, how great are God's riches and wisdom and knowledge!  
How impossible it is for us to understand his decisions and his ways!  
For everything comes from him and exists by his power and is intended for his glory.  
All glory to him forever!*

**God's Greeting**

***Come, Thou Almighty King***

Come, Thou Almighty King, help us Thy name to sing;  
Help us to praise. Father all glorious, o'er all victorious,  
Come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.

Come, Thou Incarnate Word, gird on Thy mighty sword,  
Our prayer attend: Come, and Thy people bless,  
And give Thy word success: Spirit of holiness, on us descend.

Come, Holy Comforter, Thy sacred witness bear in this glad hour.  
Thou who almighty art, rule now in every heart,  
And ne'er from us depart, Spirit of power.

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***The Church's One Foundation***

The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord;  
She is His new creation by water and the Word.  
From heaven He came and sought her to be His holy bride;  
With His own blood He bought her, and for her life He died.

Elect from every nation, yet one over all the earth;  
Her charter of salvation: One Lord, one faith, one birth.  
One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,  
And to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.

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***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.

The night is dark, but I am not forsaken, for by my side, the Savior, He will stay.  
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing, for in my need, His power is displayed.  
To this I hold: my Shepherd will defend me, through the deepest valley He will lead.  
Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

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**Call to Confession:** *Psalms 5:7-8*

*But I, through the abundance of your steadfast love, will enter your house.  
I will bow down toward your holy temple in the fear of you.  
Lead me, O LORD, in your righteousness because of my enemies; make your way straight before me.*

**Prayer of Confession**

**Assurance:** *Psalms 13:5-6*

*But I have trusted in your steadfast love; my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.  
I will sing to the Lord, because he has dealt bountifully with me.*

***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.

With every breath I long to follow Jesus, for He has said that He will bring me home.  
And day by day I know He will renew me, until I stand with joy before the throne.  
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus, all the glory evermore to Him!  
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat: Yet not I, but through Christ in me!  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me!

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## Offertory Prayer

**Offering:** Al & Julie

## Morning Prayer

### *Be Thou My Vision*

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that Thou art,  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my Wisdom and Thou my true Word; I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;  
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son, Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

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### **Scripture:** *II Timothy 3:12-17 (ESV)*

<sup>12</sup> *Indeed, all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, <sup>13</sup> while evil people and impostors will go on from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived. <sup>14</sup> But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it <sup>15</sup> and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. <sup>16</sup> All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, <sup>17</sup> that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.*

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Message:** *The Very Breath of God*

### *O Word of God Incarnate*

O Word of God incarnate, O Wisdom from on high,  
O Truth unchanged, unchanging, O Light of our dark sky:  
We praise you for the radiance that from the Scripture's page,  
A lantern to our footsteps, shines on from age to age.

The church from you, dear Master, received this gift divine;  
And still that light is lifted o'er all the earth to shine.  
It is the chart and compass that all life's voyage through,  
Mid mists and rocks and quicksands, still guides, O Christ, to you.

O make your church, dear Savior, a lamp of burnished gold  
To bear before the nations your true light as of old.  
O teach your traveling pilgrims by this their path to trace  
Till, clouds and darkness ended, we see you face to face.

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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.

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Pastors: Robert W

Prayer: Dave R, Gene T

Music: Sharon A, Nancy Z

Offering will be received for Al & Julie, working with Operation Mobilization in Belgium, one of the least reached nations in the world. They live in Zaventem Village in the Flemish speaking part of Belgium. Al is the Director of Operations and is involved in building and maintenance, ZavCentre (a 60-bed hospitality and conference center supporting both local and global missions and ministry) and a church plant. Julie is the OM bookkeeper. Al has been battling leukemia for 2 years. Covid closed ZavCentre and restricted meetings and outreach. For more information, visit [www.om.org/be/be\\_en](http://www.om.org/be/be_en).