

**First Christian Reformed Church**  
Lynden, Washington  
May 7, 2023 ~ 10:30 AM Worship Service

**God's Truth is a Connected Story**

**Call to Worship:**

Come, let's praise God together,

**for God is great, and worthy of our praise!**

Let's tell stories of God's power and majesty, God's mighty acts throughout history,

**for God is great, and worthy of our praise!**

Let's remember the compassion God has shown toward us;

the mercy and unfailing love we have experienced, generation after generation,

**for God is great, and worthy of our praise!**

Let's pass these stories along to our children and grandchildren, so that they, too, may come to know and love our God,

**for God is great, and worthy of our praise! Let's worship God together!**

**God's Greeting**

***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*

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***Who You Say I Am***

Who am I that the highest King would welcome me?

I was lost but He brought me in, oh, His love for me. Oh, His love for me.

Who the Son sets free, oh, is free indeed.

I'm a child of God, yes, I am.

Free at last, he has ransomed me. His grace runs deep.

While I was a slave to sin, Jesus died for me. Yes, He died for me.

In my Father's house there's a place for me.

I'm a child of God, yes, I am.

I am chosen, not forsaken; I am who You say I am.

You are for me, not against me; I am who You say I am.

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***O God, You Are My God***

O God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you.

O God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you.

I will seek you in the morning, and I will learn to walk in your ways.

And step by step you'll lead me, and I will follow you all of my days. *Repeat All*

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## God's Promises Are True

**Call to Confession:** *I John 1:9, Hebrews 10:23*

*If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.  
Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering.*

### **Prayer of Confession**

**Assurance:** *John 3:16*

*For God so loved the world, that the He gave His only Son,  
that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.*

### **GLOW Litany**

O God our Father, we thank You for all of Your creation.

You breathed Your Spirit into man and made humankind reflect Your very image. Your hands made us.

**We believe each person is an image bearer, fearfully and wonderfully created and loved by God.**

O God, open the eyes of our hearts to see Your glory in each other and in all creation.

**We believe each person is an image bearer, fearfully and wonderfully created and loved by God.**

Lord Jesus Christ, our Redeemer and Savior, You made us one body with many members, all sharing in God's grace and unconditional love.

**We believe each person is an image bearer, fearfully and wonderfully created and loved by God.**

O Lord Jesus, send Your Spirit among us, that we may do Your will, love one another as You have loved us, and give You all honor and glory.

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May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, so that with one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God. (Romans 15:5-6)

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God our Father, You created us and claimed us as Your children through our baptism. You have given us the hope of eternal life in the forgiveness of our sins. Help us share Your love and forgiveness with all people. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

### **GLOW Year In Review**

**Offertory Prayer and Offering:** GLOW Girls Club

**Offertory Ministry of Music:** *Wonderfully Made*

### **Morning Prayer**

## God's Truth is the Foundation

**Scripture:** *Psalms 139:1-18*

<sup>1</sup> O LORD, you have searched me and known me!

<sup>2</sup> You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from afar.

<sup>3</sup> You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways.

<sup>4</sup> Even before a word is on my tongue, behold, O LORD, you know it altogether.

<sup>5</sup> You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

<sup>6</sup> Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high; I cannot attain it.

<sup>7</sup> Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from your presence?

<sup>8</sup> If I ascend to heaven, you are there! If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there!

<sup>9</sup> If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,

<sup>10</sup> even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me.

<sup>11</sup> If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light about me be night,"

<sup>12</sup> even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is bright as the day, for darkness is as light with you.

<sup>13</sup> For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb.

<sup>14</sup> I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well.

<sup>15</sup> My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth.

<sup>16</sup> Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book were written, every one of them,  
the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them.

<sup>17</sup> How precious to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them!

<sup>18</sup> If I would count them, they are more than the sand. I awake, and I am still with you.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Message:** *Fearfully and Wonderfully Made*

## **God's Love Will Make You Strong**

### ***Cornerstone***

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness.  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame but wholly trust in Jesus' Name.

*Refrain:* Christ alone. Cornerstone. Weak made strong, in the Savior's love.  
Through the storm, He is Lord, Lord of all.

When darkness seems to hide His face, I rest on His unchanging grace.  
In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil. *Refrain*

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### **God's Blessing**

#### ***Cornerstone***

When He shall come with trumpet sound, oh may I then in Him be found.  
Dressed in His righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne.

*Refrain:* Christ alone. Cornerstone. Weak made strong, in the Savior's love.  
Through the storm, He is Lord, Lord of all.

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