

**First Christian Reformed Church**  
Lynden, Washington  
May 14, 2023 ~ 10:30 AM Worship Service

**Call to Worship:** *Psalm 72:18-19; Isaiah 6:3*

*Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel,  
who alone does wondrous things.  
Blessed be his glorious name forever;  
may the whole earth be filled with his glory!  
Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;  
the whole earth is full of his glory!"*

**God's Greeting**

***Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty***

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee.  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,  
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,  
Who wert and art and ever-more shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,  
Though the eye made blind by sin Thy glory may not see.  
Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,  
Perfect in power, in love, in purity.

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***The Love of God***

The love of God is greater far  
Than tongue or pen can ever tell;  
It goes beyond the highest star,  
And reaches to the lowest hell;  
The guilty pair, bowed down with care,  
God gave His Son to win;  
His erring child He reconciled,  
And pardoned from his sin.

*Refrain:* O love of God, how rich and pure!  
How measureless and strong!  
It shall for evermore endure  
The saints' and angels' song.

Could we with ink the ocean fill,  
And were the skies of parchment made,  
Were every stalk on earth a quill,  
And every man a scribe by trade,  
To write the love of God above,  
Would drain the ocean dry.  
Nor could the scroll contain the whole,  
Though stretched from sky to sky. *Refrain*

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## **Amazing Grace**

Amazing Grace! How sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost but now am found, was blind but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures;  
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

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## **Call to Confession: I John 4:7-11**

*Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God,  
and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God.  
Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love.*

***In this the love of God was made manifest among us,  
that God sent his only Son into the world,  
so that we might live through him.***

***In this is love, not that we have loved God  
but that he loved us and sent his Son  
to be the propitiation for our sins.***

*Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.*

## **Prayer of Confession**

### **Assurance: Psalm 130:7-8**

*O Israel, hope in the LORD!  
For with the LORD there is steadfast love,  
and with him is plentiful redemption.  
And he will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.*

## **Grace Alone**

Every promise we can make, every prayer and step of faith;  
Every difference we will make is only by His grace.  
Every mountain we will climb, every ray of hope we shine;  
Every blessing left behind is only by His grace.

*Refrain: Grace alone which God supplies;  
Strength unknown He will provide.  
Christ in us, our cornerstone,  
We will go forth in grace alone.*

Every soul we long to reach, every heart we hope to teach;  
Everywhere we share His peace is only by His grace.  
Every loving word we say, every tear we wipe away;  
Every sorrow turned to praise is only by His grace. *Refrain*

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## **Offertory Prayer**

**Offering:** Christian School Tuition Assistance

## **Morning Prayer**

### **Jesus, Draw Me Ever Nearer**

Jesus, draw me ever nearer as I labor through the storm.  
You have called me to this passage, and I'll follow though I'm worn. *Refrain*

*Refrain:* May this journey bring a blessing;  
May I rise on wings of faith;  
And at the end of my heart's testing  
With your likeness let me wake.

Jesus, guide me through the tempest, keep my spirit staid and sure.

When the midnight meets the morning, let me love you even more. *Refrain*

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**Scripture:** *Romans 16:1-16*

<sup>1</sup> I commend to you our sister Phoebe, a servant of the church at Cenchreae, <sup>2</sup> that you may welcome her in the Lord in a way worthy of the saints, and help her in whatever she may need from you, for she has been a patron of many and of myself as well.

<sup>3</sup> Greet Prisca and Aquila, my fellow workers in Christ Jesus, <sup>4</sup> who risked their necks for my life, to whom not only I give thanks but all the churches of the Gentiles give thanks as well. <sup>5</sup> Greet also the church in their house. Greet my beloved Epaenetus, who was the first convert to Christ in Asia. <sup>6</sup> Greet Mary, who has worked hard for you. <sup>7</sup> Greet Andronicus and Junia, my kinsmen and my fellow prisoners. They are well known to the apostles, and they were in Christ before me. <sup>8</sup> Greet Ampliatus, my beloved in the Lord. <sup>9</sup> Greet Urbanus, our fellow worker in Christ, and my beloved Stachys. <sup>10</sup> Greet Apelles, who is approved in Christ. Greet those who belong to the family of Aristobulus. <sup>11</sup> Greet my kinsman Herodion. Greet those in the Lord who belong to the family of Narcissus. <sup>12</sup> Greet those workers in the Lord, Tryphaena and Tryphosa. Greet the beloved Persis, who has worked hard in the Lord. <sup>13</sup> Greet Rufus, chosen in the Lord; also his mother, who has been a mother to me as well. <sup>14</sup> Greet Asyncritus, Phlegon, Hermes, Patrobas, Hermas, and the brothers who are with them. <sup>15</sup> Greet Philologus, Julia, Nereus and his sister, and Olympas, and all the saints who are with them. <sup>16</sup> Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the churches of Christ greet you.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Message:** *Sisters, Fellow Workers, Mothers of Us All*

**Tell Your Children**

God the Father, God of glory, miracles, and mystery;  
Generations all adore him, God the same through history.

*Refrain:* Parents tell your children, age to age the same.  
Glorify the living Lord above, magnify his holy name,  
Magnify his holy name.

Awe inspiring deeds of splendor, these proclaim his mighty power;  
Interwoven with compassion is his strength for every hour. *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.

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