

**First Christian Reformed Church**  
Lynden, Washington  
June 11, 2023 ~ 6:00 PM Worship Service

**Call to Worship** *from Psalm 117*

*Praise the Lord, all nations! Extol him, all peoples!*

*For great is his steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.*

*Praise the Lord!*

**Opening Prayer**

***Come, Christians, Join to Sing***

Come, Christians, join to sing; Alleluia! Amen!

Loud praise to Christ our King; Alleluia! Amen!

Let all, with heart and voice, before His throne rejoice;

Praise is His gracious choice: Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high; Alleluia! Amen!

Let praises fill the sky; Alleluia! Amen!

He is our Guide and Friend; to us He'll condescend;

His love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet our Christ again, Alleluia! Amen!

Life shall not end the strain; Alleluia! Amen!

On heaven's blissful shore His goodness we'll adore,

Singing forevermore, "Alleluia! Amen!"

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***O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing***

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,

The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of His grace!

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,

To spread through all the earth abroad the honors of Thy name.

He breaks the power of cancelled sin, He sets the prisoner free:

His blood can make the foulest clean, His blood availed for me.

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***Near to the Heart of God***

There is a place of quiet rest, near to the heart of God;

A place where sin cannot molest, near to the heart of God.

*Refrain:* O Jesus, blest Redeemer, sent from the heart of God,

Hold us, who wait before Thee, near to the heart of God.

There is a place of comfort sweet, near to the heart of God;

A place where we our Savior meet, near to the heart of God. *Refrain*

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**Profession of Faith:** Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 111

What does God require of you in the eighth commandment?

**That I do whatever I can for my neighbor's good,**

**that I treat others as I would like them to treat me,**

**and that I work faithfully**

**so that I may share with those in need.**

**Offering:** Eric & Penny

**Evening Prayer**

## ***I Love to Tell the Story***

I love to tell the story of unseen things above,  
Of Jesus and His glory, of Jesus and His love;  
I love to tell the story – because I know ‘tis true,  
It satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.

*Refrain:* I love to tell the story! ‘Twill be my theme in glory  
To tell the old, old story of Jesus and His love.

I love to tell the story for those who know it best  
Seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest;  
And when in scenes of glory I sing the new, new song,  
‘Twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long. *Refrain*

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## **Scripture: Exodus 20:15 (ESV)**

<sup>15</sup> “You shall not steal.”

## ***Ephesians 4:28***

<sup>28</sup> Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need.

## ***1 Peter 1:3-5 (ESV)***

<sup>3</sup> Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, <sup>4</sup> to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup> who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Message: *You Shall Work and Be Content***

## ***Glorious is Thy Name, Most Holy***

Glorious is Thy name, Most Holy, God and Father of us all;  
We Thy servants bow before Thee, strive to answer every call.  
Thou with life's great good hast blest us, cared for us from earliest years;  
Unto Thee our thanks we render; Thy deep love o'er-comes all fears.

For our world of need and anguish we would lift to Thee our prayer.  
Faithful stewards of Thy bounty, may we with our brothers share.  
In the name of Christ our Savior, who redeems and sets us free,  
Gifts we bring of heart and treasure, that our lives may worthier be.

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## **God's Blessing**

## ***Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing***

Thanks we give and adoration for Your gospel's joyful sound.  
May the fruits of Your salvation in our hearts and lives abound.  
Ever faithful, ever faithful to the truth may we be found.

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Pastors: Mike B, Robert W

Music: Lisa Q

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Offering will be received for Eric & Penny, missionaries working with Pacific Island Ministry in Papua New Guinea, helping train pastors and write resource materials for pastors in the Melanesian Pidgin language. The Schering's spend part of the year in Papua New Guinea and part of the year in Kalamazoo, Michigan, where Eric focuses on writing materials. For more information, visit [www.piministries.com](http://www.piministries.com).