

**First Christian Reformed Church**  
Lynden, Washington  
June 25, 2023 ~ 10:30 AM Worship Service

**Call to Worship: Psalm 100**

*Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!*  
*Serve the LORD with gladness!*  
*Come into his presence with singing!*  
*Know that the LORD, he is God!*  
*It is he who made us, and we are his;*  
*we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.*  
*Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!*  
*Give thanks to him; bless his name!*  
*For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever,*  
*and his faithfulness to all generations.*

**God's Greeting**

***Days of Elijah***

These are the days of Elijah,  
Declaring the Word of the Lord;  
And these are the days of Your servant, Moses,  
Righteousness being restored;  
And though these are days of great trials,  
Of famine and darkness and sword,  
Still we are the voice in the desert crying  
"Prepare ye the way of the Lord."

*Refrain:* Behold He comes, riding on the clouds,  
Shining like the sun at the trumpet call;  
Lift your voice, it's the year of Jubilee,  
And out of Zion's hill salvation comes.

And these are the days of Ezekiel,  
The dry bones becoming as flesh;  
And these are the days of Your servant, David,  
Rebuilding a temple of praise;  
And these are the days of the harvest,  
The fields are as white in the world;  
And we are the laborers in Your vineyard,  
Declaring the Word of the Lord. *Refrain*

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***One Generation Will Call to the Next***

We will extol you, God and King and bless your holy name.  
Day after day we'll sing your praise; forever and forever.

*Refrain:* One generation will call to the next:  
"Our God is good, and his hand is strong!"  
All of the world sings his marvelous acts,  
And our voice will join with theirs in the song.

We contemplate the splendor of the world your hand has made.  
Far greater still the majesty we see in the Creator! *Refrain*

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## **Majesty**

Majesty, worship His majesty.  
Unto Jesus be all glory, honor, and praise.  
Majesty, kingdom authority  
Flow from His throne unto His own; His anthem raise.  
So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus.  
Magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus, the King.  
Majesty, worship His majesty  
Jesus who died, now glorified, King of all kings.

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## **Call to Confession: Psalm 139:23-24**

*Search me, O God, and know my heart!  
Try me and know my thoughts!  
And see if there be any grievous way in me,  
and lead me in the way everlasting!*

## **Prayer of Confession**

**Almighty God, you bring to light things hidden in darkness,  
and know the shadow of our hearts:  
forgive our great and many sins,  
cleanse and renew us by your Spirit,  
that we may walk in the light and glorify your name,  
through Jesus Christ, the Light of the world. Amen.**

## **Assurance: Hebrews 10:19-23**

*Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful.*

## **Commissioning of SERVE Team**

Leader: Every day this week, you will have an opportunity to not only serve this community, but to also draw near to God through morning devotions, evening sessions, and small groups. You will also be asked to consider how you would answer Jesus' question, "What do you want?" Before you answer that question, listen to these things God wants for you.

**Congregation: God wants you to know that his love for you cannot be shaken and that nothing, absolutely nothing, can separate you from his love.**

*SERVE Participants: Thank you for your faithful, never-ending love. Help us to love as you love.*

**Congregation: God wants you to know that you will not be serving in your own power, but by the power of the Holy Spirit that lives within you.**

*SERVE Participants: Thank you for your presence within us. Make us aware, daily, of the power of the Spirit within us.*

**Congregation: God wants you to know he has gone before you this week to prepare the way for the ministry you are going to do.**

*SERVE Participants: Thank you for preparing the way. Help us to go forward with confidence, relying on you.*

**Congregation: God wants you to know that you can find all you will ever want or need when you humbly come to him in faith, believing.**

*SERVE Participants: Thank you for providing all we need. Help us to trust you more and ourselves less.*

Leader: We commission you to go with the blessing of this congregation and in the power of the Holy Spirit to serve God, each other, and this community in such a way that God's kingdom is experienced here in this city.

## **The Servant Song**

Brother, let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you.  
Pray that I might have the grace to let you be my servant too.

We are pilgrims on a journey, we're together on this road;  
We are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ-light for you, in the night-time of your fear  
I will hold my hand out for you, speak the peace you long to hear.

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## Offertory Prayer

**Offering:** SERVE 2023

## Morning Prayer

### *Still, My Soul, Be Still*

Still, my soul, be still and do not fear  
Though winds of change may rage tomorrow.  
God is at your side; no longer dread  
The fires of unexpected sorrow.

*Refrain:* God, You are my God,  
And I will trust in You and not be shaken.  
Lord of peace, renew  
A steadfast spirit within me to rest in You alone.

Still, my soul, be still; do not be moved  
By lesser lights and fleeting shadows.  
Hold on to His ways, with shield of faith  
Against temptation's flaming arrows. *Refrain*

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### **Scripture:** *John 1:35-46 (ESV)*

<sup>35</sup> The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples,  
<sup>36</sup> and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God!" <sup>37</sup> The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. <sup>38</sup> Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, "What are you seeking?" And they said to him, "Rabbi" (which means Teacher), "where are you staying?" <sup>39</sup> He said to them, "Come and you will see." So they came and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. <sup>40</sup> One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. <sup>41</sup> He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which means Christ). <sup>42</sup> He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon the son of John. You shall be called Cephas" (which means Peter). <sup>43</sup> The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." <sup>44</sup> Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. <sup>45</sup> Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." <sup>46</sup> Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see."

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Message:** *What Do You Want?*

#### ***Christ Our Hope in Life and Death***

What is our hope in life and death? Christ alone, Christ alone.  
What is our only confidence? That our souls to Him belong.  
Who holds our days within His hand?  
What comes, apart from His command?  
And what will keep us to the end?  
The love of Christ, in which we stand. *Refrain*

*Refrain:* O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal;  
O sing hallelujah! Now and ever we confess  
Christ our hope in life and death.

What truth can calm the troubled soul? God is good, God is good.  
Where is His grace and goodness known?  
In our great Redeemer's blood.  
Who holds our faith when fears arise?  
Who stands above the stormy trial?  
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh  
Unto the shore, the rock of Christ? *Refrain*

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## God's Blessing

### *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

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