

**First Christian Reformed Church**  
Lynden, Washington  
July 2, 2023 ~ 10:30 AM Worship Service

**Call to Worship:** *Isaiah 44:23*

*Sing, O heavens, for the LORD has done it; shout, O depths of the earth;  
break forth into singing, O mountains, O forest, and every tree in it!  
For the LORD has redeemed Jacob, and will be glorified in Israel.*

**God's Greeting**

***I Sing the Mighty Power of God***

I sing the mighty power of God, that made the mountains rise;  
That spread the flowing seas abroad, and built the lofty skies.  
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;  
The moon shines full at His command, and all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord that filled the earth with food;  
He formed the creatures with His word and then pronounced them good.  
Lord, how Thy wonders are displayed where'er I turn my eye:  
If I survey the ground I tread or gaze upon the sky!

There's not a plant or flower below but makes Thy glories known,  
And clouds arise and tempests blow, by order from Thy throne.  
While all that borrows life from Thee is ever in Thy care;  
And everywhere that man can be, Thou, God, art present there.

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***To God Be the Glory***

To God be the glory, great things He hath done! So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,  
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin and opened the lifegate that all may go in.

*Refrain:* Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear His voice.  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice.  
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,  
And give Him the glory, great things He hath done.

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood, to every believer the promise of God;  
The vilest offender who truly believes, that moment from Jesus a pardon receives. *Refrain*

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***Redeeming Love***

From God's heaven to a manger, from great riches to the poor, came the holy Son of God, a little Child;  
From the azure halls of heaven to a lowly manger stall, Jesus came, and here He gave His life for all.

*Refrain:* Redeeming love, a love that knows no limit;  
Redeeming love, a love that never dies;  
My soul shall sing throughout the endless ages the adoration of this great love on high.

From a loving heavenly Father, to a world that knew Him not, came a man of sorrows, Jesus Christ, the Lord;  
In my wandering Jesus found me, touched my life with His great love,  
And this Babe has grown to be my sovereign Lord. *Refrain*

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**Call to Confession and Preparation:** *Deuteronomy 6:4-9*

*Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one.  
You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.  
And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart.  
You shall teach them diligently to your children,  
and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way,  
and when you lie down, and when you rise.  
You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes.  
You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.*

**Prayer of Confession**

### **Assurance: *It Is Well, With My Soul***

When peace like a river attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll,  
Whatever my lot, Thou has taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.

*Refrain:* It is well, with my soul, it is well, it is well, with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come, let this blest assurance control:  
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate, and has shed his own blood for my soul. *Refrain*

My sin, O the joy of this glorious thought, my sin, not in part, but the whole,  
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more: praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! *Refrain*

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### **Sacrament of Infant Baptism: Lila Mae**

#### ***Every Promise***

From the breaking of the dawn to the setting of the sun, I will stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.  
Words of power, strong to save, that will never pass away, I will stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.  
For Your covenant is sure, and on this I am secure, I can stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.

Hope that lifts me from despair, love that casts out ev'ry fear, as I stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.  
Not forsaken, not alone, for the Comforter has come, and I stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.

Grace sufficient, grace for me, grace for all who will believe, we will stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.

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### **Offertory Prayer & Offering: Christian School Tuition Assistance**

#### **Morning Prayer**

#### **Scripture: *Romans 3:9-20 (ESV)***

<sup>9</sup> *What then? Are we Jews any better off? No, not at all.*

*For we have already charged that all, both Jews and Greeks, are under sin,<sup>10</sup> as it is written:*

*"None is righteous, no, not one;<sup>11</sup> no one understands; no one seeks for God.*

*<sup>12</sup> All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one."*

*<sup>13</sup> "Their throat is an open grave; they use their tongues to deceive." "The venom of asps is under their lips."*

*<sup>14</sup> "Their mouth is full of curses and bitterness."*

*<sup>15</sup> "Their feet are swift to shed blood;<sup>16</sup> in their paths are ruin and misery,<sup>17</sup> and the way of peace they have not known."*

*<sup>18</sup> "There is no fear of God before their eyes."*

*<sup>19</sup> Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God.<sup>20</sup> For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.*

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### **Message: *The Final Verdict: Guilty As Charged***

#### ***Grace Greater than Our Sin***

Marvelous grace of our loving Lord, grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt!  
Yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured – there where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.

*Refrain:* Grace, grace God's grace, grace that will pardon and cleanse within;  
Grace, grace, God's grace, grace that is greater than all our sin!

Sin and despair, like the sea waves cold, threaten the soul with infinite loss:  
Grace, that is greater, yes, grace untold, points to the Refuge, the mighty Cross. *Refrain*

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#### **God's Blessing**

#### ***Grace Greater than Our Sin***

Marvelous, infinite, matchless grace, freely bestowed on all who believe!  
You that are longing to see His face, will you this moment His grace receive?

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Grace, grace, God's grace, grace that is greater than all our sin!

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Pastors: Mike B, Robert W

Prayer: Bryan A, Jacob A

Music: Mike H, Mike S, Nancy Z

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Offering will be received for Christian School Tuition Assistance, a fund used to help cover tuition cost of First church families who send their children to Christian schools.

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