

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
August 6, 2023 ~ 6:00 PM Worship Service

Call to Worship: *This is the Day*

This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made, that the Lord has made;
We will rejoice, we will rejoice and be glad in it, and be glad in it.
This is the day that the Lord has made, we will rejoice and be glad in it;
This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made.

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Opening Prayer

Ten Thousand Reasons

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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Trust and Obey

When we walk with the Lord in the light of His Word, what a glory He sheds on our way!
While we do His good will, He abides with us still, and with all who will trust and obey.

Refrain: Trust and obey, for there's no other way
To be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

Not a shadow can rise, not a cloud in the skies, but His smile quickly drives it away;
Not a doubt nor a fear, not a sigh nor a tear can abide while we trust and obey. *Refrain*

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Thy Word

Refrain: Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.
Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

When I feel afraid, and I think I've lost my way, still You're there right beside me.
Nothing will I fear as long as You are near. Please be near me to the end. *Refrain*

I will not forget Your love for me, and yet my heart forever is wandering.
Jesus, be my guide and hold me to Your side; I will love You to the end. *Refrain*

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Profession of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 60

How are you right with God?

Only by true faith in Jesus Christ.

**Even though my conscience accuses me
of having grievously sinned against all God's commandments
and of never having kept any of them,
and even though I am still inclined toward all evil,
nevertheless, without my deserving it at all,
out of sheer grace, God grants and credits to me
the perfect satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ,
as if I had never sinned nor been a sinner,
as if I had been as perfectly obedient
as Christ was obedient for me.**

All I need to do is to accept this gift of God with a believing heart.

Offering: Christian School Tuition Assistance

Evening Prayer

That Man is Blest (Psalm 1)

That man is blest who, fearing God, from sin restrains his feet,
Who will not stand with wicked men, who shuns the scorner's seat.

Yea, blest is he who makes God's law his portion and delight,
And meditates upon that law with gladness day and night.

That man is nourished like a tree set by the river's side;
Its leaf is green, its fruit is sure, and thus his works abide.

The Lord will guard the righteous well, their way to him is known;
The way of sinners, far from God, shall surely be o'erthrown.

* **Scripture:** *Psalm 1*

¹ *Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,
nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers;*

² *but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night.*

³ *He is like a tree planted by streams of water
that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither.
In all that he does, he prospers.*

⁴ *The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.*

⁵ *Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;*

⁶ *for the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.*

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: *First Things First*

Lead Me, Guide Me

Refrain: Lead me, guide me, along the way, for if You lead me, I cannot stray.
Lord, let me walk each day with You, lead me my whole life through.

I am weak and I need your strength and power to endure with grace my weakest hour.
Help me through the darkness your face to see. Lead me, O Lord, lead me. *Refrain*

Help me walk in the paths of righteousness; be my aid when Satan and sin oppress.

I am trusting You whatever may be. Lead me, O Lord, lead me. *Refrain*

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God's Blessing

Lead Me, Guide Me

I am lost if You take Your hand from me, I am blind without Your light to see.
Lord, forever may I Your servant be. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

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Lord, let me walk each day with You, lead me my whole life through.

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

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