

**First Christian Reformed Church**  
Lynden, Washington  
August 13, 2023 ~ 10:30 AM Worship Service

**Call to Worship:** *Psalm 8:1-5, 9*

Pastor: *LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory in the heavens.*

Women: ***Through the praise of children and infants you have established a stronghold against your enemies,***

Pastor: *When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,*

Men: ***what is mankind that you are mindful of them, human beings that you care for them?***

***You have made them a little lower than the angels and crowned them with glory and honor.***

All: ***LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!***

**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 of sinful man Thy glory may not see.

Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee;

Perfect in power, in love and purity.

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***Beautiful Savior***

Beautiful Savior! King of creation! Son of God and Son of Man!

Truly I'd love thee, truly I'd serve thee, light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands, robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;

Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer; He makes our sorr'wing spirit sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight, bright the sparkling stars on high;

Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer than all the angels in the sky.

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***Jesus Loves Me***

Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so;

Little ones to Him belong, they are weak but He is strong.

*Refrain:* Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!

Yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me, He who died heaven's gates to open wide;

He will wash away my sin, let His little child come in. *Refrain*

Jesus, take this heart of mine, make it pure and wholly Thine;

On the cross You died for me, I will try to live for Thee. *Refrain*

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**Call to Confession and Preparation:** *Isaiah 59:12*

***For our offenses are many in your sight, and our sins testify against us.***

***Our offenses are ever with us, and we acknowledge our iniquities.***

**Prayer of Confession**

**Assurance: *Yet Not I, but Through Christ in Me***

What gift of grace is Jesus, my redeemer; there is no more for heaven now to give.  
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom, my steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace.  
To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus. For my life is wholly bound to his.  
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing: all is mine! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

The night is dark, but I am not forsaken, for by my side, the Savior, He will stay.  
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing, for in my need, His power is displayed.  
To this I hold: my Shepherd will defend me. Through the deepest valley He will lead.  
Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

With every breath I long to follow Jesus, for He has said that He will bring me home.  
And day by day I know He will renew me, until I stand with joy before the throne.  
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus, all the glory evermore to Him!  
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat: Yet not I, but through Christ in me!  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me!

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**Offertory Prayer and Offering: Northwest Seafarers Ministry**

**Morning Prayer**

***With Grateful Heart My Thanks I Bring***

With grateful heart my thanks I bring, before the great your praise I sing.  
I worship in your holy place and praise you for your truth and grace;  
For truth and grace together shine in your most holy Word divine, in your most holy Word divine.

I cried to you, and you did save; Your word of grace new courage gave.  
The kings of earth shall thank you, Lord, for they have heard your wondrous word;  
Yes, they shall come with songs of praise, for great and glorious are your ways, for great and glorious are your ways.

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**Scripture: *Romans 3:21-26***

<sup>21</sup> But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— <sup>22</sup> the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: <sup>23</sup> for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, <sup>24</sup> and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup> whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. <sup>26</sup> It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

This is the Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Message: *The Righteous Justice of God***

***And Can It Be***

And can it be that I should gain an interest in the Savior's blood?  
Died He for me, who caused His pain? For me, who caused his bitter death.  
Amazing love! How can it be that You, my Lord, should die for me?  
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No condemnation now I dread: for Christ and all in Him, is mine!  
Alive in Him my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine,  
Bold I approach the eternal throne, and claim the crown, through Christ my own.  
Amazing love! How can it be that You, my Lord, should die for me!

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**\* God's Blessing**

**\* *Glory Be to the Father***

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost,  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

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Pastors: Mike B, Robert W                      Prayer: Rob H, David W

Music: Valerie A, Mike H, Ken Q, Mintu R

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