

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

**Call to Worship:** *Isaiah 12:3-4, 2*

*With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. And you will say in that day:  
"Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid;  
for the LORD GOD is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation."*

**God's Greeting**

***Shout to the Lord***

My Jesus, my Savior, Lord there is none like You;  
All of my days, I want to praise, the wonders of Your mighty love.  
My Comfort, my Shelter, tower of refuge and strength;  
Let every breath, all that I am, never cease to worship You.

*Refrain:* Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing power and majesty, praise to the King;  
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar at the sound of Your name.  
I sing for joy at the work of Your hands, forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand;  
Nothing compares to the promise I have in You.

Almighty, most holy, God above all He reigns.  
We are his sheep, Children of God, the chosen ones of Jesus Christ.  
Why should we fear when the darkest of days show near?  
Let His light shine, shine through the dark, never fear, for God is here. *Refrain*

Our sin-filled, unrighteous, world without hope and no light;  
We look to God, Jesus who died, and the Holy Spirit near.  
We will not lose faith in God above all of the earth.  
He will prevail, we will be free, God will reign in victory! *Refrain*

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***King of Kings***

King of kings and Lord of lords, glory, hallelujah!  
King of kings and Lord of lords, glory, hallelujah!  
Jesus, Prince of Peace, glory, hallelujah!  
Jesus, Prince of Peace, glory, hallelujah! (*Repeat All*)

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***Here is Love***

Here is love, vast as the ocean, loving-kindness as the flood,  
When the Prince of Life, our Ransom, shed for us His precious blood.  
Who His love will not remember? Who can cease to sing His praise?  
He can never be forgotten throughout heav'n's eternal days.

On the mount of crucifixion, fountains opened deep and wide;  
Through the floodgates of God's mercy flowed a vast and gracious tide.  
Grace and love, like mighty rivers, poured incessant from above,  
And heav'n's peace and perfect justice kissed a guilty world in love.

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**Call to Confession:** *Luke 5:31-32*

*And Jesus answered them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. <sup>32</sup> I have not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance."*

**Prayer of Confession**

**Assurance:** *Matthew 5:6*

*"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied."*

## **Blessed Assurance**

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

*Refrain:* This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;  
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

Joyful confession: I am his own! Following Jesus, I'm never alone.  
Born of his Spirit, I am restored, challenged to serve my Savior and Lord. *Refrain*

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## **Offertory Prayer and Offering:** Kidstown - Snehakunja Home

### **Morning Prayer**

#### **Teach Me, O Lord, Your Way of Truth**

Teach me, O Lord, your way of truth, and from it I will not depart;  
That I may steadfastly obey, give me an understanding heart.

Your word sheds light upon my path; a shining light, it guides my feet;  
Your righteous judgments to observe, my solemn vow I now repeat.

Your wondrous testimonies, Lord, my soul will keep and greatly praise;  
Your word, by faithful lips proclaimed, to simplest minds the truth conveys.

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#### **Scripture:** *Romans 3:27-31*

<sup>27</sup> Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. <sup>28</sup> For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law. <sup>29</sup> Or is God the God of Jews only? Is he not the God of Gentiles also? Yes, of Gentiles also, <sup>30</sup> since God is one—who will justify the circumcised by faith and the uncircumcised through faith. <sup>31</sup> Do we then overthrow the law by this faith? By no means! On the contrary, we uphold the law.

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

#### **Message:** *The End of Bragging*

#### **His Robes for Mine**

His robes for mine: O wonderful exchange!  
Clothed in my sin, Christ suffered 'neath God's rage.  
Draped in His righteousness, I'm justified.  
In Christ I live, for in my place He died.

His robes for mine: what cause have I for dread?  
God's daunting Law Christ mastered in my stead.  
Faultless I stand with righteous works not mine,  
Saved by my Lord's vicarious death and life.

*Refrain:* I cling to Christ, and marvel at the cost: Jesus forsaken, God estranged from God.  
Bought by such love, my life is not my own. My praise-my all-shall be for Christ alone.

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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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