

**First Christian Reformed Church**  
Lynden, Washington  
August 20, 2023 ~ 6:00 PM Worship Service

**Call to Worship:** *Psalm 145:3-8*

*Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised,  
and his greatness is unsearchable.  
One generation shall commend your works to another,  
and shall declare your mighty acts.  
On the glorious splendor of your majesty,  
and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.  
They shall speak of the might of your awesome deeds,  
and I will declare your greatness.  
They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant goodness  
and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.  
The LORD is gracious and merciful,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.*

**Opening Prayer**

***Jesus Loves Me, This I Know***

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! This I know, as He loved so long ago,  
Taking children on His knee, saying, "Let them come to Me." *Refrain*

Jesus loves me! He who died heaven's gate to open wide;  
He will wash away my sin, let His little child come in. *Refrain*

Jesus loves me! He will stay close beside me all the way;  
Thou hast bled and died for me, I will henceforth live for Thee. *Refrain*

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***Jesus Loves the Little Children***

Jesus loves the little children, all the children of the world.  
Red and yellow, black and white they are precious in His sight –  
Jesus loves the little children of the world.

Jesus died for all the children, all the children of the world.  
Red and yellow, black and white they are precious in His sight –  
Jesus died for all the children of the world.

***Never Be Shaken ~ Children's Church***

**Scripture:**

*Jeremiah 31:3*

*I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you.*

*Psalm 103:11*

*For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him.*

*Psalm 108:4*

*For your steadfast love is great above the heavens, Your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.*

*Romans 8:38-39*

*<sup>38</sup> For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup> nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

**Guest Appearance:** Frederick Lehman

## ***The Love of God***

The love of God is greater far than tongue or pen can ever tell;  
It goes beyond the highest star, and reaches to the lowest hell;  
The guilty pair, bowed down with care, God gave His Son to win;  
His erring child He reconciled, and pardoned from his sin.

*Refrain:* O love of God, how rich and pure! How measureless and strong!  
It shall for evermore endure the saints' and angels' song.

When years of time shall pass away, and earthly thrones and kingdoms fall,  
When men, who here refuse to pray, on rocks and hills and mountains call,  
God's love so sure, shall still endure, all measureless and strong;  
Redeeming grace to Adam's race; the saints' and angels' song. *Refrain*

Could we with ink the ocean fill, and were the skies of parchment made,  
Were every stalk on earth a quill, and every man a scribe by trade,  
To write the love of God above, would drain the ocean dry.  
Nor could the scroll contain the whole, though stretched from sky to sky. *Refrain*

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## **Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**

### ***God of Grace***

God of grace, amazing wonder, irresistible and free;  
Oh, the miracle of mercy, Jesus reaches down to me.  
God of grace, I stand in wonder, as my God restores my soul.  
His own blood has paid my ransom; awesome cost to make me whole.

God of grace, who loved and knew me long before the world began;  
Sent my Savior down from heaven; perfect God and perfect man.  
God of grace, I trust in Jesus; I'm accepted as His own.  
Every day new grace sustains me, as I lean on Him alone.

God of grace, I stand astounded, cleansed forgiven and secure.  
All my fears are now confounded and my hope is ever sure.  
God of grace, now crowned in glory, where one day I'll see Your face;  
And forever I'll adore You in Your everlasting grace.

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## **God's Blessing**

### ***Go, My Children, With My Blessing***

Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.  
Waking, sleeping, I am with you; you are my own.  
In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever.  
Go, my children, with my blessing – you are my own.

I, the Lord, will bless and keep you and give you peace;  
I, the Lord, will smile upon you and give you peace;  
I, the Lord, will be your Father, Savior, Comforter and Brother.  
Go, my children, I will keep you and give you peace.

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The offering will be received by the deacons  
as you leave the worship service.

Pastor: Mike B, Robert W

Keyboard: Nancy Z

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