

**First Christian Reformed Church**  
Lynden, Washington  
August 27, 2023 ~ 10:30 AM Worship Service

**Call to Worship:** *Psalm 105:1-5*

*Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples!*

***Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works!***

*Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!*

***Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually!***

*Remember the wondrous works that he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he uttered.*

**God's Greeting**

***Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee***

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love;  
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee, opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the dark of doubt away;  
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

All Thy works with joy surround Thee, earth and heaven reflect Thy rays,  
Stars and angels sing around Thee, center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
Chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in Thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,  
Well-spring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!  
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother – all who live in love are Thine;  
Teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

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**Cornerstone**

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness.  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame but wholly trust in Jesus' Name.

*Refrain:* Christ alone, Cornerstone, weak made strong in the Savior's love;  
Through the storm He is Lord, Lord of all.

When He shall come with trumpet sound, oh may I then in Him be found.  
Dressed in His righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne. *Refrain*

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**Beneath the Cross**

Beneath the cross of Jesus I find a place to stand,  
And wonder at such mercy that calls me as I am.  
For hands that should discard me hold wounds which tell me come.  
Beneath the cross of Jesus, my unworthy soul is won.

Beneath the cross of Jesus, his family is my own.  
Once strangers chasing selfish dreams, now one through grace alone  
How could I now dishonor the ones that you have loved?  
Beneath the cross of Jesus, see the children called by God.

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**Call to Confession:** *Exodus 20:1-17*

<sup>1</sup> *And God spoke all these words, saying,*

<sup>2</sup> *"I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.*

<sup>3</sup> *"You shall have no other gods before me.*

<sup>4</sup> *"You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. <sup>5</sup> You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, <sup>6</sup> but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.*

<sup>7</sup> *"You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.*

<sup>8</sup> “Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. <sup>9</sup> Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, <sup>10</sup> but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. <sup>11</sup> For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

<sup>12</sup> “Honor your father and your mother,  
that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

<sup>13</sup> You shall not murder.

<sup>14</sup> You shall not commit adultery.

<sup>15</sup> You shall not steal.

<sup>16</sup> You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

<sup>17</sup> You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's.”

## Prayer of Confession

**Assurance:** Galatians 3:13-14

*Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us – for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree” – so that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith.*

## His Mercy is More

What love could remember no wrongs we have done?  
Omniscient, all-knowing, He counts not their sum.  
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore,  
Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more.

What patience would wait as we constantly roam?  
What Father, so tender, is calling us home?  
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor.  
Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more.

What riches of kindness He lavished on us.  
His blood was the payment His life was the cost.  
We stood ‘neath a debt we could never afford.  
Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more.

*Refrain:* Praise the Lord, His mercy is more.  
Stronger than darkness, new every morn.  
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## Offertory Prayer

**Offering:** Building the Future Fund

**Offertory Ministry of Music:** *All Things Bright and Beautiful*

## Morning Prayer

**Scripture:** *I Corinthians 13:7*

<sup>7</sup> *Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.*

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Message:** *Love Hopes All Things*

### ***Christ Our Hope in Life and Death***

What is our hope in life and death?  
Christ alone, Christ alone.  
What is our only confidence?  
That our souls to Him belong.  
Who holds our days within His hand?  
What comes, apart from His command?  
And what will keep us to the end?  
The love of Christ, in which we stand.

What truth can calm the troubled soul?  
God is good, God is good.  
Where is His grace and goodness known?  
In our great Redeemer's blood.  
Who holds our faith when fears arise?  
Who stands above the stormy trial?  
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh  
Unto the shore, the rock of Christ?

*Refrain:* O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal;  
O sing hallelujah! Now and ever we confess  
Christ our hope in life and death.

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### **God’s Blessing**

### ***Christ Our Hope in Life and Death***

Unto the grave, what will we sing?  
“Christ, He lives; Christ, He lives!”  
And what reward will heaven bring?  
Everlasting life with Him.  
There we will rise to meet the Lord,  
Then sin and death will be destroyed,  
And we will feast in endless joy,  
When Christ is ours forevermore.

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