

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

**Call to Worship: Psalm 150**

*Praise the LORD! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens!  
Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his excellent greatness!  
Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp!  
Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe!  
Praise him with sounding cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals!  
Let everything that has breath praise the LORD! Praise the LORD!*

**God's Greeting**

***Praise to the Lord, the Almighty***

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!  
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near; join me in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him.  
Let the Amen sound from His people again; gladly for aye we adore Him.

(<sup>o</sup>Praise to the Lord, the Almighty<sup>o</sup> words by Joachim Neander, Public Domain, CCLI #358926, Streaming License 20317932)

***Praise the Lord with the Sound of Trumpet***

Praise the Lord with the sound of trumpet,  
Praise the Lord with the harp and lute,  
Praise the Lord with the gentle sounding flute.  
Praise the Lord in the field and forest,  
Praise the Lord in the city square,  
Praise the Lord anytime and anywhere.  
Praise the Lord in the wind and sunshine,  
Praise the Lord in the dark of night,  
Praise the Lord in the rain or snow or in the morning light.  
Praise the Lord in the deepest valley,  
Praise the Lord on the highest hill,  
Praise the Lord; never let your voice be still.

Praise the Lord with the crashing cymbal,  
Praise the Lord with the pipe and string,  
Praise the Lord with the joyful songs you sing.  
Praise the Lord on a weekday morning,  
Praise the Lord on a Sunday noon,  
Praise the Lord by the light of sun or moon.  
Praise the Lord in the time of sorrow,  
Praise the Lord in the time of joy.  
Praise the Lord every moment; nothing let your praise destroy.  
Praise the Lord in the peace and quiet,  
Praise the Lord in your work or play,  
Praise the Lord everywhere in every way!

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***Holy God, We Praise Thy Name***

Holy God, we praise Thy name; Lord of all, we bow before Thee.  
All on earth Thy scepter claim; all in heaven above adore Thee.  
Infinite Thy vast domain; Everlasting is Thy reign.

Hark, the glad celestial hymn angel choirs above are raising;  
Cherubim and seraphim, in unceasing chorus praising,  
Fill the heavens with sweet accord: "Holy, holy, holy Lord!"

Holy Father, Holy Son, Holy Spirit: three we name Thee,  
Though in essence only one; undivided God, we claim Thee,  
And adoring, bend the knee, while we own the mystery.

(<sup>o</sup>Holy God, We Praise Thy Name<sup>o</sup> words Ignaz Franz, trans. Clarence Walworth; music desc. Emily Brink © 1987 Faith Alive Christian Resources CCLI #358926, Streaming 20317932)

## **Call to Confession:** Words of Jesus from the Gospels

*You shall have no other gods before me.*

***It is written: "Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only."***

*You shall not make for yourself an idol.*

***God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth.***

*You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.*

***"Do not swear at all: either by heaven, for it is God's throne; or by the earth, for it is his footstool. . . .***

***Let your 'Yes' be 'Yes', and your 'No,' 'No'; anything beyond this comes from the evil one."***

*Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.*

***The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. So the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath.***

*Honor your father and your mother.*

***For God said, "Anyone who curses his father or mother must be put to death."***

*You shall not murder.*

***Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be sons of your Father in heaven.***

*You shall not commit adultery.*

***Anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart.***

*You shall not steal.*

***For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery . . . theft . . . . These are what make a man "unclean."***

*You shall not give false testimony.*

***For out of the overflow of the heart the mouth speaks. . . .***

***For by your words you will be acquitted, and by your words you will be condemned.***

*You shall not covet.*

***Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.***

## **Prayer of Confession**

**Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, Bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, Redeemer of the world, grant us peace. Amen.**

## **Assurance:** *Titus 3:4-7*

*But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.*

## ***Not What My Hands Have Done***

Not what my hands have done can save my guilty soul;

Not what my toiling flesh has borne can make my spirit whole.

Not what I feel or do can give me peace with God;

Not all my prayers and sighs and tears can bear my awful load.

Your voice alone, O Lord, can speak to me of grace;

Your power alone, O Son of God, can all my sin erase.

No other work but yours, no other blood will do;

No strength but that which is divine can bear me safely through.

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## **Offertory Prayer**

**Offering:** Steve & Sandy

## **Morning Prayer**

### ***We Give Thee But Thine Own***

The captive to release, to God the lost to bring,

To teach the way of life and peace; it is a Christlike thing.

And we believe Thy word, though dim our faith may be:

Whatever task we do, O Lord, we do it unto Thee.

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**Scripture: Matthew 25:31-46**

<sup>31</sup> "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. <sup>32</sup> Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. <sup>33</sup> And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. <sup>34</sup> Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. <sup>35</sup> For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, <sup>36</sup> I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' <sup>37</sup> Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink?' <sup>38</sup> And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you?' <sup>39</sup> And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' <sup>40</sup> And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.' <sup>41</sup> "Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. <sup>42</sup> For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, <sup>43</sup> I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' <sup>44</sup> Then they also will answer, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?' <sup>45</sup> Then he will answer them, saying, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' <sup>46</sup> And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

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

**Message:** *What About Hell?*

***By Grace We Have Been Saved***

By grace we have been saved through faith and not by keeping law.  
God's saints believed by what they heard and not by what they saw.

*Refrain:* Oh how I love Jesus! Oh how I love Jesus!  
Oh how I love Jesus, because He first loved me.

For all have sinned and fallen short; God's plan not one obeyed.  
Christ has for all fulfilled the law. Believe, confess, be saved. *Refrain*

God gave to earth a perfect love through Jesus on the cross.  
While we were foes, Christ died for us. We gained by God's own loss. *Refrain*

**God's Blessing**

***By Grace We Have Been Saved***

Set free, we now have peace with God.  
Salvation is secured.  
How beautiful the feet of those  
Who share this gospel word.

*Refrain:* Oh how I love Jesus! Oh how I love Jesus!  
Oh how I love Jesus, because He first loved me.

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Pastors: Mike B  
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Music: Mike H

Offering will be received for Steve & Sandy, serving with Africa Inland Mission in Canada ministering to a Muslim people group from northeastern Africa. Their focus is building relationships open opportunities to present the good news of Jesus Christ. They do this through activities such as fixing and giving out bikes, tutoring homework, and teaching English as a second language.

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