

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
October 15, 2023 ~ 10:30 AM Worship Service

Call to Worship: Psalm 57:10-11

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

Be exalted, O God, above the heavens!

Let your glory be over all the earth!

God's Greeting

This is My Father's World

This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears;
All nature sings and round me rings the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world; I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world: he shines in all that's fair;
In rustling grass I hear him pass He speaks to me everywhere.
This is my Father's world: why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is King, let heaven ring! God reigns; let earth be glad.

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Be Exalted, O God

I will give thanks to Thee, O Lord, among the people.
I will sing praises to Thee among the nations.
For Thy steadfast love is great, is great to the heavens;
And Thy faithfulness, Thy faithfulness to the clouds.
Be exalted, O God, above the heavens; let Thy glory be over all the earth.
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I Will Sing of the Mercies of the Lord

I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever, I will sing, I will sing.
I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever, I will sing of the mercies of the Lord.
With my mouth will I make known Your faithfulness, Your faithfulness;
With my mouth will I make known Your faithfulness to all generations.
I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever, I will sing of the mercies of the Lord.

All the hosts of the angels sing God's praise forever for the things he has done.
All the hosts of the angels sing God's praise forever, all the hosts of the angels sing God's praise.
Who can be compared to God in faithfulness, in faithfulness?
Who can be compared to God in faithfulness to all generations?
I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever, I will sing of the mercies of the Lord.

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Call to Confession: Romans 10:10-11; Psalm 119:41

*For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.
For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame."
Let your steadfast love come to me, O LORD, your salvation according to your promise.*

Prayer of Confession

Assurance: II Corinthians 5:17-18, 21

If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself.... For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father! There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not: as Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

Refrain: Great is Thy faithfulness, great is Thy faithfulness,
morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided –
great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest, sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness to Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. *Refrain*

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow – blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! *Refrain*

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Offertory Prayer and Offering: Rev. Aaron, Friend of Sinners Reformed Church

Offertory Ministry of Music: *When Peace Like a River*

Morning Prayer

Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

Blessed Jesus, at your word we are gathered all to hear you.
Let our hearts and souls be stirred now to seek and love and fear you.
By your gospel pure and holy, teach us, Lord, to love You solely.

Glorious Lord, yourself impart; light of Light, from God proceeding,
Open lips and ears and heart; help us by your Spirit's leading.
Hear the cry your church now raises; Lord, accept our prayers and praises.

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Scripture: Romans 4:17-25

¹⁷As it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”— in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. ¹⁸In hope he believed against hope, that he should become the father of many nations, as he had been told, “So shall your offspring be.” ¹⁹He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was as good as dead (since he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. ²⁰No unbelief made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. ²²That is why his faith was “counted to him as righteousness.” ²³But the words “it was counted to him” were not written for his sake alone, ²⁴but for ours also. It will be counted to us who believe in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, ²⁵who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: *The God Who Makes Promises*

Glorious is Thy Name, Most Holy

Glorious is Thy name, Most Holy, God and Father of us all;
We Thy servants bow before Thee, strive to answer every call.
Thou with life’s great good hast blest us, cared for us from earliest years;
Unto Thee our thanks we render; Thy deep love o’er-comes all fears.

For our world of need and anguish we would lift to Thee our prayer.
Faithful stewards of Thy bounty, may we with our brothers share.
In the name of Christ our Savior, who redeems and sets us free,
Gifts we bring of heart and treasure, that our lives may worthier be.

In the midst of time of we journey, from Thy hand comes each new day;
We would use it in Thy service, humbly, wisely, while we may.
So to Thee, Lord and Creator, praise and honor we accord,
Thine the earth and Thine the heavens, through all the Eternal Word.

(“Glorious is Thy Name, Most Holy” words Ruth Elliott, music William Moore © 1961 The Hymn Society of America, CCLI #358926, Streaming #20317932)

God's Blessing

Standing on the Promises

Standing on the promises of Christ, my King!
Through eternal ages let His praises ring;
"Glory in the highest" I will shout and sing,
Standing on the promises of God.

Refrain: Standing, standing, standing on the promises of God, my Savior;
Standing, standing, I'm standing on the promises of God.

Standing on the promise, I cannot fall,
Listening every moment to the Spirit's call,
Resting in my Savior as my All in All,
Standing on the promises of God. *Refrain*

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Pastor: Robert W
Prayer: Rob H, Brian V
Music: Lee V, Paul A, Sharon A, Cal B, Ben K, Brian K, Bill V

Offering will be received for Rev. Aaron and Friend of Sinners Reformed Church, a church plant in eastern Whatcom County. The ministry consists of outreach and discipleship in Maple Falls and Kendall through a Thursday night worship and teaching service in Maple Falls and Sunday services in Everson.

Nursery is available with a paging system for children under 3 years during worship service in the Education Building.

Children's Church is available for children 3 years – 3rd grade. Children are dismissed during the worship service.

Worship services are also broadcast live in the basement and streamed online for anyone unable to worship in the sanctuary.

An assistive listening system is available in the sanctuary; to use this system, switch hearing aids to "T".

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