

**First Christian Reformed Church**  
Lynden, Washington  
October 15, 2023 ~ 6:00 PM Worship Service

**Call to Worship: Psalm 100:1-4**

*Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!  
Serve the Lord with gladness!  
Come into his presence with singing!  
Know that the Lord, he is God!  
**It is he who made us, and we are his;  
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.**  
Enter his gates with thanksgiving,  
and his courts with praise!  
Give thanks to him; bless his name!*

**Opening Prayer**

***He Has Made Me Glad***

I will enter His gates with thanksgiving in my heart.  
I will enter His courts with praise.  
I will say, "This is the day that the Lord has made."  
I will rejoice for He has made me glad.  
He has made me glad, He has made me glad,  
I will rejoice for He has made me glad.  
He has made me glad, He has made me glad,  
I will rejoice for He has made me glad.

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***Whole-Hearted Thanksgiving***

Wholehearted thanksgiving to Thee I will bring,  
In praise of Thy marvelous deeds I will sing;  
In Thee I will joy and exultingly cry,  
Thy name I will praise, O Jehovah Most High.

*Refrain:* Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear His voice!  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!  
O come to Jehovah, declare ye His fame, and give Him all honor, for just is His name.

Give praise to Jehovah, the mighty deeds tell  
Of Him who has chosen in Zion to dwell,  
Of Him to whom justice and vengeance belong,  
Who visits the lowly and overthrows wrong. *Refrain*

***O for a Heart to Praise My God***

O for a heart to praise my God, a heart from sin set free,  
A heart that always feels Thy blood so freely shed for me!  
A humble, lowly, contrite heart, believing, true and clean;  
Which neither life nor death can part from Him that dwells within.  
A heart in every thought renewed, and full of love divine;  
Perfect and right and pure and good, a copy, Lord, of Thine!

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**Profession of Faith: Nicene Creed**

**I believe in one God,  
the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth,  
and of all things visible and invisible.  
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only begotten of the Father before all worlds,  
God from God, Light from light, very God of very God,  
begotten, not made;  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made.**

**Who, for us and for our salvation came down from heaven;  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered and was buried;  
the third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures;  
and ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father;  
and he will come again, with glory,  
to judge the living and the dead;  
whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together  
is worshiped and glorified;  
who spoke by the prophets.**

**And I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.  
I acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins;  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**Offering:** Rev. Aaron D, Friend of Sinners Reformed Church

### **Evening Prayer**

#### ***Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts***

Jesus, Thou joy of loving hearts, Thou fount of life, Thou light of men,  
From the best bliss that earth imparts we turn unfilled to Thee again.

Thy truth unchanged hath ever stood, Thou savest those that on Thee call;  
To them that seek Thee Thou art good, to them that find Thee all in all.

We taste Thee, O Thou living bread, and long to feast upon Thee still;  
We drink of Thee, the fountain head, and thirst our souls from Thee to fill.

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#### **Scripture: Psalm 9**

<sup>1</sup> *I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart;*

*I will recount all of your wonderful deeds.*

<sup>2</sup> *I will be glad and exult in you;*

*I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.*

<sup>3</sup> *When my enemies turn back,*

*they stumble and perish before your presence.*

<sup>4</sup> *For you have maintained my just cause;*

*you have sat on the throne, giving righteous judgment.*

<sup>5</sup> *You have rebuked the nations; you have made the wicked perish;*

*you have blotted out their name forever and ever.*

<sup>6</sup> *The enemy came to an end in everlasting ruins;*

*their cities you rooted out;*

*the very memory of them has perished.*

<sup>7</sup> *But the Lord sits enthroned forever;*

*he has established his throne for justice,*

<sup>8</sup> *and he judges the world with righteousness;*

*he judges the peoples with uprightness.*

<sup>9</sup> *The Lord is a stronghold for the oppressed,*

*a stronghold in times of trouble.*

<sup>10</sup> *And those who know your name put their trust in you,*

*for you, O Lord, have not forsaken those who seek you.*

<sup>11</sup> *Sing praises to the Lord, who sits enthroned in Zion!*

*Tell among the peoples his deeds!*

<sup>12</sup> *For he who avenges blood is mindful of them;*

*he does not forget the cry of the afflicted.*

<sup>13</sup> *Be gracious to me, O Lord!  
See my affliction from those who hate me,  
O you who lift me up from the gates of death,*  
<sup>14</sup> *that I may recount all your praises,  
that in the gates of the daughter of Zion  
I may rejoice in your salvation.*  
<sup>15</sup> *The nations have sunk in the pit that they made;  
in the net that they hid, their own foot has been caught.*  
<sup>16</sup> *The Lord has made himself known; he has executed judgment;  
the wicked are snared in the work of their own hands. Higgsaion. Selah*  
<sup>17</sup> *The wicked shall return to Sheol,  
all the nations that forget God.*  
<sup>18</sup> *For the needy shall not always be forgotten,  
and the hope of the poor shall not perish forever.*  
<sup>19</sup> *Arise, O Lord! Let not man prevail;  
let the nations be judged before you!*  
<sup>20</sup> *Put them in fear, O Lord!  
Let the nations know that they are but men! Selah*

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Message:** *Praise God!*

***You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim***

You servants of God, your Master proclaim,  
And publish abroad his wonderful name;  
The name all-victorious of Jesus extol;  
His kingdom is glorious and rules over all.

God rules in the height, almighty to save;  
Though hid from our sight, his presence we have;  
The great congregation his triumph shall sing,  
Ascribing salvation to Jesus our King.

Then let us adore and give him his right:  
All glory and power, all wisdom and might,  
All honor and blessing with angels above  
And thanks never ceasing for infinite love.

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**God’s Blessing**

***Our God Reigns***

How lovely on the mountains are the feet of him  
Who brings good news, good news  
Announcing peace, proclaiming news of happiness.  
Our God reigns; our God reigns!  
Our God reigns; our God reigns!  
Our God reigns; our God reigns!

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

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