

**First Christian Reformed Church**  
Lynden, Washington  
October 29, 2023 ~ 10:30 AM Worship Service

**Call to Worship:** *Psalm 89:1-2 (NIV)*

*I will sing of the Lord's great love forever; with my mouth I will make your faithfulness known through all generations.  
I will declare that your love stands firm forever, that you have established your faithfulness in heaven itself.*

**God's Greeting**

***The Church's One Foundation***

The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord  
She is His new creation by water and the word;  
From heaven He came and sought her to be His holy bride;  
With His own blood He bought her, and for her life He died.

Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth,  
Her charter of salvation, one Lord, one faith, one birth;  
One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,  
And to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.

'Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,  
She waits the consummation of peace for evermore;  
Till with the vision glorious, her longing eyes are blest,  
And the great Church victorious shall be the Church at rest.

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***In Christ Alone***

In Christ alone, my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song,  
This Cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease.  
My Comforter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ, I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God, in helpless Babe.  
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save.  
'Til on the cross, as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied.  
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid, here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, light of the world by darkness slain.  
Then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave He rose again.  
And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me,  
For I am His and He is mine. Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ in me.  
From life's first cry, to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.  
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from His hand.  
'Til He returns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

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**Call to Confession:** *Ephesians 2:8-10; 1 Corinthians 1:30; II Corinthians 5:21*

*For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.*

***For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.***

*And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption.*

***For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.***

**Prayer of Confession**

**Assurance:** *Ephesians 1:4-6*

*For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will—to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves.*

## ***Sacrament of Infant Baptism***

### ***Jesus Loves Me***

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

Jesus, take this heart of mine, make it pure and wholly Thine;  
On the cross You died for me, I will try to live for Thee. *Refrain*

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### **Offertory Prayer and Offering: Building the Future Fund**

### **Offertory Ministry of Music: *Children of the Heavenly Father***

### **Morning Prayer**

#### ***Speak, O Lord***

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You, to receive the food of Your holy Word.  
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and fashion us in Your likeness,  
That the light of Christ might be seen today, in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.  
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all Your purposes for Your glory.

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#### **Scripture: *Romans 5:1-5***

<sup>1</sup> Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>2</sup> Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. <sup>3</sup> Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup> and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup> and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### **Message: *Joyful in Suffering***

#### ***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.

#### **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.

*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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Pastor: Robert W  
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Music: Paul A, Sharon A, Brian K, Cheryl K, Sara K, Nancy Z

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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 – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. Children are dismissed to the during the worship service.

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