

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
November 19, 2023 ~ 10:30 AM Worship Service

Call to Worship: *Psalm 18:2*

The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

God's Greeting

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of His grace!

He breaks the power of cancelled sin, He sets the prisoner free:
His blood can make the foulest clean, His blood availed for me.

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad, the honors of Thy name.

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Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Come, thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount – I'm fixed upon it – mount of God's redeeming love.

Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee:
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

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Be Thou My Vision

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art,
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my Wisdom and Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son,
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

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Call to Confession: *Psalm 103:9-10*

He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever.

He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.

Prayer of Confession

Assurance: *Psalm 103:13; Habakkuk 3:18*

As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him.

I will rejoice in the Lord; I will take joy in the God of my salvation.

I Am Thine, O Lord

I am Thine, O Lord; I have heard Thy voice, and it told Thy love to me;
But I long to rise in the arms of faith and be closer drawn to Thee.

Refrain: Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord, to the cross where Thou hast died;
Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord to Thy precious, bleeding side.

Consecrate me now to Thy service, Lord, by the power of grace divine;
Let my soul look up with a steadfast hope and my will be lost in Thine. *Refrain*

O the pure delight of a single hour that before Thy throne I spend,
When I kneel in prayer and with Thee, my God, I commune as friend with friend. *Refrain*

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Offertory Prayer

Offering: Forged at First (formerly OASIS)

Morning Prayer

Come, All You People, Praise Our God

Come, all you people, praise our God and tell his glorious works abroad, who holds our souls in life;
He never lets our feet be moved and, though our faith has often proved, upholds us in the strife.

Come, listen, all who fear the Lord, while I with grateful heart record what God has done for me;
I cried to him in deep distress, and now his wondrous grace I bless, for he has set me free.

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Scripture: *Romans 5:18-21*

¹⁸ Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. ¹⁹ For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous. ²⁰ Now the law came in to increase the trespass, but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more, ²¹ so that, as sin reigned in death, grace also might reign through righteousness leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

Message: *Abounding Grace*

Grace Greater than Our Sin

Marvelous grace of our loving Lord, grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt!
Yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured, there where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.

Refrain: Grace, grace God's grace, grace that will pardon and cleanse within;
Grace, grace, God's grace, grace that is greater than all our sin!

Marvelous, infinite, matchless grace, freely bestowed on all who believe!
You that are longing to see His face, will you this moment His grace receive? *Refrain*

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God's Blessing

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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Pastor: Robert W
Prayer: Paul A, Larry K
Music: Lee VB

Offering will be received for Forged@First, a First CRC ministry to 7th-8th grade students, led by volunteers of First.
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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 church basement and 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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