

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
September 8, 2024 ~ 6:00 PM Worship Service

Call to Worship: *Psalm 96:1-5*

*Oh sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth!
Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.
Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!
For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; he is to be feared above all gods.
For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols, but the Lord made the heavens.*

Opening Prayer

We Will Glorify

We will glorify the King of kings. We will glorify the Lamb.
We will glorify the Lord of lords, who is the great I AM.
Lord Jehovah reigns in majesty. We will bow before His throne.
We will worship Him in righteousness. We will worship Him alone.
He is Lord of heaven, Lord of earth, He is Lord of all who live.
He is Lord above the universe; all praise to Him we give.

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The Love of God

The love of God is greater far than tongue or pen can ever tell;
It goes beyond the highest star, and reaches to the lowest hell;
The guilty pair, bowed down with care, God gave His Son to win;
His erring child He reconciled, and pardoned from his sin.
Refrain: O love of God, how rich and pure! How measureless and strong!
It shall for evermore endure the saints' and angels' song.
Could we with ink the ocean fill, and were the skies of parchment made,
Were every stalk on earth a quill, and every man a scribe by trade,
To write the love of God above, would drain the ocean dry.
Nor could the scroll contain the whole, though stretched from sky to sky. *Refrain*

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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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Profession of Faith: *Ephesians 2:4-7*

***But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us,
even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—
and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,
so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.***

Grace Alone

Every promise we can make, every prayer and step of faith;
Every difference we will make is only by His grace.
Every mountain we will climb, every ray of hope we shine;
Every blessing left behind is only by His grace.
Refrain: Grace alone which God supplies; strength unknown He will provide.
Christ in us, our cornerstone, we will go forth in grace alone.

Every soul we long to reach, every heart we hope to teach;
Everywhere we share His peace is only by His grace.
Every loving word we say, every tear we wipe away;
Every sorrow turned to praise is only by His grace. *Refrain*

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Offering: Steve & Sandy

Evening Prayer

He Leadeth Me

He leadeth me! O blessed thought! O words with heavenly comfort fraught!
Whate'er I do, where'er I be, still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

Refrain: He leadeth me, He leadeth me; by His own hand He leadeth me:
His faithful follower I would be, for by His hand he leadeth me.

Lord, I would clasp Thy hand in mine, nor ever murmur nor repine;
Content, whatever lot I see, since 'tis Thy hand that leadeth me. *Refrain*

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Scripture: *Numbers 21:4-9*

⁴ From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom. And the people became impatient on the way. ⁵ And the people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food." ⁶ Then the Lord sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. ⁷ And the people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned, for we have spoken against the Lord and against you. Pray to the Lord, that he take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. ⁸ And the Lord said to Moses, "Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live." ⁹ So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: *Thirst No More*

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.

Teach us Lord, full obedience, Holy reverence, true humility.
Test our thoughts and our attitudes, in the radiance of Your purity.
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see, your majestic love and authority.
Words of power that can never fail; let their truth prevail over unbelief.

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God's Blessing

Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing

Lord, dismiss us with Your blessing; fill our hearts with joy and peace.
Let us each, Your love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace.
O refresh us, O refresh us, traveling through this wilderness.

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Pastor: Jon Y
Music: Lisa Q

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