

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

**Call to Worship:** *Psalm 108:3-5*

*I will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples; I will sing praises to you among the nations.*

*For your steadfast love is great above the heavens; your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.*

*Be exalted, O God, above the heavens! Let your glory be over all the earth!*

**Opening Prayer**

***It is Good to Sing Thy Praises***

It is good to sing Thy praises and to thank Thee, O Most High,  
Showing forth Thy loving kindness when the morning lights the sky.

It is good when night is falling of Thy faithfulness to tell.

While with sweet, melodious praises songs of adoration swell.

But the good shall live before Thee, planted in Thy dwelling place,  
Fruitful trees and ever verdant, nourished by Thy boundless grace.

In his goodness to the righteous God His righteousness displays;

God, my rock, my strength and refuge, just and true are all His ways.

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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.

When years of time shall pass away, and earthly thrones and kingdoms fall,

When men, who here refuse to pray, on rocks and hills and mountains call,

God's love so sure, shall still endure, all measureless and strong;

Redeeming grace to Adam's race; the saints' and angels' song. *Refrain*

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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***I Know Whom I Have Believed***

I know not why God's wondrous grace to me he has made known.

Nor why, unworthy, Christ in love redeemed me for his own.

*Refrain:* But "I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able

To keep that which I've committed unto him against that day."

I know not how this saving faith to me he did impart,

Nor how believing in his Word wrought peace within my heart. *Refrain*

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**Profession of Faith:** Our World Belongs to God, Articles 4

**Our world has fallen into sin; but rebellion and sin can never dethrone God.**

**He does not abandon the work of his hand; the heavens still declare his glory.**

**He preserves his world, sending seasons, sun, and rain, upholding his creatures, renewing the earth, directing all things to their purpose.**

**He promised a Savior; now the whole creation groans in the birth pangs of a new creation.**

**Offering:** Christian School Tuition Assistance

## Evening Prayer

### *My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine!  
Now hear me while I pray; take all my guilt away.  
Oh let me from this day be wholly Thine!

May Thy rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart, my zeal inspire.  
As Thou has died for me, O may my love to Thee  
Pure, warm and changeless be, a living fire.

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### **Scripture:** *Genesis 2:25-3:10, 3:21*

<sup>25</sup> *And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.*

<sup>3:1</sup> *Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God actually say, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden'?"<sup>2</sup> And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden,<sup>3</sup> but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.'<sup>4</sup> But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die.<sup>5</sup> For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."<sup>6</sup> So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate.<sup>7</sup> Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.<sup>8</sup> And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden.<sup>9</sup> But the Lord God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?"<sup>10</sup> And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself."*

<sup>21</sup> *And the Lord God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them.*

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Message:** *Shame and Divine Acceptance*

#### **God of Grace**

God of grace, amazing wonder, irresistible and free;  
Oh, the miracle of mercy, Jesus reaches down to me.  
God of grace, I stand in wonder, as my God restores my soul.  
His own blood has paid my ransom; awesome cost to make me whole.

God of grace, who loved and knew me long before the world began;  
Sent my Savior down from heaven; perfect God and perfect man.  
God of grace, I trust in Jesus; I'm accepted as His own.  
Every day new grace sustains me, as I lean on Him alone.

#### **God's Blessing**

#### **God of Grace**

God of grace, I stand astounded, cleansed forgiven and secure.  
All my fears are now confounded and my hope is ever sure.  
God of grace, now crowned in glory, where one day I'll see Your face;  
And forever I'll adore You in Your everlasting grace.

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