

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
October 27, 2024 ~ 10:30 AM Worship Service

Call to Worship: *Psalm 89:1-4*

I will sing of the steadfast love of the Lord, forever; with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations.

For I said, "Steadfast love will be built up forever; in the heavens you will establish your faithfulness."

You have said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one; I have sworn to David my servant:

"I will establish your offspring forever, and build your throne for all generations."

God's Greeting

Bless the Lord, O My Soul

Refrain: Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul, worship His holy name.

Sing like never before, O my soul, I worship your holy name.

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning. It's time to sing your song again.

Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me, let me be singing when the evening comes. *Refrain*

You're rich in love and you're slow to anger. Your name is great and your heart is kind.

For all your goodness, I will keep on singing, ten thousand reasons for my heart to find. *Refrain*

And on that day when my strength is failing, the end draws near and my time has come,

Soon my soul will sing your praise unending, ten thousand years and then forever more. *Refrain*

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Behold Our God

Who has held the oceans in His hands? Who has numbered every grain of sand?

Kings and nations tremble at His voice. All creation rises to rejoice.

Refrain: Behold our God, seated on His throne. Come, let us adore Him.

Behold our King, nothing can compare. Come let us adore Him!

Who has felt the nails upon His hands, bearing all the guilt of sinful man?

God eternal, humbled to the grave. Jesus, Savior, risen now to reign! *Refrain*

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Stronger

There is Love, that came for us; humbled to a sinner's cross.

You broke my shame, and sinfulness; You rose again, victorious.

Faithfulness none can deny; through the storm, and through the fire.

There is truth that sets me free, Jesus Christ who lives in me.

Refrain: You are stronger, You are stronger. Sin is broken, You have saved me.

It is written, Christ is risen. Jesus, You are Lord of all.

No beginning, and no end; You're my hope, and my defense.

You came to seek, and save the lost; You paid it all, upon the cross. *Refrain*

So let Your name be lifted higher, be lifted higher, be lifted higher.

So let Your name be lifted higher, be lifted higher, be lifted higher. *Refrain*

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Call to Confession: *Psalm 51:1-2*

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;

according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!

Prayer of Confession

Assurance: *Romans 3:21-24*

But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it—the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.

Amazing Grace

Amazing Grace! How sweet the sound – that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found, was blind but now I see.

The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come;
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

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Offertory Prayer and Offering: Memli & Luiza, Missionaries in Albania

Congregational Prayer

Scripture: *Ruth 1:1-14*

¹ In the days when the judges ruled there was a famine in the land, and a man of Bethlehem in Judah went to sojourn in the country of Moab, he and his wife and his two sons. ² The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion. They were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there. ³ But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. ⁴ These took Moabite wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. They lived there about ten years, ⁵ and both Mahlon and Chilion died, so that the woman was left without her two sons and her husband. ⁶ Then she arose with her daughters-in-law to return from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the fields of Moab that the LORD had visited his people and given them food. ⁷ So she set out from the place where she was with her two daughters-in-law, and they went on the way to return to the land of Judah. ⁸ But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go, return each of you to her mother's house. May the LORD deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. ⁹ The LORD grant that you may find rest, each of you in the house of her husband!" Then she kissed them, and they lifted up their voices and wept.

¹⁰ And they said to her, "No, we will return with you to your people." ¹¹ But Naomi said, "Turn back, my daughters; why will you go with me? Have I yet sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? ¹² Turn back, my daughters; go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. If I should say I have hope, even if I should have a husband this night and should bear sons, ¹³ would you therefore wait till they were grown? Would you therefore refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, for it is exceedingly bitter to me for your sake that the hand of the LORD has gone out against me."

¹⁴ Then they lifted up their voices and wept again. And Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: *From Brokenness to Redemption: A Journey Through Ruth*

I Stand Amazed

I stand amazed in the presence of Jesus the Nazarene.
And wonder how He could love me, a sinner, condemned, unclean.

Refrain: How marvelous! how wonderful! and my song shall ever be:
How marvelous! how wonderful is my Savior's love for me!

He took my sins and my sorrows; He made them His very own;
He bore the burden to Calvary, and suffered and died alone. *Refrain*

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God's Blessing

My Friends, May You Grow in Grace

My friends, may you grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior.

My friends, may you grow in grace and in the knowledge of Jesus Christ.

To God be the glory, now and forever, now and forever, amen.

To God be the glory, now and forever, now and forever, amen.

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Offering will be received for Memli & Luiza, missionaries in Albania serving with Disciples of Jesus Church. They have been called by God to plant churches among the Muslim villages in southern Albania.