

First Christian Reformed Church  
Lynden, Washington  
February 9, 2025 ~ 10:30 AM Worship Service

**Call to Worship:** *from Psalm 30*

*Sing praises to the Lord, O you his saints, and give thanks to his holy name.*

*I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up and have not let my foes rejoice over me.*

**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.

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***My Lord, I Did Not Choose You***

My Lord, I did not choose you, for that could never be;  
My heart would still refuse you, had you not chosen me.  
You took the sin that stained me, you cleansed me, made me new;  
Of old you have ordained me, that I should live in you.

Unless your grace had called me and taught my opening mind,  
The world would have enthralled me, to heavenly glories blind.  
My heart knows none above you; for your rich grace I thirst.  
I know that if I love you, you must have loved me first.

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***Come Unto Jesus***

Come unto Jesus all you who are weary.  
Come to the mercy seat, fervently kneel.  
Here, bring your wounded heart, broken and needy.  
Come unto Jesus, mighty to heal.

Joy of the comfortless, light for the straying,  
Hope of the penitent, peace in our strife.  
Here speaks the Comforter, tenderly saying  
My yoke is easy, My burden is light.

*Refrain:* Come unto Jesus. Come unto Jesus.  
Lay down your burdens, He is enough.  
Come unto Jesus, rest in His love.

Come, now and follow Him, this life forsaking.  
All that was gained, count as nothing but loss.  
Trade all this world for His kingdom unfading.  
Come unto Jesus, and take up your cross. *Refrain*

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**Call to Confession:** *Psalm 30:8-10*

*To you, O Lord, I cry, and to the Lord I plead for mercy:  
"What profit is there in my death, if I go down to the pit?  
Will the dust praise you? Will it tell of your faithfulness?  
Hear, O Lord, and be merciful to me! O Lord, be my helper!"*

**Prayer of Confession**

**Assurance:** *Psalm 30:11-12*

*You have turned for me my mourning into dancing; you have loosed my sackcloth and clothed me with gladness,  
that my glory may sing your praise and not be silent. O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever!*

## ***Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me***

What gift of grace is Jesus, my redeemer. There is no more for heaven now to give.  
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom, my steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace.  
To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus. For my life is wholly bound to his.  
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing: all is mine! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven, the future sure, the price, it has been paid.  
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon, and He was raised to overthrow the grave.  
To this I hold: my sin has been defeated. Jesus now, and ever is my plea.  
Oh the chains are released, I can sing: I am free! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

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## **Offertory Prayer**

**Offering:** Building the Future

## **Congregational Prayer**

### ***I Am Not My Own***

The one who made the heavens made my heart and soul, before I drew a breath, I was loved and known.  
I am His creation, the Maker's masterpiece and all that He designs will be done in me.

My body is a temple of the Living God, I'll worship in this house that His blood has bought.  
As I bear His image, oh may I not profane the holiness I hold in this earthly frame.

*Refrain:* I belong to the Lord; oh I am not my own. I belong to the Lord; I am not my own.  
I will honor Him, for this I know: I belong to the Lord; I am not my own.

And if He has redeemed me, I am not my own; the measure of my worth is His love alone.  
He declares my standing and He declares my state, so I will know myself by the name He gave. *Refrain*

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## **Scripture: Romans 9:6-13**

<sup>6</sup> But it is not as though the word of God has failed. For not all who are descended from Israel belong to Israel, <sup>7</sup> and not all are children of Abraham because they are his offspring, but "Through Isaac shall your offspring be named."

<sup>8</sup> This means that it is not the children of the flesh who are the children of God, but the children of the promise are counted as offspring. <sup>9</sup> For this is what the promise said: "About this time next year I will return, and Sarah shall have a son." <sup>10</sup> And not only so, but also when Rebekah had conceived children by one man, our forefather Isaac, <sup>11</sup> though they were not yet born and had done nothing either good or bad—in order that God's purpose of election might continue, not because of works but because of him who calls— <sup>12</sup> she was told, "The older will serve the younger." <sup>13</sup> As it is written, "Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated."

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Message:** *Jacob I Loved*

### ***How Vast the Benefits Divine***

How vast the benefits divine which we in Christ possess!  
We are redeemed from sin and shame, and called to holiness.  
'Tis not for works that we have done these all to him we owe;  
But he of his electing love salvation does bestow.

To you, O Christ, alone is due all glory and renown;  
No merit of our own we claim, nor rob you of your crown.  
You were our only surety in God's redemption plan;  
In you his grace was given us before the world began.

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## **God's Blessing**

### ***How Vast the Benefits Divine***

Within the arms of sovereign love we ever shall remain;  
Nor shall the rage of earth or hell make God's sure counsel vain.  
Each one of all the chosen race shall surely heaven attain;  
Here they will share abounding grace, and there with Jesus reign.

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