

First Christian Reformed Church  
Lynden, Washington  
May 11, 2025 ~ 6:00 p.m. Worship Service

**Call to Worship: Psalm 96:1-6**

*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.  
Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.***

**Opening Prayer**

***Great is the Lord***

Great is the Lord, He is holy and just; by His power we trust in His love.  
Great is the Lord, He is faithful and true; by His mercy He proves He is love.  
  
Great is the Lord, and worthy of glory! Great is the Lord, and worthy of praise!  
Great is the Lord! Now lift up your voice, now lift up your voice: Great is the Lord! Great is the Lord!  
  
Great are You, Lord, and worthy of glory! Great are You, Lord, and worthy of praise!  
Great are You, Lord! I lift up my voice, I lift up my voice: Great are You, Lord! Great are You, Lord!

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***We Praise Thee, O God, Our Redeemer***

We praise Thee, O God, our Redeemer, Creator  
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring;  
We lay it before Thee, we kneel and adore Thee,  
We bless Thy holy name, glad praises we sing.  
  
We worship Thee, God of our fathers, we bless Thee  
Thru life's storm and tempest, our guide hast Thou been;  
When perils o'er take us, Thou wilt not forsake us,  
And with Thy help, O Lord, life's battles we win.  
  
With voices united our praises we offer  
And gladly our song of true worship we raise.  
Thy strong arm will guide us, our God is beside us,  
To Thee, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!

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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 given counsel to the Lord? Who can question any of His words?  
Who can teach the one who knows all things? Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds?  
  
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!

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**Affirmation of Faith: Psalm 145:14-21**

*The Lord upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down.  
The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season.  
You open your hand; you satisfy the desire of every living thing.  
The Lord is righteous in all his ways and kind in all his works.  
**The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.  
He fulfills the desire of those who fear him; he also hears their cry and saves them.  
The Lord preserves all who love him, but all the wicked he will destroy.  
My mouth will speak the praise of the Lord, and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever.***

**Offering:** Christian School Tuition Assistance

**Evening Prayer**

## **Ancient Words**

Holy words long preserved for our walk in this world,  
they resound with God's own heart. O, let the ancient words impart.  
Words of life, words of hope, give us strength, help us cope.  
In this world where'er we roam, ancient words will guide us home.

*Refrain:* Ancient words, ever true, changing me and changing you;  
We have come with open hearts, O, let the ancient words impart.

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## **Scripture: Isaiah 1:1-4**

- <sup>1</sup> *The vision of Isaiah the son of Amoz, which he saw concerning  
Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.*  
<sup>2</sup> *Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth; for the Lord has spoken:*  
*"Children have I reared and brought up,*  
*but they have rebelled against me.*  
<sup>3</sup> *The ox knows its owner, and the donkey its master's crib,*  
*but Israel does not know, my people do not understand."*  
<sup>4</sup> *Ah, sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity,*  
*offspring of evildoers, children who deal corruptly!*  
*They have forsaken the Lord,*  
*they have despised the Holy One of Israel,*  
*they are utterly estranged.*

## **Isaiah 40:1-5, 9**

- <sup>1</sup> *Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.*  
<sup>2</sup> *Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her*  
*that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned,*  
*that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins.*  
<sup>3</sup> *A voice cries:*  
*"In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord;*  
*make straight in the desert a highway for our God.*  
<sup>4</sup> *Every valley shall be lifted up,*  
*and every mountain and hill be made low;*  
*the uneven ground shall become level,*  
*and the rough places a plain.*  
<sup>5</sup> *And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,*  
*and all flesh shall see it together,*  
*for the mouth of the Lord has spoken."*  
<sup>9</sup> *Go on up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good news;*  
*lift up your voice with strength,*  
*O Jerusalem, herald of good news;*  
*lift it up, fear not; say to the cities of Judah, "Behold your God!"*

## **Isaiah 53:3-6**

- <sup>3</sup> *He was despised and rejected by men,*  
*a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief;*  
*and as one from whom men hide their faces*  
*he was despised, and we esteemed him not.*  
<sup>4</sup> *Surely he has borne our griefs*  
*and carried our sorrows;*  
*yet we esteemed him stricken,*  
*smitten by God, and afflicted.*  
<sup>5</sup> *But he was pierced for our transgressions;*  
*he was crushed for our iniquities;*  
*upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,*  
*and with his wounds we are healed.*  
<sup>6</sup> *All we like sheep have gone astray;*  
*we have turned—every one—to his own way;*  
*and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.*

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Message:** A Walk Through the Bible – Isaiah

### ***For All the Saints***

For all the saints, who from their labors rest,  
Who thee by faith before the world confessed,  
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia, Alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,  
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,  
And singing to Father, Son and Holy Ghost: Alleluia, Alleluia!

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### **God's Blessing**

#### ***Let Us Go***

Father, in your presence we have gathered.  
May your Spirit reign in us, we ask.  
Free us from the things that do not matter.  
Let us focus on the glory of this task.  
  
Strengthen our feet; don't let them stumble.  
Grant us all the wisdom of your grace.  
Fill our hearts with love and make them humble.  
Teach us, Father, how to run this holy race.

*Refrain:* Let us go in the love of the Father,  
Let us go in the glory of the Son.  
Let us go in the Spirit's mighty power.  
For your kingdom let us go.  
So that others unto you may come.

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