

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
May 25, 2025 ~ 10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Call to Worship: *Psalm 100*

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

Serve the Lord with gladness!

Come into his presence with singing!

Know that the Lord, he is God!

It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!

Give thanks to him; bless his name!

For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

God's Greeting

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

All people that on earth do dwell, sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
Him serve with mirth, His praise forth tell, come ye before Him and rejoice.

O enter then His gates with praise, approach with joy His courts unto;
Praise, laud, and bless His name always, for it is seemly so to do.

For why? The Lord our God is good, His mercy is forever sure;
His truth at all times firmly stood, and shall from age to age endure.

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Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father! There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not: as Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

Refrain: Great is Thy faithfulness, great is Thy faithfulness, morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided – great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow – blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! *Refrain*

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Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession: *Psalm 25:4-7*

***Make me to know your ways, O Lord;
teach me your paths.***

***Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
for you I wait all the day long.***

***Remember your mercy,
O Lord, and your steadfast love,
for they have been from of old.***

***Remember not the sins of my youth
or my transgressions;
according to your steadfast love remember me,
for the sake of your goodness, O Lord!***

Assurance: *Psalm 25:8-10*

*Good and upright is the Lord;
therefore he instructs sinners in the way.*

*He leads the humble in what is right,
and teaches the humble his way.*

*All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness,
for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.*

His Mercy is More

What love could remember no wrongs we have done? Omniscient, all-knowing, He counts not their sum.
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore, our sins, they are many, His mercy is more.

What riches of kindness He lavished on us. His blood was the payment His life was the cost.
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford. Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.

Refrain: Praise the Lord, His mercy is more. Stronger than darkness, new every morn.
Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more.
Praise the Lord, His mercy is more. Stronger than darkness, new every morn.
Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more.

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Ordination and Installation of Elders and Deacons

Our Church

Here we are now, a crowd assembled, peace like incense fills the air.
Men and women, the sounds of children, young and old have come to share.
In the beauty of this place, we have gathered by His grace.

Refrain: This is our church, our family of faith, on this Holy ground we're all the same.
And we are the joy of God on display whenever we meet in Jesus' Name.
Whenever we meet in Jesus' Name.

Walls are falling, hearts disarming as His presence ushers in.
Waves of mercy fill the building as His Spirit stirs within.
In the beauty of this place, we have gathered by His grace. *Refrain*

From the suburbs to the streets we have gathered to receive.
Some with plenty, some with need, cause we are a family, His family. *Refrain*

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Offertory Prayer

Offering: Benevolence

Congregational Prayer

Scripture: Romans 11:19-24

¹⁹ Then you will say, "Branches were broken off so that I might be grafted in." ²⁰ That is true. They were broken off because of their unbelief, but you stand fast through faith. So do not become proud, but fear. ²¹ For if God did not spare the natural branches, neither will he spare you. ²² Note then the kindness and the severity of God: severity toward those who have fallen, but God's kindness to you, provided you continue in his kindness. Otherwise you too will be cut off. ²³ And even they, if they do not continue in their unbelief, will be grafted in, for God has the power to graft them in again. ²⁴ For if you were cut from what is by nature a wild olive tree, and grafted, contrary to nature, into a cultivated olive tree, how much more will these, the natural branches, be grafted back into their own olive tree.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: Behold the Kindness and Severity of God

Wonderful, Merciful Savior

Wonderful, merciful Savior, Precious Redeemer and Friend;
Who would have thought that a Lamb could rescue the souls of men? Oh, You rescue the souls of men.

Refrain: You are the One that we praise, You are the One we adore.
You give the healing and grace our hearts always hunger for, oh, our hearts always hunger for.

Almighty, infinite Father, faithfully loving Your own;
Here in our weakness You find us falling before Your throne, Oh, we're falling before Your throne. *Refrain*

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God's Blessing

We Receive Your Blessing

We receive Your blessing, we receive Your grace,
As we walk in the light shining from Your face.
May the peace that You give change the way that we live.
We receive Your blessing as we leave this place.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him, all creatures here below.
Praise Him, above You heavenly hosts.
Praise Father, Son and praise the Holy Ghost.

We receive Your blessing as we leave this place.

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Pastors: Zac H, Robert W
Prayer: Dustin H, Gene T
Music: Emily A, Cheryl K, Nancy Z

Offering will be received for the First CRC Benevolence Fund, used to help local people and families in times of need.

Nursery is available with a paging system for children under 3 years during the service in the Education Building.

Children's Church is available for children 3 years – 3rd grade. Children are dismissed to the Education Building during the service.

Worship services are also broadcast live in the church basement and streamed online for anyone unable to worship in the sanctuary.

An assistive listening system is available in the sanctuary; to use this system, switch hearing aids to "T".

On the bulletin, bold font is a response by the congregation. You are invited to join if you feel comfortable.

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