

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
June 15, 2025 ~ 10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Call to Worship: *Psalm 57:9-11*

God's Greeting

Be Exalted, O God

I will give thanks to Thee, O Lord, among the people.
I will sing praises to Thee among the nations.
For Thy steadfast love is great, is great to the heavens;
And Thy faithfulness, Thy faithfulness to the clouds.
Be exalted, O God, above the heavens;
Let Thy glory be over all the earth.
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We Will Glorify

We will glorify the King of kings.
We will glorify the Lamb.
We will glorify the Lord of lords, Who is the great I AM.

Lord Jehovah reigns in majesty.
We will bow before His throne.
We will worship Him in righteousness. We will worship Him alone.

He is Lord of heaven, Lord of earth,
He is Lord of all who live.
He is Lord above the universe; all praise to Him we give.

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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.

The night is dark, but I am not forsaken,
For by my side, the Savior, He will stay.
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing,
For in my need, His power is displayed.
To this I hold: my Shepherd will defend me.
Through the deepest valley He will lead.
Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

With every breath I long to follow Jesus,
For He has said that He will bring me home.
And day by day I know He will renew me,
Until I stand with joy before the throne.
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus,
All the glory evermore to Him!
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat:
Yet not I, but through Christ in me!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me!

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Call to Confession: *based on Romans 5:8; Hebrews 4:16, NRSV*

The proof of God's amazing love is this:

While we were sinners, Christ died for us.

Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Trusting in God's faithfulness and compassion, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Prayer of Confession

Assurance: *Romans 8:38-39*

Commissioning of the First CRC SERVE Team

Leader: Let us join together in reading the theme verse of SERVE 2025: Isaiah 54:10

All: *Though the mountains be shaken and the hills be removed, yet my unfailing love for you will not be shaken nor my covenant of peace be removed," says the Lord, who has compassion on you.*

Congregation: **May the Lord who loves you unfailingly, give you strength and humility as you are sent out to give of yourself in order to love and serve his people this week.**

SERVE Participants: We receive his love and strength. We aim to be humble as we serve.

Congregation: **May the Lord who loves you unfailingly, give you grace so that you may love those you encounter as his beloved children, and may they see Jesus in you.**

SERVE Participants: We receive his love and grace. We aim to show Jesus to everyone we encounter.

Congregation: **May the Lord, who loves you unfailingly, give you peace when you sense chaos and uncertainty in the world around you.**

SERVE Participants: We receive his love and peace. We aim to invite others to know God's deep peace.

Congregation: **May the Lord, who loves you unfailingly, give you patience when you are tired, frustrated or overwhelmed.**

SERVE Participants: We receive his love and patience. We aim to demonstrate patience and kindness with others.

Congregation: **May the Lord, who loves you unfailingly, give you courage as you meet new people, are invited to do new things and are pushed beyond your limits.**

SERVE Participants: We receive his love and courage. We aim to follow where the Lord leads, even if it causes discomfort.

Congregation: **May the Lord, who loves you unfailingly, give you compassion-for yourself, for your leaders, for your teammates and for those you serve.**

SERVE Participants: We receive his love and compassion. We aim to show compassion to those around us.

Congregation: **May the Lord, who loves you unfailingly, give you immeasurable joy as you experience the beauty of his love, strength, grace, hope, peace and compassion.**

SERVE Participants: We receive the gifts the Lord so generously gives us, his children. May we not keep these gifts for ourselves but pour them out to others, so they may see the beauty and goodness of the Lord. May we glorify the Lord this week as we grow, learn and serve.

All: Amen. Thanks be to God!

Lord, Whose Love Through

Lord, whose love through humble service

Bore the weight of human need,

Who upon the cross, forsaken, offered mercy's perfect deed.

We, your servants, bring the worship

Not the voice alone, but heart.

Consecrating to your purpose every gift that you impart.

As we worship, grant us vision, till your love's revealing light

In its height and depth and greatness,

Dawns upon our quickened sight. making known the needs and

Burdens your compassion bids us bear,

Stirring us to tireless striving, your abundant life to share.

Called by worship to your service, forth in your dear name we go,
To the child, the youth, the aged, love in living deeds to show;
Hope and health, good will and comfort,
Counsel, aid, and peace we give,
That your servants, Lord, in freedom
May your mercy know and live.

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Offertory Prayer

Offertory Ministry of Music: *Be Thou My Vision/He Leadeth Me*

Offering: SERVE

Congregational Prayer

Scripture: *Romans 12:1-2*

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ² Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: *Therefore*

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

To God Be the Glory

To God be the glory, to God be the glory,
To God be the glory for the things he has done:
With his blood he has saved me;
With his power he has raised me.
To God be the glory for the things he has done.

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