

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
June 15, 2025 ~ 6:00 PM Worship Service

Call to Worship: *Psalm 72:18-19*

*Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,
who alone does wondrous things.*

*Blessed be his glorious name forever;
may the whole earth be filled with his glory!
Amen and Amen!*

God's Greeting

Congregational Favorites

Profession of Faith: *Psalm 103:8-13*

⁸ *The Lord is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.*

⁹ *He will not always chide,
nor will he keep his anger forever.*

¹⁰ *He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.*

¹¹ *For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;*

¹² *as far as the east is from the west,
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.*

¹³ *As a father shows compassion to his children,
so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him.*

Offering: SERVE

Evening Prayer

Your Word is Everlasting Truth

(Sung to the tune of *There is a Fountain*.)

Your Word is everlasting truth.
How pure is every page!
That holy book shall guide my youth
And well support my age.
It's like the sun, a heavenly light
That guides us all the day,
And through the dangers of the night
A lamp to lead the way.

But Yours brings us to heaven!
When nature sinks and spirits droop,
Your promises of grace
Are pillars that support my hope
And keep me in Your ways.
Now I am Yours, forever Yours. O save your servant, Lord!
You are my shield, my hiding place. My hope is in Your Word.

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Scripture: *Lamentations 1:3-5*

³ *Judah has gone into exile because of affliction
and hard servitude;
she dwells now among the nations,
but finds no resting place;
her pursuers have all overtaken her
in the midst of her distress.*
⁴ *The roads to Zion mourn,
for none come to the festival;
all her gates are desolate;
her priests groan;
her virgins have been afflicted,
and she herself suffers bitterly.*
⁵ *Her foes have become the head;
her enemies prosper,
because the Lord has afflicted her
for the multitude of her transgressions;
her children have gone away,
captives before the foe.*

Lamentations 2:17

¹⁷ *The Lord has done what he purposed;
he has carried out his word,
which he commanded long ago;
he has thrown down without pity;
he has made the enemy rejoice over you
and exalted the might of your foes.*

Lamentations 3:19-33

¹⁹ *Remember my affliction and my wanderings,
the wormwood and the gall!*
²⁰ *My soul continually remembers it
and is bowed down within me.*
²¹ *But this I call to mind,
and therefore I have hope:*
²² *The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;
his mercies never come to an end;*
²³ *they are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.*
²⁴ *"The Lord is my portion," says my soul,
"therefore I will hope in him."*
²⁵ *The Lord is good to those who wait for him,
to the soul who seeks him.*
²⁶ *It is good that one should wait quietly
for the salvation of the Lord.*
²⁷ *It is good for a man that he bear
the yoke in his youth.*
²⁸ *Let him sit alone in silence
when it is laid on him;*
²⁹ *let him put his mouth in the dust—
there may yet be hope;*
³⁰ *let him give his cheek to the one who strikes,
and let him be filled with insults.*

³¹ *For the Lord will not
cast off forever,*
³² *but, though he cause grief, he will have compassion
according to the abundance of his steadfast love;*
³³ *for he does not afflict from his heart
or grieve the children of men.*

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Message: *A Walk Through the Bible: Lamentations*

In Christ Alone

In Christ alone, my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song,
This Cornerstone, this solid ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
My Comforter, my all in all,
Here in the love of Christ, I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh,
Fullness of God, in helpless Babe.
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save.
'Til on the cross, as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied.
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid,
Here in the death of Christ I live.

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God's Blessing

In Christ Alone

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the pow'r of Christ in me.
From life's first cry, to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand.
'Til He returns or calls me home,
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

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Pastors: Zac, Robert W

Music: Nancy Z

Song Leader: Brian S

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