

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
July 20, 2025
10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Call to Worship: *Psalm 47:1-2, 7-8*

Clap your hands, all peoples!

Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

*For the Lord, the Most High, is to be feared,
a great king over all the earth.*

***For God is the King of all the earth;
sing praises with a psalm!***

***God reigns over the nations;
God sits on his holy throne.***

God's Greeting

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

All Thy works with joy surround Thee,
Earth and heaven reflect Thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around Thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in Thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
Well-spring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother – all who live in love are Thine;
Teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

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We Gather Together

We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing;
He chastens and hastens His will to make known;
The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing,
Sing praises to His name: He forgets not His own.

Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,
Ordaining, maintaining His Kingdom divine;
So from the beginning the fight we were winning:
Thou, Lord, was at our side – all glory be Thine.

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Because He Lives

God sent His Son – they called Him Jesus;
He came to love, heal and forgive.
He lived and died to buy my pardon;
An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives.

Refrain: Because He lives I can face tomorrow;
Because He lives, all fear is gone.
Because I know He holds the future,
And life is worth the living just because He lives.

And then one day I'll cross the river; I'll fight life's final war with pain.

And then, as death gives way to victory, I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know He reigns. *Refrain*

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Call to Confession: *Ephesians 4:22-24*

Put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

Prayer of Confession

Assurance: *I Peter 1:22-23*

Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God.

Our Response: *Summarized from Matthew 22:37-40*

What is the great and first commandment?

**Love the Lord your God with all your heart
and with all your soul and with all your mind.**

What is the second commandment like it?

Love your neighbor as yourself.

What does this mean?

Love is the fulfilling of the law.

To what does this call us?

To a life of faith working through love.

I Know Whom I Have Believed

I know not why God's wondrous grace to me he has made known.
Nor why, unworthy, Christ in love redeemed me for his own.

Refrain: But "I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able
To keep that which I've committed unto him against that day."

I know not how this saving faith to me he did impart,
Nor how believing in his Word wrought peace within my heart. *Refrain*

I know not how the Spirit moves, convincing men of sin,
Revealing Jesus through the Word, creating faith in him. *Refrain*

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Offertory Prayer

Offering: Gideons

Congregational Prayer

Speak, O Lord

Teach us Lord, full obedience,
Holy reverence, true humility.
Test our thoughts and our attitudes,
In the radiance of Your purity.
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see,
Your majestic love and authority.
Words of power that can never fail;
Let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us.
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time,
That will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises,
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built,
And the earth is filled with Your glory.

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* **Scripture:** *Romans 12:3-8*

³ For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴ For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, ⁵ so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. ⁶ Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; ⁷ if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; ⁸ the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: *Having Gifts That Differ*

God, The Father of Your People

God, the Father of your people, You have called us to be one;
Grant us grace to walk together in the joy of Christ, your Son.
Challenged by your Word and Spirit,
Blest with gifts from heaven above,
As one body we will serve you and bear witness to your love.
May the grace of Christ, our Savior,
And the Father's boundless love,
With the Holy Spirit's favor, rest upon us from above.
May we now remain in union with each other and the Lord,
And possess, in sweet communion, joys that earth cannot afford.

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God's Blessing

By the Sea of Crystal

"Unto God Almighty, sitting on the throne,
And the Lamb, victorious, be the praise alone."
God has wrought salvation; He did wondrous things.
Who shall not extol thee, holy King of kings!

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