

First Christian Reformed Church  
Lynden, Washington  
July 20, 2025  
6:00 p.m. Worship Service

**Call to Worship:** *Psalm 63:1-4*

*O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you;  
my soul thirsts for you;  
my flesh faints for you,  
as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.  
So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary,  
beholding your power and glory.  
Because your steadfast love is better than life,  
my lips will praise you.  
So I will bless you as long as I live;  
in your name I will lift up my hands.*

**Opening Prayer**

***My Savior's Love***

I stand amazed in the presence of Jesus the Nazarene.  
And wonder how He could love me, a sinner, condemned, unclean.

*Refrain:* How marvelous! How wonderful!  
And my song shall ever be:  
How marvelous, how wonderful  
Is my Savior's love for me!

He took my sins and my sorrows; He made them His very own;  
He bore the burden to Calvary, and suffered and died alone. *Refrain*

When with the ransomed in glory His face I at last shall see,  
'Twill be my joy through the ages to sing of His love for me. *Refrain*

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***Redeemed***

Redeemed – how I love to proclaim it!  
Redeemed by the blood of the Lamb;  
Redeemed through His infinite mercy, His child, and forever, I am.

I think of my blessed Redeemer, I think of Him all the day long;  
I sing, for I cannot be silent; His love is the theme of my song.

*Refrain:* Redeemed, redeemed, redeemed, by the blood of the Lamb.  
Redeemed, redeemed, His child, and forever, I am.

I know I shall see in His beauty the King, in whose law I delight,  
Who lovingly guards every footstep and gives me a song in the night. *Refrain*

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***O God, You Are My God***

O God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you.  
O God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you.  
I will seek you in the morning,  
And I will learn to walk in your ways.  
And step by step you'll lead me,  
And I will follow you all of my days. *Repeat All*

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**Profession of Faith:** Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 56

What do you believe concerning "the forgiveness of sins"?

**I believe that God, because of Christ's atonement,  
will never hold against me  
any of my sins nor my sinful nature  
which I need to struggle against all my life.  
Rather, in his grace  
God grants me the righteousness of Christ  
to free me forever from judgment.**

**Offering:** Gideons

**Evening Prayer**

***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 patience would wait as we constantly roam?  
What Father, so tender, is calling us home?  
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor.  
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. *Repeat*

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**Scripture:** *Hosea 1:1-9*

<sup>1</sup> *The word of the LORD that came to Hosea, the son of Beeri, in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah, and in the days of Jeroboam the son of Joash, king of Israel.*

<sup>2</sup> *When the LORD first spoke through Hosea, the LORD said to Hosea, "Go, take to yourself a wife of whoredom and have children of whoredom, for the land commits great whoredom by forsaking the LORD." <sup>3</sup> So he went and took Gomer, the daughter of Diblaim, and she conceived and bore him a son.*

<sup>4</sup> *And the LORD said to him, "Call his name Jezreel, for in just a little while I will punish the house of Jehu for the blood of Jezreel, and I will put an end to the kingdom of the house of Israel. <sup>5</sup> And on that day I will break the bow of Israel in the Valley of Jezreel."*

<sup>6</sup> *She conceived again and bore a daughter. And the LORD said to him, "Call her name No Mercy, for I will no more have mercy on the house of Israel, to forgive them at all. <sup>7</sup> But I will have mercy on the house of Judah, and I will save them by the LORD their God. I will not save them by bow or by sword or by war or by horses or by horsemen."*

<sup>8</sup> *When she had weaned No Mercy, she conceived and bore a son.*

<sup>9</sup> *And the LORD said, "Call his name Not My People, for you are not my people, and I am not your God."*

*Hosea 2:23*

<sup>23</sup> *And I will have mercy on No Mercy,  
and I will say to Not My People, 'You are my people';  
and he shall say, 'You are my God.'"*

*Hosea 3:1-2*

<sup>1</sup> *And the Lord said to me, "Go again, love a woman who is loved by another man and is an adulteress, even as the Lord loves the children of Israel, though they turn to other gods and love cakes of raisins." <sup>2</sup> So I bought her for fifteen shekels of silver and a homer and a lethech of barley.*

*Hosea 14:4-7*

<sup>4</sup> *I will heal their apostasy;  
I will love them freely,  
for my anger has turned from them.*  
<sup>5</sup> *I will be like the dew to Israel;  
he shall blossom like the lily;  
he shall take root like the trees of Lebanon;*  
<sup>6</sup> *his shoots shall spread out;  
his beauty shall be like the olive,  
and his fragrance like Lebanon.*  
<sup>7</sup> *They shall return and dwell beneath my shadow;  
they shall flourish like the grain;  
they shall blossom like the vine;  
their fame shall be like the wine of Lebanon.*

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Message:** *A Walk Through the Bible: Hosea*

### ***God of Grace***

God of grace, amazing wonder, irresistible and free;  
Oh, the miracle of mercy, Jesus reaches down to me.  
God of grace, I stand in wonder,  
As my God restores my soul.  
His own blood has paid my ransom;  
Awesome cost to make me whole.

God of grace, who loved and knew me  
Long before the world began;  
Sent my Savior down from heaven; perfect God and perfect man.  
God of grace, I trust in Jesus; I'm accepted as His own.  
Every day new grace sustains me, as I lean on Him alone.

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### **God's Blessing**

#### ***God of Grace***

God of grace, I stand astounded, cleansed forgiven and secure.  
All my fears are now confounded and my hope is ever sure.  
God of grace, now crowned in glory,  
Where one day I'll see Your face;  
And forever I'll adore You in Your everlasting grace.

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