

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
July 27, 2025 ~ 10:30 AM Worship Service

Call to Worship: *based on Zechariah 9:9; Psalm 118:26, 28-29*

Rejoice greatly, O people of Zion!

Shout in triumph, O people of Jerusalem!

Look, your king is coming to you.

He is righteous and victorious, yet he is humble, riding on a donkey—even on a donkey's colt.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

You are our God, and we will praise You!

You are our God, and we will exalt You!

O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good.

His faithful love endures forever!

God's Greeting

Praise the Lord with the Sound of Trumpet

Praise the Lord with the sound of trumpet, praise the Lord with the harp and lute,

Praise the Lord with the gentle sounding flute.

Praise the Lord in the field and forest, praise the Lord in the city square,

Praise the Lord anytime and anywhere.

Praise the Lord in the wind and sunshine, praise the Lord in the dark of night,

Praise the Lord in the rain or snow or in the morning light.

Praise the Lord in the deepest valley, praise the Lord on the highest hill,

Praise the Lord; never let your voice be still.

Praise the Lord with the crashing cymbal, praise the Lord with the pipe and string,

Praise the Lord with the joyful songs you sing.

Praise the Lord on a weekday morning, praise the Lord on a Sunday noon,

Praise the Lord by the light of sun or moon.

Praise the Lord in the time of sorrow, praise the Lord in the time of joy.

Praise the Lord every moment; nothing let your praise destroy.

Praise the Lord in the peace and quiet, praise the Lord in your work or play,

Praise the Lord everywhere in every way!

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I Sing the Mighty Power of God

I sing the mighty power of God, that made the mountains rise;

That spread the flowing seas abroad, and built the lofty skies.

I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;

The moon shines full at His command, and all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord that filled the earth with food;

He formed the creatures with His word and then pronounced them good.

Lord, how Thy wonders are displayed where'er I turn my eye:

If I survey the ground I tread r gaze upon the sky!

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Beautiful Savior

Beautiful Savior! King of creation! Son of God and Son of Man!

Truly I'd love thee, truly I'd serve thee, light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands, robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;

Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer; He makes our sorr'wing spirit sing.

Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations! Son of God and Son of Man!

Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be thine!

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Call to Confession: *based on Psalm 130, Mark 5:21-43*

Out of the depths of despair, we cry to you, O God. We are lost in a world of pain and suffering.
When we put our trust in weapons of war, we find no peace.
When we put our faith in our own resources, we feel the ache of our true needs.
When we put our hope in the health of our bodies, we suffer pain and find no healing.
Come to us, O God, forgive our doubts and fears.
Heal our brokenness, that we may rejoice in your steadfast love. Amen.

Prayer of Confession

Assurance: *based on Psalm 130* There is forgiveness and healing with God. God's steadfast love has the power to redeem our brokenness and make us whole.

The Love of God

The love of God is greater far than tongue or pen can ever tell;
It goes beyond the highest star, and reaches to the lowest hell;
The guilty pair, bowed down with care, God gave His Son to win;
His erring child He reconciled, and pardoned from his sin.

Refrain: O love of God, how rich and pure! How measureless and strong!
It shall for evermore endure the saints' and angels' song.

When years of time shall pass away, and earthly thrones and kingdoms fall,
When men, who here refuse to pray, on rocks and hills and mountains call,
God's love so sure, shall still endure, all measureless and strong;
Redeeming grace to Adam's race – the saints' and angels' song. *Refrain*

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Offertory Prayer and Offering: Benevolence

Offertory Ministry of Music

Congregational Prayer

Seek Ye First, the Kingdom of God

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness,
And all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia.

Ask and it shall be given unto you; seek and you shall find;
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, alleluia.

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Scripture: *Romans 12:4-8* 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: What Are Gifts?*

Have Thine Own Way, Lord!

Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way!
Thou art the potter, I am the clay! Mold me and make me after Thy will, while I am waiting, yielded and still.
Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way!
Search me and try me, Master, today! Open mine eyes, my sin show me now, as in thy presence humbly I bow.

God's Blessing

Have Thine Own Way, Lord!

Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way!
Hold o'er my being absolute sway! Fill with Thy Spirit 'til all shall see Christ only, always, living in me!

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Pastors: Zac H, Robert W

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