

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
August 3, 2025 ~ 10:30 AM Worship Service

Call to Worship: *Psalm 113:1-3*

Praise the Lord!

Praise, O servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord!

Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time forth and forevermore!

From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the Lord is to be praised!

God's Greeting

Great Is the Lord

Great is the Lord, He is holy and just; by His power we trust in His love.

Great is the Lord, He is faithful and true; by His mercy He proves He is love.

Great is the Lord, and worthy of glory! Great is the Lord, and worthy of praise!

Great is the Lord! Now lift up your voice, now lift up your voice: Great is the Lord! Great is the Lord!

Great are You, Lord, and worthy of glory! Great are You, Lord, and worthy of praise!

Great are You, Lord! I lift up my voice, I lift up my voice: Great are You, Lord! Great are You, Lord!

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Bless the Lord, O My Soul

Refrain: Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul, worship His holy name.

Sing like never before, O my soul, I worship your holy name.

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning; it's time to sing your song again.

Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me, let me be singing when the evening comes. *Refrain*

You're rich in love and you're slow to anger; your name is great and your heart is kind.

For all your goodness, I will keep on singing, ten thousand reasons for my heart to find. *Refrain*

And on that day when my strength is failing, the end draws near and my time has come,

Soon my soul will sing your praise unending, ten thousand years and then forever more. *Refrain*

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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.

There in the ground His body lay, light of the world by darkness slain.

Then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave He rose again.

And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me,

For I am His and He is mine; bought with the precious blood of Christ.

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Call to Confession: *The Shema, Deuteronomy 6:4-9*

Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one.

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.

And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart.

You shall teach them diligently to your children,

and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way,

and when you lie down, and when you rise.

You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes.

You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

Prayer of Confession

Assurance: *When Peace Like a River*

When peace like a river attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll—
Whatever my lot, Thou has taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.
It is well, with my soul, it is well, it is well, with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come, let this blest assurance control:
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate, and has shed his own blood for my soul.
It is well, with my soul, it is well, it is well, with my soul.

My sin, O the joy of this glorious thought, my sin, not in part, but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more: praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
It is well, with my soul, it is well, it is well, with my soul.

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Offertory Prayer and Offering: Christian School Tuition Assistance

Congregational Prayer

Lord, Speak to Me

O teach me, Lord, that I may teach the precious truths which You impart.
And wing my words that they may reach the hidden depths of many-a heart.

O use me, Lord, use even me, just as You will, and when, and where
Until Your blessed face I see, Your rest, Your joy, Your glory share.

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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.

I Corinthians 12:1

¹ Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be uninformed.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: *Having Gifts that Differ: What They Are Not*

Spirit of the Living God

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, move among us all; make us one in heart and mind, make us one in love:
Humble, caring, selfless, sharing. Spirit of the living God, fill our lives with love.

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God's Blessing

When Peace Like a River

O, Lord haste the day when my faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled back as a scroll:
The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend, even so it is well with my soul.
It is well, with my soul, it is well, it is well, with my soul.

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Pastors: Zac H, Robert W
Prayer: Kyle E, Tim V
Music: Paul A, Sharon A, Brian K, Cheryl K

Offering will be received for Christian School Tuition Assistance, a fund used to help cover tuition cost of First church families who send their children to Christian schools.

Nursery is available with a paging system for children under 3 years during the service in the Education Building.

Children's Church is available for children 3 years – 3rd grade. Children are dismissed to the Ed. Building during the service.

Worship services are also broadcast live in the basement and streamed online for anyone unable to worship in the sanctuary.

An assistive listening system is available in the sanctuary; to use this system, switch hearing aids to "T".

On the bulletin, bold font is a response by the congregation. You are invited to join if you feel comfortable.