

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
August 17, 2025
10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Call to Worship: *Psalm 89:1-2*

*I will sing of the steadfast love of the Lord forever;
with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness
to all generations.*

***For I said, "Steadfast love will be built up forever;
in the heavens you will establish your faithfulness."***

God's Greeting

Come, People of the Risen King

Come, people of the risen King, who delight to bring Him praise.
Come, all, and tune your hearts to sing to the Morning Star of grace.
From the shifting shadows of the earth we will lift our eyes to Him,
Where steady arms of mercy reach to gather children in.

Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice!
One heart, one voice, O Church of Christ, rejoice!

Come, those whose joy is morning sun,
And those weeping through the night.
Come, those who tell of battles won, and those struggling in the fight.
For His perfect love will never change, and His mercies never cease,
But follow us through all our days with the certain hope of peace. *Refrain*

Come, young and old from every land, men and women of the faith.
Come, those with full or empty hands; find the riches of His grace.
Over all the world His people sing; shore to shore we hear them call
The Truth that cries through every age: "Our God is all in all!" *Refrain*

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Behold Our God

Who has held the oceans in His hands?
Who has numbered every grain of sand?
Kings and nations tremble at His voice.
All creation rises to rejoice.

Refrain: Behold our God, seated on His throne.
Come, let us adore Him.
Behold our King, nothing can compare.
Come let us adore Him!

Who has given counsel to the Lord?
Who can question any of His words?
Who can teach the one who knows all things?
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds? *Refrain*

Who has felt the nails upon His hands,
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man?
God eternal, humbled to the grave.
Jesus, Savior, risen now to reign! *Refrain*

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Our Church

Here we are now, a crowd assembled, peace like incense fills the air.
Men and women, the sounds of children,
Young and old have come to share.
In the beauty of this place, we have gathered by His grace. *Refrain*

Refrain: This is our church, our family of faith,
On this Holy ground we're all the same.
And we are the joy of God on display
Whenever we meet in Jesus' Name.
Whenever we meet in Jesus' Name.

Walls are falling, hearts disarming as His presence ushers in.
Waves of mercy fill the building as His Spirit stirs within.
In the beauty of this place, we have gathered by His grace. *Refrain*

From the suburbs to the streets we have gathered to receive.
Some with plenty, some with need,
Cause we are a family, His family. *Refrain*

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Call to Confession:

The proof of God's amazing love is this: While we were yet sinners Christ died for us. Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God with confidence. (Romans 5:8, Hebrews 4:16)
In faith and penitence, let us confess our sin against God and one another.

Prayer of Confession

Assurance: *Romans 3:22-24*

The righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.

Wonderful, Merciful Savior

Wonderful, merciful Savior, Precious Redeemer and Friend;
Who would have thought that a Lamb could rescue the souls of men?
Oh, You rescue the souls of men.

Refrain: You are the One that we praise, You are the One we adore.
You give the healing and grace our hearts always hunger for,
Oh, our hearts always hunger for.

Almighty, infinite Father, faithfully loving Your own;
Here in our weakness You find us falling before Your throne,
Oh, we're falling before Your throne. *Refrain*

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Offertory Prayer

Offering: Snehakunja Home – Kidstown International

Congregational Prayer

Every Promise of Your Word

From the breaking of the dawn to the setting of the sun,
I will stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.
Words of power, strong to save, that will never pass away,
I will stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.
For Your covenant is sure, and on this I am secure—
I can stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.

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Scripture: *Romans 12:6-8*

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: Speaking Gifts*

Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart

Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;
Wean it from earth, thro' all its pulses move;
Stoop to my weakness, mighty as Thou art,
And make me love Thee as I ought to love.

Hast Thou not bid us love Thee, God and King?
All, all Thine own-soul, heart, and strength, and mind!
I see Thy cross-there teach my heart to cling;
O let me seek Thee, and O let me find!

Teach me to love Thee as Thine angels love,
One holy passion filling all my frame;
The baptism of the heaven-descended Dove –
My heart an altar, and Thy love the flame.

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God's Blessing

My Friends, May You Grow in Grace

My friends, may you grow in grace
And in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior.
My friends, may you grow in grace
And in the knowledge of Jesus Christ.
To God be the glory, now and forever, now and forever, amen.
To God be the glory, now and forever, now and forever, amen.

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