

First Christian Reformed Church  
Lynden, Washington  
August 24, 2025 ~ 10:30 AM Worship Service

**Call to Worship:** *Psalm 66:1-2,4*

*Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth; sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise.  
All the earth worships you; they sing praises to you, sing praises to your name.*

**God's Greeting**

***Come, All You People, Praise Our God***

Come, all you people, praise our God and tell his glorious works abroad, who holds our souls in life;  
He never lets our feet be moved and, though our faith has often proved, upholds us in the strife.

Come, listen, all who fear the Lord, while I with grateful heart record what God has done for me;  
I cried to him in deep distress, and now his wondrous grace I bless, for he has set me free.

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***Praise the LORD! Sing Hallelujah***

Praise the LORD! Sing hallelujah! Come, our great Redeemer praise.  
I will sing the glorious praises of my God through all my days.  
Put no confidence in princes, nor on human help depend.  
They shall die, to dust returning; all their thoughts and plans shall end.

Praise the LORD! Sing hallelujah! Come, our great Redeemer praise.  
I will sing the glorious praises of my God through all my days.  
Over all God reigns forever; through all ages he is King.  
Unto him, your God, O Zion, joyful hallelujahs sing.

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***Be Still, for the Presence***

Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here;  
Come bow before him now with reverence and fear:  
In him no sin is found; we stand on holy ground.  
Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around;  
He burns with holy fire, with splendor he is crowned:  
How awesome is the sight; our radiant King of light!  
Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place;  
He comes to cleanse and heal, to minister his grace  
No work too hard for him, in faith receive from him.  
Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.

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**Call to Confession:** *1 John 1:5-7, NIV*

*This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all.  
If we claim to have fellowship with him yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live by the truth.  
But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another,  
and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.*

**Prayer of Confession**

**Assurance:** Our World Belongs to God, Article 6

We rejoice in the goodness of God, renounce the works of darkness, and dedicate ourselves to holy living.  
As covenant partners, called to faithful obedience, and set free for joyful praise,  
we offer our hearts and lives to do God's work in his world.  
With tempered impatience, eager to see injustice ended, we expect the Day of the Lord.

**And we are confident that the light which shines in the present darkness will fill the earth when Christ appears.  
Come, Lord Jesus! Our world belongs to you.**

### ***Christ Our Hope in Life and Death***

What is our hope in life and death? Christ alone, Christ alone.  
What is our only confidence? That our souls to Him belong.  
Who holds our days within His hand? What comes, apart from His command?  
And what will keep us to the end? The love of Christ, in which we stand.

*Refrain:* O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal;  
O sing hallelujah! Now and ever we confess Christ our hope in life and death.

What truth can calm the troubled soul? God is good, God is good.  
Where is His grace and goodness known? In our great Redeemer's blood.  
Who holds our faith when fears arise? Who stands above the stormy trial?  
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh unto the shore, the rock of Christ? *Refrain*

**Offertory Prayer and Offering:** Building the Future

**Offertory Ministry of Music:** *Because He Lives*

### **Congregational Prayer**

#### ***O Word of God Incarnate***

O Word of God incarnate, O Wisdom from on high,  
O Truth unchanged, unchanging, O Light of our dark sky:  
We praise you for the radiance that from the Scripture's page,  
A lantern to our footsteps, shines on from age to age.

The church from you, dear Master, received this gift divine;  
And still that light is lifted o'er all the earth to shine.  
It is the chart and compass that all life's voyage through,  
Mid mists and rocks and quicksands, still guides, O Christ, to you.

O make your church, dear Savior a lamp of burnished gold  
To bear before the nations your true light as of old.  
O teach your traveling pilgrims by this their path to trace  
Till, clouds and darkness ended, we see you face to face.

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#### **Scripture:** *Romans 12:6-8*

<sup>6</sup> *Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith;*  
<sup>7</sup> *if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching;* <sup>8</sup> *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: Serving Gifts*

#### ***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**

#### ***Christ our Hope in Life and Death***

Unto the grave, what will we sing? "Christ, He lives; Christ, He lives!"  
And what reward will heaven bring? Everlasting life with Him.  
There we will rise to meet the Lord, then sin and death will be destroyed,  
And we will feast in endless joy, when Christ is ours forevermore.

O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal;  
O sing hallelujah! Now and ever we confess Christ our hope in life and death.

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Prayer: Tabin B, Ron D  
Music: Nancy Z, Mike S, Bill Q, Ken Q

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Children's Church is available for children 3 years – 3<sup>rd</sup> 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".

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