

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
September 28, 2025
6:00 p.m. Worship Service

Call to Worship: *Psalm 104:31-35*

*May the glory of the Lord endure forever;
may the Lord in rejoice in his works--
who looks on the earth and it trembles,
who touches the mountains and they smoke.
I will sing to Lord as long as I live;
I will sing praise to God while I have being.*

Opening Prayer

Christian Hearts in Love United

Christian hearts in love united: search to know God's holy will.
Let his love, in us ignited, more and more our spirits fill.
Christ the head, and we his members – we reflect the light he is.
Christ the master, we disciples – He is ours and we are his.

Come, then, living church of Jesus, covenant with him anew.
Unto to him who conquered for us may we pledge our service true.
May our lives reflect the brightness of God's love in Jesus shown.
To the world we then bear witness: we belong to God alone.

Grace Alone

Every promise we can make, every prayer and step of faith;
Every difference we will make is only by His grace.
Every mountain we will climb, every ray of hope we shine;
Every blessing left behind is only by His grace.

Refrain: Grace alone which God supplies; strength unknown He will provide.
Christ in us, our cornerstone, we will go forth in grace alone.

Every soul we long to reach, every heart we hope to teach;
Everywhere we share His peace is only by His grace.
Every loving word we say, every tear we wipe away;
Every sorrow turned to praise is only by His grace. *Refrain*

Abide with Me

Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide;
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

I need Thy presence every passing hour;
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's power?
Who like Thyself my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me.

I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless;
Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still if Thou abide with me.

Profession of Faith: Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.**

And in Jesus Christ,

**his only begotten Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary;
suffered under Pontius Pilate;
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead
he ascended to heaven,
and is seated at the right hand
of God the Father almighty;
from there he shall come to judge
the living and the dead.**

I believe in the Holy Spirit.

**I believe in a holy catholic church,
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Offering: Memli & Luiza M

Evening Prayer

Trust and Obey

When we walk with the Lord in the light of His Word,
What a glory He sheds on our way!
While we do His good will, He abides with us still,
And with all who will trust and obey.

Refrain: Trust and obey, for there's no other way
To be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

Not a shadow can rise, not a cloud in the skies,
But His smile quickly drives it away;
Not a doubt or a fear, not a sigh or a tear,
Can remain when we trust and obey. *Refrain*

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Scripture: *Jonah 1:1-3; 17; 2:1-2, 9-10; 3:10; 4:1-4*

*Now the word of the Lord came to Jonah the son of Amittai, saying, ² "Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it, for their evil has come up before me." **3** But Jonah rose to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the Lord. He went down to Joppa and found a ship going to Tarshish. So he paid the fare and went down into it, to go with them to Tarshish, away from the presence of the Lord.*

¹⁷ *And the Lord appointed a great fish to swallow up Jonah. And Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.*

² *Then Jonah prayed to the Lord his God from the belly of the fish, ² saying, "I called out to the Lord, out of my distress, and he answered me; out of the belly of Sheol I cried, and you heard my voice.*

⁹ *But I with the voice of thanksgiving will sacrifice to you; what I have vowed I will pay. Salvation belongs to the Lord!"*

¹⁰ *And the Lord spoke to the fish, and it vomited Jonah out upon the dry land.*

3:10 When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil way, God relented of the disaster that he had said he would do to them, and he did not do it.

4 But it displeased Jonah exceedingly, and he was angry. 2 And he prayed to the Lord and said, "O Lord, is not this what I said when I was yet in my country? That is why I made haste to flee to Tarshish; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and relenting from disaster. 3 Therefore now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." 4 And the Lord said, "Do you do well to be angry?"

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: *A Walk Through the Bible: Jonah*

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!
Whiter than snow, Lord, wash me just now,
As in Thy presence humbly I bow.

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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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
Music: Ken & Lisa Q

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