

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
October 5, 2025
10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Commissioning of Thailand Mission Trip

Call to Worship: *Holy Ground (2x)*

We are standing on holy ground,
And I know that there are angels all around.
Let us praise Jesus now;
We are standing in his presence on holy ground.

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God's Greeting

When Morning Gilds the Sky

When morning gilds the sky, our hearts awaking cry:
May Jesus Christ be praised!
In all our work and prayer we ask his loving care:
May Jesus Christ be praised!

To God, the Word on high, the hosts of angels cry:
May Jesus Christ be praised!
Let mortals too upraise their voice in hymns of praise:
May Jesus Christ be praised!

Then let us join to sing to Christ, our loving King:
May Jesus Christ be praised!
Be this the eternal song through all the ages long:
May Jesus Christ be praised!

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Praise Him! Praise Him!

Praise Him! Praise Him! Jesus, our blessed Redeemer!
Sing, O earth, His wonderful love proclaim!
Hail Him! Hail Him! Highest arch angels in glory;
Strength and honor give to His holy name!
Like a shepherd, Jesus will guard His children;
In His arms He carries them all day long.

Refrain: Praise Him! Praise Him!
Tell of His excellent greatness;
Praise Him! Praise Him! Ever in joyful song!

Praise Him! Praise Him! Jesus, our blessed Redeemer!
For our sins He suffered, and bled, and died.
He, our Rock, our Hope of eternal salvation.
Hail Him! Hail Him! Jesus, the Crucified.
Sound His praises! Jesus, who bore our sorrows;
Love unbounded, wonderful, deep, and strong. *Refrain*

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His Glory and My Good

I have seen my Father's glory revealed in Jesus Christ
And the more that I behold Him, the more He satisfies.
When I gaze upon His beauty, when I see Him as I should,
Then my eyes are lifted upward for His glory and my good.

There is hope in every trial, for I can trust the Lord.
He will turn my heart towards Him and help me bear the thorn.
So, in faith, I follow Jesus on the road not understood,
For I know that He is working for His glory and my good.

Refrain: To our God be the glory, to our God be praise.
He alone, the name above all names.
I will boast ever only in the Lord, my God.
For I know His glory is my good.

Would I gladly be made nothing, that Christ would be made more
Would I seek the only kingdom that far outweighs them all
I will stand before my Father where the faithful saints have stood
And with joy my heart shall praise Him for His glory and my good.

Refrain

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Call to Confession: Psalm 32:5

*Then I acknowledged my sin to you
and did not cover up my iniquity.
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord."
And you forgave the guilt of my sin.*

Prayer of Confession

Assurance: Psalm 103:17-18

¹⁷ *But from everlasting to everlasting
the Lord's love is with those who fear him,
and his righteousness with their children's children—
¹⁸ with those who keep his covenant
and remember to obey his precepts.*

I Set My Hope on Jesus

When this life of trials tests my faith, I set my hope on Jesus.
When the questions come and doubts remain,
I set my hope on Jesus.
For the deepest wounds that time won't heal,
There's a joy that runs still deeper.
There's a truth that's more than all I feel. I set my hope on Jesus.

Refrain: I set my hope on Jesus, my rock, my only trust.
Who set His heart upon me first, I set my hope on Jesus.

Though I falter in this war with sin, I set my hope on Jesus.
When I fail the fight and sink within, I set my hope on Jesus.
Though the shame would drown me in its sea,
And I dread the waves of justice.

I will cast my life on Calvary, I set my hope on Jesus. *Refrain*

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Offertory Prayer

Offering: Tuition Assistance Fund

Congregational Prayer

Scripture: Psalm 103:1-5, 10-22; 57:1-4, 7-11

¹ *Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless his holy name!*
² *Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits,*
³ *who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,*
⁴ *who redeems your life from the pit,*

*who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,
5 who satisfies you with good
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.*

*10 He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.*

*11 For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;*

*12 as far as the east is from the west,
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.*

*13 As a father shows compassion to his children,
so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him.*

*14 For he knows our frame;
he remembers that we are dust.*

*15 As for man, his days are like grass;
he flourishes like a flower of the field;*

*16 for the wind passes over it, and it is gone,
and its place knows it no more.*

*17 But the steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him,
and his righteousness to children's children,*

*18 to those who keep his covenant
and remember to do his commandments.*

*19 The Lord has established his throne in the heavens,
and his kingdom rules over all.*

*20 Bless the Lord, O you his angels,
you mighty ones who do his word,
obeying the voice of his word!*

21 Bless the Lord, all his hosts, his ministers, who do his will!

*22 Bless the Lord, all his works, in all places of his dominion.
Bless the Lord, O my soul!*

*57:1 Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful to me,
for in you my soul takes refuge;
in the shadow of your wings I will take refuge,
till the storms of destruction pass by.*

*2 I cry out to God Most High,
to God who fulfills his purpose for me.*

*3 He will send from heaven and save me;
he will put to shame him who tramples on me. Selah
God will send out his steadfast love and his faithfulness!*

*4 My soul is in the midst of lions;
I lie down amid fiery beasts—
the children of man, whose teeth are spears and arrows,
whose tongues are sharp swords.*

*7 My heart is steadfast, O God, my heart is steadfast!
I will sing and make melody!*

*8 Awake, my glory!
Awake, O harp and lyre!
I will awake the dawn!*

*9 I will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples;
I will sing praises to you among the nations.*

*10 For your steadfast love is great to the heavens,
your faithfulness to the clouds.*

*11 Be exalted, O God, above the heavens!
Let your glory be over all the earth!*

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: *Self-Talk: Stirring Oneself to Praise*

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*

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God's Blessing

We Receive Your Blessing

We receive Your blessing, we receive Your grace,
As we walk in the light shining from Your face.
May the peace that You give change the way that we live.
We receive Your blessing as we leave this place.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him, all creatures here below.
Praise Him, above You heavenly hosts.
Praise Father, Son and praise the Holy Ghost.
We receive Your blessing as we leave this place.

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Pastors: Zac H, Eric S, Jonathan U
Prayer: Kyle E, Rich H
Music: Paul A, Sharon A, Cheryl K, Brian K, Jonathan U, Cynthia U

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 Education Building during the service.

Worship services are also broadcast live in the church 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, * indicates standing and bold font is a response by the congregation. You are invited to join if you feel comfortable.

