

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
October 26, 2025
6:00 p.m. Worship Service

Call to Worship: *Psalm 46:1-3, 10-11*

*God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.*

***Therefore we will not fear,
though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea,
though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble with its tumult.***

Be still, and know that the Lord is God!

God is exalted among the nations;

God is exalted in the earth.

The Lord of hosts is with us;

The God of Jacob is our refuge.

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
Our helper he, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;
His craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide,
Our striving would be losing;
Were not the right man on our side,
The man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he,
Lord Sabaoth his name, from age to age the same,
And he must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled,
Should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God has willed
His truth to triumph through us.
The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him;
His rage we can endure, for lo! his doom is sure,
One little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly powers,
No thanks to them, abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours
Through him who with us sideth;
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
The body they may kill, God's truth abideth still,
His kingdom is forever.

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How Firm a Foundation

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!
What more can He say than to you He hath said,
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
The rivers of woe shall not thee overflow;
For I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,
And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
My grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply:
The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
Thy dross to consume and thy gold to refine.

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Profession of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 60-61

How are you right with God?

Only by true faith in Jesus Christ.

**Even though my conscience accuses me
of having grievously sinned against all God's commandments
and of never having kept any of them,
and even though I am still inclined toward all evil,
nevertheless, without my deserving it at all,
out of sheer grace,**

**God grants and credits to me
the perfect satisfaction, righteousness,
and holiness of Christ,
as if I had never sinned nor been a sinner,
as if I had been as perfectly obedient
as Christ was obedient for me.**

**All I need to do is to accept this gift of God
with a believing heart.**

Why do you say that by faith alone you are right with God?

**It is not because of any value my faith has
that God is pleased with me.**

**Only Christ's satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness
make me right with God.**

**And I can receive this righteousness and make it mine
in no other way than by faith alone.**

And Can It Be That I Should Gain

And can it be that I should gain
An interest in the Savior's blood?
Died He for me, who caused His pain?
For me, who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me? *Refrain*

Refrain: Amazing love! How can it be
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me!

He left his Father's throne above,
So free, so infinite His grace!
Emptied Himself of all but love,
And bled for Adam's helpless race!
'Tis mercy all, immense and free,
For, O my God, it found out me. *Refrain*

Long my imprisoned spirit lay
Fast bound in sin and nature's night.
Thine eye diffuse a quickening ray;
I woke – the dungeon flamed with light!
My chains fell off, my heart was free,
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.

Refrain: Amazing love! How can it be
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me!

No condemnation now I dread:
Jesus, and all in Him, is mine!
Alive in Him, my living Head,
And clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach the eternal throne,
And claim the crown, through Christ my own. *Refrain*

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Evening Prayer

Offering: Project Hope

Offertory: *Simple Gifts*

Scripture: *Habakkuk 1:1-5; 2:2-4, 20*

¹ *The oracle that Habakkuk the prophet saw.*

² *O Lord, how long shall I cry for help,
and you will not hear?*

*Or cry to you "Violence!"
and you will not save?*

³ *Why do you make me see iniquity,
and why do you idly look at wrong?*

*Destruction and violence are before me;
strife and contention arise.*

⁴ *So the law is paralyzed,
and justice never goes forth.*

*For the wicked surround the righteous;
so justice goes forth perverted.*

⁵ *"Look among the nations, and see;
wonder and be astounded.*

*For I am doing a work in your days
that you would not believe if told.*

2:2-4 And the Lord answered me:

*"Write the vision;
make it plain on tablets,
so he may run who reads it.*

³ *For still the vision awaits its appointed time;
it hastens to the end—it will not lie.*

*If it seems slow, wait for it;
it will surely come; it will not delay.*

⁴ *"Behold, his soul is puffed up; it is not upright within him,
but the righteous shall live by his faith.*

²⁰ *But the Lord is in his holy temple;
let all the earth keep silence before him."*

Romans 1:16-17

¹⁶ *For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. ¹⁷ For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."*

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Message: *Habakkuk and The Verse That Changes Everything*

Reformation Hymn

We will trust God's Word alone, where His perfect will is known;
Our traditions shift like sand while His Truth forever stands.
We will live by faith alone, clothed in merit not our own;
All we claim is Jesus Christ and His finished sacrifice.

Refrain: Glory be, glory be to God alone,
Through the church He redeemed and made His own.
He has freed us, He will keep us till we're safely home
Glory be, glory be to God alone!

We are saved by grace alone, undeserved, yet freely shown;
No accomplishment on earth can achieve the second birth.
We will stand on Christ alone, the unyielding Cornerstone;
Nations rage and devils roar, still He reigns forevermore! *Refrain*

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God's Blessing

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen. Amen.

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