

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
November 9, 2025
10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Thailand Mission Trip Team

Call to Worship: *Psalm 84:1-4*

How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!

My soul longs, yes, faints

*for the courts of the Lord;
my heart and flesh sing for joy
to the living God.*

Even the sparrow finds a home,

*and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young,
at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.*

*Blessed are those who dwell in your house,
ever singing your praise!*

God's Greeting

We Sing the Mighty Power of God

We sing the mighty power of God,
That made the mountains rise;
That spread the flowin' seas abroad, and built the lofty skies.
We sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;
The moon shines full at His command, and all the stars obey.

We sing the goodness of the Lord,
That filled the earth with food;
He formed the creatures with His word,
And then pronounced them good.
Lord, how Your wonders are displayed,
Where'er we turn our eyes,
If we survey the ground we tread, or gaze upon the sky.

There's not a plant or flow'r below but makes Your glories known,
And clouds arise and tempests blow,
By order from Your throne;
While all that borrows life from You is ever in Your care;
And everywhere that we can be, You, God, are present there.

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For the Beauty of the Earth

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies;

Refrain: Lord of all, to Thee we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise.

For Thy Church that evermore lifteth holy hands above,
Offering up on every shore
Her pure sacrifice of love: *Refrain*

For Thyself, best gift divine, to our race so freely given;
For that great, great love of Thine,
Peace on earth and joy in heaven.

Refrain: Lord of all, to Thee we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise.

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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*

Though the world call me to leave my Lord, I set my hope on Jesus.
Though it offer all its vain rewards, I set my hope on Jesus.
Though this heart of mine is prone to stray,
Give me grace enough to finish.
'Till I worship on that final day, I set my hope on you. *Refrain*

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Call to Confession: Psalm 130:3-4

*If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?
But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared.*

Prayer of Confession

Assurance: Psalm 130:7-8

*O Israel, hope in the Lord!
For with the Lord there is steadfast love,
and with him is plentiful redemption.
And he will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.*

Jesus Loves Me

Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so;
Little ones to Him belong, they are weak but He is strong.

Refrain: Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me, He who died heaven's gates to open wide;
He will wash away my sin, let His little child come in. *Refrain*

Jesus, take this heart of mine, make it pure and wholly Thine;
On the cross You died for me, I will try to live for Thee. *Refrain*

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Offertory Prayer

Offering: Christian School Tuition Assistance

Congregational Prayer

Scripture: *Mark 3:1-6*

Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there with a withered hand. ² And they watched Jesus, to see whether he would heal him on the Sabbath, so that they might accuse him. ³ And he said to the man with the withered hand, "Come here." ⁴ And he said to them, "Is it lawful on the Sabbath to do good or to do harm, to save life or to kill?" But they were silent. ⁵ And he looked around at them with anger, grieved at their hardness of heart, and said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. ⁶ The Pharisees went out and immediately held counsel with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: *When Jesus Meets Our Withered Places*

Living Hope

How great the chasm that lay between us.
How high the mountain I could not climb.
In desperation, I turned to heaven,
And spoke your name into the night.
Then through the darkness, Your loving kindness,
Tore through the shadows of my soul.
The work is finished, the end is written,
Jesus Christ, my living hope.

Refrain: Hallelujah, praise the one who set me free.
Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me.
You have broken every chain,
There's salvation in your name,
Jesus Christ, my living hope.

Who could imagine so great a mercy?
What heart could fathom such boundless grace?
The God of ages stepped down from glory,
To wear my sin and bear my shame.
The cross has spoken, I am forgiven.
The king of kings calls me His own.
Beautiful Savior, I'm yours forever,
Jesus Christ, my living hope. *Refrain*

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God's Blessing

Living Hope

Hallelujah, praise the one who set me free.
Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me.
You have broken every chain,
There's salvation in your name, Jesus Christ, my living hope.

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