

First Christian Reformed Church  
Lynden, Washington  
November 16, 2025 ~ 10:30 a.m. Worship Service

**Call to Worship:** *Psalm 136:1-3*

*Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,  
for his steadfast love endures forever.  
Give thanks to the God of gods,  
for his steadfast love endures forever.  
Give thanks to the Lord of lords,  
for his steadfast love endures forever;*

**God's Greeting**

***Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus***

Stand up, stand up for Jesus, ye soldiers of the cross;  
Lift high His royal banner, it must not suffer loss.  
From victory unto victory His army shall He lead,  
'Til every foe is conquered and Christ is Lord indeed.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus, stand in His strength alone;  
The arm of flesh will fail you, ye dare not trust your own.  
Put on the gospel armor, each piece put on with prayer;  
When duty calls, or danger be never wanting there.

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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?

Fear not, I am with thee: O be not dismayed,  
For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;  
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,  
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.

The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose  
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;  
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,  
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake!

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***Jesus Lover of My Soul***

Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to Thy bosom fly,  
While the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high:  
Hide me, O my Savior, hide, till the storm of life is past;  
Safe into the haven guide; O receive my soul at last.

Other refuge have I none, hangs my helpless soul on Thee;  
Leave, oh, leave me not alone, still support and comfort me.  
All my trust on Thee is stayed, all my help from Thee I bring;  
Cover my defenseless head with the shadow of Thy wing.

Thou, O Christ, art all I want; more than all in Thee I find;  
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint, heal the sick and lead the blind.  
Just and holy is Thy name, I am all unrighteousness;  
Vile and full of sin I am, Thou art full of truth and grace.

Plenteous grace with Thee is found, grace to cover all my sin;  
Let the healing streams abound; make and keep me pure within.  
Thou of life the fountain art, freely let me take of Thee;  
Spring Thou up within my heart, rise to all eternity.

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**Call to Confession:** *I John 1:8-10*

*If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.*

***If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.***

*If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.*

**Prayer of Confession**

**Assurance:** *I John 1:9*

***If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.***

**Grace Greater Than All Our Sin**

Marvelous grace of our loving Lord, grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt!

Yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured – there where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.

*Refrain:* Grace, grace God's grace, grace that will pardon and cleanse within;

Grace, grace, God's grace, grace that is greater than all our sin!

Dark is the stain that we cannot hide, what can avail to wash it away?

Look! There is flowing a crimson tide – whiter than snow you may be today. *Refrain*

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**Offertory Prayer and Offering:** First CRC Building Fund

**Congregational Prayer**

**Scripture:** *Romans 12:16-19*

*<sup>16</sup> Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight. <sup>17</sup> Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. <sup>18</sup> If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. <sup>19</sup> Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord."*

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Message:** *Seek Peace, Not Evil*

***Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise***

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,

In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,

Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days.

Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,

Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;

Thy justice like mountains high soaring above

Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

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**God's Blessing**

***Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise***

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,

Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;

All praise we would render: O help us to see

'Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee.

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Pastors: Zac H, Jonathan U, Robert W

Prayer: Mark T, Jonathan U

Music: Sharon A

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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 – 3<sup>rd</sup> 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, bold font is a response by the congregation. You are invited to join if you feel comfortable.