

First Christian Reformed Church  
Lynden, Washington  
November 16, 2025 ~ 6:00 p.m. Worship Service

**Call to Worship:** *Zechariah 2:10-11*

*Sing and rejoice, O daughter of Zion, for behold, I come and I will dwell in your midst, declares the Lord. And many nations shall join themselves to the Lord in that day, and shall be my people. And I will dwell in your midst, and you shall know that the Lord of hosts has sent me to you.*

**Opening Prayer**

***O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing***

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,  
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of His grace!

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,  
To spread through all the earth abroad the honors of Thy name.

Jesus! The name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease,  
'Tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.

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***O Come, O Come, Emmanuel***

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by Thine advent here;  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

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***He is Lord***

He is King, he is King, He will draw all nations to him; he is King!  
And the time shall be when the world shall sing that Jesus Christ is King.

He is Love, he is Love, He has shown us by his life that he is Love!  
And his people sing with one voice of joy that Jesus Christ is Love.

He is Life, he is Life, he has died to set us free, and he is Life!  
And he calls us all to live evermore, for Jesus Christ is Life.

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**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:** *First CRC Building Fund*

**Evening Prayer**

## **How Deep the Father's Love**

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure  
That He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure.  
How great the pain of searing loss; the Father turns His face away  
As wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.

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## **Scripture: Zechariah 1:1-6, 16-17; 9:9; 12:10; 13:1**

<sup>1</sup> *In the eighth month, in the second year of Darius, the word of the Lord came to the prophet Zechariah, the son of Berechiah, son of Iddo, saying,* <sup>2</sup> *“The Lord was very angry with your fathers.* <sup>3</sup> *Therefore say to them, Thus declares the Lord of hosts: Return to me, says the Lord of hosts, and I will return to you, says the Lord of hosts.* <sup>4</sup> *Do not be like your fathers, to whom the former prophets cried out, ‘Thus says the Lord of hosts, Return from your evil ways and from your evil deeds.’ But they did not hear or pay attention to me, declares the Lord.* <sup>5</sup> *Your fathers, where are they? And the prophets, do they live forever?* <sup>6</sup> *But my words and my statutes, which I commanded my servants the prophets, did they not overtake your fathers? So they repented and said, ‘As the Lord of hosts purposed to deal with us for our ways and deeds, so has he dealt with us.’”*

<sup>16</sup> *Therefore, thus says the Lord, I have returned to Jerusalem with mercy; my house shall be built in it, declares the Lord of hosts, and the measuring line shall be stretched out over Jerusalem.* <sup>17</sup> *Cry out again, Thus says the Lord of hosts: My cities shall again overflow with prosperity, and the Lord will again comfort Zion and again choose Jerusalem.”*

### **Zechariah 9:9**

*Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!  
Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he,  
humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.*

### **Zechariah 12:10**

*And I will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of grace and pleas for mercy, so that, when they look on me, on him whom they have pierced, they shall mourn for him, as one mourns for an only child, and weep bitterly over him, as one weeps over a firstborn.*

### **Zechariah 13:1**

*On that day there shall be a fountain opened for the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, to cleanse them from sin and uncleanness.*

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Message: A Walk Through the Bible – Zechariah**

### **O Great God**

O great God of highest heaven, occupy my lowly heart.  
Own it all and reign supreme. Conquer every rebel power.  
Let no vice or sin remain that resists Your holy war.  
You have loved and purchased me make me Yours forevermore.

I was blinded by my sin, had no ears to hear your voice,  
Did not know Your love within, had no taste for heaven's joy.  
Then Your Spirit gave me life, opened up Your word to me,  
Through the gospel of Your Son gave me endless hope and peace.

Help me now to live a life that's dependent on your grace.  
Keep my heart and guard my soul from the evils that I face.  
You are worthy to be praised with my every thought and deed.  
O great God of highest heaven glorify Your Name through me.

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## **God's Blessing**

### **All Praise to You, My God, This Night**

All praise to you, my God, this night, for all the blessings of the light.  
Keep me, O keep me, King of kings, beneath the shelter of your wings.

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

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