

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
March 1, 2026 ~ 10:30 AM Worship Service

Call to Worship: *Psalm 34:1-3*

*I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.
My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad.
Oh, magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together!*

God's Greeting

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Come, thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount – I'm fixed upon it – mount of God's redeeming love.

Here I find my greatest treasure; hither by thy help I've come;
And I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger, bought me with his precious blood.

Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee:
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

("Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" words by Robert Robinson music by J. Wyeth's Repository of Sacred Music, Part III CCLI #358926 Streaming License #20317932)

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.

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 dress to consume and thy gold to refine.

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Beneath the Cross of Jesus

Beneath the cross of Jesus I find a place to stand,
And wonder at such mercy that calls me as I am.
For hands that should discard me hold wounds which tell me, "Come!"
Beneath the cross of Jesus my unworthy soul is won.

Beneath the cross of Jesus, His family is my own;
Once strangers chasing selfish dreams, now one through grace alone.
How could I now dishonor the ones that You have loved?
Beneath the cross of Jesus see the children called by God

Beneath the cross of Jesus, the path before the crown;
We follow in His footsteps where promised hope is found
How great the joy before us to be His perfect bride!
Beneath the cross of Jesus we will gladly live our lives.

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Lenten Reading: The Lord's Prayer – Thy Kingdom Come, Thy Will Be Done

He Will Hold Me Fast

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;
When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast.
I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path;
For my love is often cold; He must hold me fast.

Those He saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast;
Precious in His holy sight, He will hold me fast.
He'll not let my soul be lost; His Promises shall last;
Bought by Him at such a cost; He will hold me fast.

Refrain: He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;
For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;
Justice has been satisfied; He will hold me fast.
Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast
Till our faith is turned to sight, when He comes at last! *Refrain*

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Offertory Prayer and Offering: Christian School Tuition Assistance

Congregational Prayer

Scripture: *Romans 14:1-4*

¹ *As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions.* ² *One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables.* ³ *Let not the one who eats despise the one who abstains, and let not the one who abstains pass judgment on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him.* ⁴ *Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand.*

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

Message: *Don't Quarrel Over Opinions*

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, I helpless hang on Thee;
Leave, oh, leave me not alone, 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.

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God's Blessing

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

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, let me take of Thee;
Spring Thou up within my heart, rise to all eternity.

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Pastor: Robert W
Readers: Lloyd & Linda F
Prayer: Dave R, Gene T
Music: Jonathan & 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.

Worship services are also broadcast live in the church basement and streamed online for anyone unable to worship in the sanctuary.

On the bulletin, bold font is a response by the congregation. You are invited to join if you feel comfortable.