

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
May 17, 2026 ~ 10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Call to Worship: *Isaiah 12:5-6*

*Sing to the Lord, for he has done glorious things;
let this be known to all the world.*

*Shout aloud and sing for joy, people of Zion,
for great is the Holy One of Israel among you.*

God's Greeting

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee,
Opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
Drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness,
Fill us with the light of day.

All Thy works with joy surround Thee,
Earth and heaven reflect Thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around Thee,
Center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
Flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain,
Call us to rejoice in Thee.

Mortals, join the happy chorus
Which the morning stars began;
Father love is reigning o'er us,
Brother love binds man to man.
Ever singing, march we onward,
Victors in the midst of strife,
Joyful music leads us sunward
In the triumph song of life.

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Praise to the Lord the Almighty

Praise to the Lord! The Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him,
For He is your health and salvation!
Come, all who hear, brothers and sisters, draw near,
Join me in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that has life and breath,
Come now with praises before Him!
Let the Amen sound from His people again,
Gladly forever adore Him!

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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.

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: 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.

Then came the morning that sealed the promise,
Your buried body began to breathe.
Out of the silence, the Roaring Lion,
Declared the grave has no claim on me.
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Jesus, yours is the victory! *Refrain*

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Call to Confession: *Proverbs 28:13-14*

*Whoever conceals their sins does not prosper,
but the one who confesses and renounces them finds mercy.
Blessed is the one who always trembles before God,
but whoever hardens their heart falls into trouble.*

Prayer of Confession and Preparation

Assurance: *Still, My Soul, Be Still*

Still, my soul, be still, and do not fear
Though winds of change may rage tomorrow.
God is at your side;
No longer dread the fires of unexpected sorrow.

Refrain: God, You are my God,
And I will trust in You and not be shaken.
Lord of peace, renew a steadfast spirit within me
To rest in You alone, to rest in You alone.

Still, my soul, be still, do not forsake
The truth you learned in the beginning,
Wait upon the Lord,
And hope will rise as stars appear when day is dimming.

Refrain: God, You are my God,
And I will trust in You and not be shaken.
Lord of peace, renew a steadfast spirit within me
To rest in You alone, to rest in You alone.

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Offertory Prayer

Offering: Ken & Chris V

Congregational Prayer

Scripture: *Romans 15:14-21*

I myself am satisfied about you, my brothers, that you yourselves are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge and able to instruct one another. ¹⁵ But on some points I have written to you very boldly by way of reminder, because of the grace given me by God ¹⁶ to be a minister of Christ Jesus to the Gentiles in the priestly service of the gospel of God, so that the offering of the Gentiles may be acceptable, sanctified by the Holy Spirit. ¹⁷ In Christ Jesus, then, I have reason to be proud of my work for God. ¹⁸ For I will not venture to speak of anything except what Christ has accomplished through me to bring the Gentiles to obedience—by word and deed, ¹⁹ by the power of signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God—so that from Jerusalem and all the way around to Illyricum I have fulfilled the ministry of the gospel of Christ; ²⁰ and thus I make it my ambition to preach the gospel, not where Christ has already been named, lest I build on someone else's foundation, ²¹ but as it is written,
*“Those who have never been told of him will see,
and those who have never heard will understand.”*

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: *Paul's Holy Ambition*

Let This Be My Supreme Desire

Let this be my supreme desire,
My object and my prayer,
Until I stand before your throne
To glorify you there.

To lead a blameless life, O Lord,
To trust you without fear,
To bring my humble heart to you
And know your love is near.

To walk before you in the truth,
To shun all evil ways,
To come into your house to pray
And shout aloud your praise.

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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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