

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
June 21, 2026 ~ 10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Call to Worship: *Psalm 95:1-3*

*Oh come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!
For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.*

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 unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by Thy help I'm 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, interposed His precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now, 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.

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There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood

There is a fountain filled with blood drawn from Emmanuel's veins;
And sinners, plunged beneath that flood, lose all their guilty stains.

The dying thief rejoiced to see that fountain in his day;
And there may I, though sinful, too, wash all my sins away.

Dear dying Lamb, thy precious blood shall never lose its power,
'Til all the ransomed Church of God be saved, to sin no more.

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Cornerstone

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame but wholly trust in Jesus' Name.

When darkness seems to hide His face, I rest on His unchanging grace.
In every high and stormy gale my anchor holds within the veil.

Refrain: Christ alone, Cornerstone, weak made strong in the Savior's love;
Through the storm He is Lord, Lord of all.

When He shall come with trumpet sound, oh may I then in Him be found.
Dressed in His righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne. *Refrain.*

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Call to Confession: *Isaiah 55:6-7*

*Seek the Lord while he may be found; call upon him while he is near;
Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts;
Let him return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.*

Prayer of Confession

Assurance: *Psalm 103:10-13*

*He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.
For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;
As far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.
As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him.*

Commissioning of the Lynden SERVE Team

Leader: In the week ahead, we will together reflect on some of the surprises found in the Bible. But God's surprises didn't stop at the end of the Bible; he continues to surprise us today. Therefore, we send you out to be surprised by God. We pray that the words of your mouths may be a blessing to those you serve.

Congregation: He performs wonders that cannot be fathomed, miracles that cannot be counted.

SERVE Participants: Surprise us, God, through the words of our mouths.

Leader: We send you out to be surprised by God. We pray that the work of your hands may be a blessing to those you serve.

Congregation: He performs wonders that cannot be fathomed, miracles that cannot be counted.

SERVE Participants: Surprise us, God, through the work of our hands.

Leader: We send you out to be surprised by God. We pray that you build strong bonds with one another and form lasting relationships.

Congregation: He performs wonders that cannot be fathomed, miracles that cannot be counted.

SERVE Participants: Surprise us, God, through the relationships we build.

Leader: We send you out to be surprised by God. We pray you grow in the grace and knowledge of our Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Congregation: He performs wonders that cannot be fathomed, miracles that cannot be counted.

SERVE Participants: Surprise us, God, through the transformation of our hearts and minds.

All Together: In all our days, surprise us, God, in ways beyond what we could ask or imagine.

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

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.

I will not boast in anything; no gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom.
But I will boast in Jesus Christ: His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer.
But this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ransom.

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Offertory Prayer and Offering: Eric & Penny

Congregational Prayer

Scripture: *Job 5:8-12 (NIV)*

- ⁸ *"But if I were you, I would appeal to God;
I would lay my cause before him.
⁹ He performs wonders that cannot be fathomed,
miracles that cannot be counted.
¹⁰ He provides rain for the earth;
he sends water on the countryside.
¹¹ The lowly he sets on high,
and those who mourn are lifted to safety.
¹² He thwarts the plans of the crafty,
so that their hands achieve no success.*

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: *Surprised by God*

His Mercy Is More

Praise the Lord, His mercy is more.
Stronger than darkness, new every morn.
Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more.

What love could remember no wrongs we have done?
Omniscient, all-knowing, He counts not their sum.
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore,
Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more.

What patience would wait as we constantly roam?
What Father, so tender, is calling us home?
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor.
Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more.

Praise the Lord, His mercy is more.
Stronger than darkness, new every morn.
Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more.

What riches of kindness He lavished on us.
His blood was the payment His life was the cost.
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford.
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.

Praise the Lord, His mercy is more.
Stronger than darkness, new every morn.
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God's Blessing

Doxology

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.

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Pastors: Zac H, Jonathan U, Robert W
Prayer: Brian K, Rich H
Music: Emily A, Paul A, Sharon A, Brian K, Cynthia U, Jonathan U

Offering will be received for Eric & Penny, who minister in Papua New Guinea with Pacific Island Ministry. Eric & Penny help train pastors, write resource materials in the Melanesian Pidgin language, and teach and connect to those around the village of Ambunti. For more information, visit www.piministries.com.

Nursery is available with a paging system for children during worship service in the Education Building.

Children's Church is NOT meeting this Sunday due to SERVE.

Worship services are also broadcast live in the 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.

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