

**First Christian Reformed Church**  
Lynden, Washington  
July 12, 2026 ~ 6:00 p.m. Worship Service

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

*Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.*

***His love endures forever.***

*Give thanks to the God of gods.*

***His love endures forever.***

*Give thanks to the Lord of lords:*

***His love endures forever.***

**Opening Prayer**

***Rejoice, The Lord is King***

Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore!

Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, and triumph evermore:

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

His kingdom cannot fail, He rules o'er earth and heaven;

The keys of death and hell are to our Jesus given:

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Rejoice in glorious hope! Our Lord the judge shall come

And take His servants up to their eternal home:

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

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***To God be the Glory***

To God be the glory, great things He hath done! So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,  
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin and opened the lifegate that all may go in.

*Refrain:* Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear His voice.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice.

O come to the Father through Jesus the Son, and give Him the glory, great things He hath done.

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood, to every believer the promise of God;

The vilest offender who truly believes, that moment from Jesus a pardon receives. *Refrain*

Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done, and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;

But purer, and higher and greater will be our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. *Refrain*

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***Be Thou My Vision***

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that Thou art,

Thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom and Thou my true word; I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;

Thou my great Father, thine own may I be, Thou in me dwelling, and I one with Thee.

High King of heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

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**Profession of Faith:** *Ephesians 4:4-6*

***There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called;***

***one Lord, one faith, one baptism;***

***one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.***

**Offering:** Northwest Seafarers Ministry

**Evening Prayer**

## ***Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners***

Jesus! What a friend for sinners! Jesus! Lover of my soul!  
Friends may fail me, foes assail me, He, my Savior, makes me whole.

*Refrain:* Hallelujah! What a Savior! Hallelujah! What a friend!  
Saving, helping, keeping, loving, He is with me to the end.

Jesus! What a strength in weakness! Let me hide myself in Him;  
Tempted, tried, and sometimes failing, He, my strength, my victory wins. *Refrain*

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## **Scripture: Ephesians 1:1-6**

<sup>1</sup> Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God,

To the saints who are in Ephesus, and are faithful in Christ Jesus:

<sup>2</sup> Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>3</sup> Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, <sup>4</sup> even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love <sup>5</sup> he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, <sup>6</sup> to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved.

## ***Ephesians 2:1-10***

<sup>1</sup> And you were dead in the trespasses and sins <sup>2</sup> in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— <sup>3</sup> among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the flesh and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. <sup>4</sup> But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, <sup>5</sup> even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— <sup>6</sup> and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup> so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup> For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, <sup>9</sup> not a result of works, so that no one may boast. <sup>10</sup> For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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

### ***Guide me, O Thou Great Jehovah***

Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land;  
I am weak, but Thou art mighty – hold me with Thy powerful hand:  
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven, feed me ‘til I want no more, feed me ‘til I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow;  
Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through:  
Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer, be Thou still my strength and shield, be Thou still my strength and shield.

## **God’s Blessing**

### ***Guide me, O Thou Great Jehovah***

When I reach the river Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside:  
Bear me through the swelling current, land me safe on Canaan’s side:  
Songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever give to Thee, I will ever give to Thee.

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Pastors: Robert W

Music: Jonathan U, Cynthia U

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

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