

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
July 19, 2026 ~ 10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Call to Worship: Psalm 19:1-4

*The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.
Day to day pours out speech, and night to night reveals knowledge.
There is no speech, nor are there words, whose voice is not heard.
Their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.
In them he has set a tent for the sun.*

God's Greeting

All Creatures of Our God and King

All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing, Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam, Thou silver moon with softer gleam,
O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou flowing water, pure and clear, make music for thy Lord to hear, O praise Him! Alleluia!
Thou fire so masterful and bright, that givest man both warmth and light,
O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

And all ye men of tender heart, forgiving others, take your part, O sing ye! Alleluia!
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear, praise God and on Him cast your care!
O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless, and worship Him in humbleness, O praise Him! Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, Three in One!
O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Allelu, Allelu, Alleluia!

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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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Yet Not I, but Through Christ in Me

What gift of grace is Jesus, my redeemer. There is no more for heaven now to give.
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom, my steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace.
To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus. For my life is wholly bound to his.
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing: all is mine! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

The night is dark, but I am not forsaken, for by my side, the Savior, He will stay.
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing, for in my need, His power is displayed.
To this I hold: my Shepherd will defend me. Through the deepest valley He will lead.
Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

With every breath I long to follow Jesus, for He has said that He will bring me home.
And day by day I know He will renew me, until I stand with joy before the throne.
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus, all the glory evermore to Him!
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat: Yet not I, but through Christ in me!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me!

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Call to Confession: Joel 2:12-13

*"Yet even now," declares the Lord, "return to me with all your heart,
with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; and rend your hearts and not your garments."
Return to the Lord your God, **for he is gracious and merciful,
Slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and he relents over disaster.***

Prayer of Confession

Assurance: 1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Sacrament of Infant Baptism: Boone Karlton

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father! There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not: as Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

Refrain: Great is Thy faithfulness, great is Thy faithfulness, morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! *Refrain*

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Offertory Prayer and Offering: Gideons

Offertory Ministry of Music: *If I Stand* (Rich Mullins)

Congregational Prayer

Scripture: Proverbs 1:1-9

¹ *The proverbs of Solomon, son of David, king of Israel:*

² *To know wisdom and instruction,*

to understand words of insight,

³ *to receive instruction in wise dealing,*

in righteousness, justice, and equity;

⁴ *to give prudence to the simple,*

knowledge and discretion to the youth—

⁵ *Let the wise hear and increase in learning,*

and the one who understands obtain guidance,

⁶ *to understand a proverb and a saying,*

the words of the wise and their riddles.

⁷ *The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge;*

fools despise wisdom and instruction.

⁸ *Hear, my son, your father's instruction,*

and forsake not your mother's teaching,

⁹ *for they are a graceful garland for your head*

and pendants for your neck.

Proverbs 4:5-9

⁵ *Get wisdom; get insight;*

do not forget, and do not turn away from the words of my mouth.

⁶ *Do not forsake her, and she will keep you;*

love her, and she will guard you.

⁷ *The beginning of wisdom is this: Get wisdom,*

and whatever you get, get insight.

⁸ *Prize her highly, and she will exalt you;*

she will honor you if you embrace her.

⁹ *She will place on your head a graceful garland;*

she will bestow on you a beautiful crown."

Proverbs 4:23

²³ *Keep your heart with all vigilance, for from it flow the springs of life.*

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: *Wisdom for Living Well from Proverbs*

How Great Thou Art

O Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder consider all the worlds Thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, Thy power throughout the universe displayed!

Refrain: Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee; how great Thou art, how great Thou art!
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And when I think that God, His Son not sparing, sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, He bled and died to take away my sin! *Refrain*

When Christ shall come with trumpet's proclamation, and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration, and there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art! *Refrain*

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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, Robert W
Prayer: Carl R, Galen L
Music: Paul A, Brad H, Cheryl K, Jack P, Kingston P, Jonathan U

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

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