

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
August 9, 2026 ~ 10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Call to Worship: *from Psalm 92:1-5,8*

*It is good to praise the Lord and make music to your name, O Most High,
to proclaim your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night,
to the music of the ten-stringed lyre and the melody of the harp.
For you make me glad by your deeds, O Lord; I sing for joy at the works of your hands.
How great are your works, O Lord, how profound your thoughts!
You, O Lord, are exalted forever.*

God's Greeting

Tell Me the Story of Jesus

Tell me the story of Jesus, write on my heart every word.
Tell me the story most precious, sweetest that ever was heard.
Tell how the angels in chorus sang as they welcomed His birth,
"Glory to God in the highest! Peace and good tidings to earth."

Refrain: Tell me the story of Jesus, write on my heart every word;
Tell me the story most precious, sweetest that ever was heard.

Tell of the cross where they nailed Him, writhing in anguish and pain;
Tell of the grave where they laid Him, tell how He liveth again.
Love in the story so tender clearer than ever I see:
Lord, may I always remember love paid the ransom for me. *Refrain*

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O Christ, Our Hope, Our Heart's Desire

O Christ, our hope, our heart's desire, redemption's only spring,
Creator of the world art thou, its Savior and its King.

How vast the mercy and the love which laid our sins on thee,
And led thee to a cruel death to set thy people free.

O Christ, be thou our lasting joy, our ever great reward;
Our only glory may it be to glory in the Lord!

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My Savior's Love

I stand amazed in the presence of Jesus the Nazarene.
And wonder how He could love me, a sinner, condemned, unclean.

Refrain: How marvelous! How wonderful! And my song shall ever be:
How marvelous, how wonderful is my Savior's love for me!

He took my sins and my sorrows; He made them His very own;
He bore the burden to Calvary, and suffered and died alone. *Refrain*

When with the ransomed in glory His face I at last shall see,
'Twill be my joy through the ages to sing of His love for me. *Refrain*

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Call to Confession: *Isaiah 30:15,18*

*In repentance and rest is your salvation, in quietness and trust is your strength, but
you would have none of it. Yet the Lord longs to be gracious to you; he rises to show
you compassion. For the Lord is God of justice. Blessed are all who wait for him!*

Prayer of Confession

Assurance: *Psalm 145:13-14*

*The Lord is faithful in all his words, and gracious in all his deeds.
The Lord upholds all who are falling, and raises up all who are bowed down.*

I Set My Hope on Jesus

When this life of trials tests my faith, I set my hope on Jesus.
When the questions come and doubts remain, I set my hope on Jesus.
For the deepest wounds that time won't heal, there's a joy that runs still deeper.
There's a truth that's more than all I feel. I set my hope on Jesus.

Refrain: I set my hope on Jesus, my rock, my only trust.
Who set His heart upon me first, I set my hope on Jesus.

Though I falter in this war with sin, I set my hope on Jesus.
When I fail the fight and sink within, I set my hope on Jesus.
Though the shame would drown me in its sea, and I dread the waves of justice.
I will cast my life on Calvary, I set my hope on Jesus. *Refrain*

Though the world call me to leave my Lord, I set my hope on Jesus.
Though it offer all its vain rewards, I set my hope on Jesus.
Though this heart of mine is prone to stray, give me grace enough to finish.
'Till I worship on that final day, I set my hope on you. *Refrain*

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Offertory Prayer and Offering: Ken & Chris

Congregational Prayer

Scripture: *Mark 9:14-29*

¹⁴ And when they came to the disciples, they saw a great crowd around them, and scribes arguing with them. ¹⁵ And immediately all the crowd, when they saw him, were greatly amazed and ran up to him and greeted him. ¹⁶ And he asked them, "What are you arguing about with them?" ¹⁷ And someone from the crowd answered him, "Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a spirit that makes him mute. ¹⁸ And whenever it seizes him, it throws him down, and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid. So I asked your disciples to cast it out, and they were not able." ¹⁹ And he answered them, "O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to me." ²⁰ And they brought the boy to him. And when the spirit saw him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. ²¹ And Jesus asked his father, "How long has this been happening to him?" And he said, "From childhood. ²² And it has often cast him into fire and into water, to destroy him. But if you can do anything, have compassion on us and help us." ²³ And Jesus said to him, "'If you can!' All things are possible for one who believes." ²⁴ Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, "I believe; help my unbelief!" ²⁵ And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "You mute and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him and never enter him again." ²⁶ And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse, so that most of them said, "He is dead." ²⁷ But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. ²⁸ And when he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?" ²⁹ And he said to them, "This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer."

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

Message: *If You Can...*

My Hope Is in the Lord

My hope is in the Lord who gave Himself for me, and paid the price of all my sin at Calvary.
For me He died, for me He lives, and everlasting life and light He freely gives.

No merit of my own His anger to suppress, my only hope is found in Jesus' righteousness.
For me He died, for me He lives, and everlasting life and light He freely gives.

God's Blessing

My Hope Is in the Lord

And now for me He stands before the Father's throne; and shows His wounded hands and names me as His own.
For me He died, for me He lives, and everlasting life and light He freely gives.

His grace has planned it all 'tis mine but to believe, and recognize His work of love and Christ receive.
For me He died, for me He lives, and everlasting life and light He freely gives.

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Pastors: Zac H, Robert W
Prayer: Dave R, Ron D
Music: Sharon A, Lee V

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