

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
August 16, 2026 ~ 10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Call to Worship: *Psalm 96:1-3*

Oh sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth!

Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.

Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!

God's Greeting

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

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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I Sing the Mighty Power of God

I sing the mighty power of God, that made the mountains rise;
That spread the flowing seas abroad, and built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;
The moon shines full at His command, and all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord that filled the earth with food;
He formed the creatures with His word and then pronounced them good.
Lord, how Thy wonders are displayed where'er I turn my eye:
If I survey the ground I tread or gaze upon the sky!

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Here is Love

Here is love, vast as the ocean, loving-kindness as the flood,
When the Prince of Life, our Ransom, shed for us His precious blood.
Who His love will not remember? Who can cease to sing His praise?
He can never be forgotten throughout heav'n's eternal days.

In Thy truth Thou dost direct me by Thy Spirit through Thy Word;
And Thy grace my need is meeting as I trust in Thee, my Lord.
Of Thy fullness Thou art pouring Thy great love and pow'r on me,
Without measure, full and boundless, drawing out my heart to Thee.

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Call to Confession and Preparation: *Psalm 130:3-4*

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?

But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared.

Prayer of Confession

Assurance: *Colossians 3:1-4*

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

Profession of Faith and Welcome to New Members

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

Amazing grace how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost, but now I'm found was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear and grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.

Refrain: My chains are gone, I've been set free; my God, my Savior has ransomed me,
And like a flood His mercy rains, unending love, amazing grace.

The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures. *Refrain*

Through many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come;
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home. *Refrain*

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun. *Refrain*

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Offertory Prayer and Offering: Snehakunia House – Kidstown International

Congregational Prayer

Scripture:

Proverbs 14:29

²⁹ *Whoever is slow to anger has great understanding, but he who has a hasty temper exalts folly.*

Proverbs 19:11

¹¹ *Good sense makes one slow to anger, and it is his glory to overlook an offense.*

Proverbs 29:11, 20, 22

¹¹ *A fool gives full vent to his spirit, but a wise man quietly holds it back.*

²⁰ *Do you see a man who is hasty in his words? There is more hope for a fool than for him.*

²² *A man of wrath stirs up strife, and one given to anger causes much transgression.*

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: *Wisdom for Dealing with Anger*

God of Grace and God of Glory

God of grace and God of glory, on Thy people pour Thy power;
Crown Thine ancient church's story, bring her bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.

Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore,
Let the search for Thy salvation be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving thee whom we adore, serving thee whom we adore.

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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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Pastors: Zac H, Robert W
Prayer: Dustin H, Fred Y
Music: Cheryl K, Nancy Z

Offering will be received for Snehakunia House with Kidstown International, serving HIV positive children and children from families with HIV in Calcutta, India who are socially rejected. The orphanage is under the oversight of the Anglican Bishop of Calcutta, Church of North India. Kidstown International works alongside the orphanage to assist and improve their ministry. For more information, visit www.kidstown.org.

Nursery is available with a paging system for children under 3 years during worship service in the Education Building.

Children's Church is available for children 3 years – 3rd grade. Children are dismissed to the Education Building during the worship service.

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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