

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
August 23, 2026 ~ 10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Call to Worship: *I Chronicles 16:8-11, 24-25a*

*Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples!
Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works!*

Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!

Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually!

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

For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised.

God's Greeting

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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When through the woods and forest glades I wander and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze! *Refrain*

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation 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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Before the Throne of God Above

Before the throne of God above I have a strong, and perfect plea:
A great High Priest, whose name is Love, who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on his hands, my name is written on his heart;
I know that while in heaven he stands no tongue can bid me thence depart, no tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair, and tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look, and see him there who made an end of all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free;
For God, the Just, is satisfied to look on Him and pardon me, to look on Him and pardon me.

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Hallelujah for the Cross

Up to the hill of Calvary, my Savior went courageously.
And there He bled and died for me, hallelujah for the cross.
And on the day the world was changed, a final perfect Lamb was slain.
Let earth and heaven now proclaim, hallelujah for the cross.

Refrain: Hallelujah for the war He fought. Love has won, death has lost.
Hallelujah for the souls He bought. Hallelujah for the cross.

What good I've done could never save, my debt too great for deeds to pay.
But God, my Savior made a way, hallelujah for the cross.
A slave to sin, my life was bound, but all my chains fell to the ground
When Jesus' blood came flowing down; hallelujah for the cross. *Refrain*

And when I breathe my final breath, I'll have no need to fear that rest.
This hope will guide me into death; hallelujah for the cross. *Refrain*

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Call to Confession: *Matthew 22:37-40*

***You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.
This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.
On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.***

Prayer of Confession

Assurance: *Jeremiah 33:8*

I will cleanse them from all the guilt of their sin against me, and I will forgive all the guilt of their sin and rebellion against me.

Living Hope

How great the chasm that lay between us. How high the mountain I could not climb.
In desperation, I turned to heaven, and spoke your name into the night.
Then through the darkness, Your loving kindness, tore through the shadows of my soul.
The work is finished, the end is written, Jesus Christ, my living hope.

Who could imagine so great a mercy? What heart could fathom such boundless grace?
The God of ages stepped down from glory, to wear my sin and bear my shame.
The cross has spoken, I am forgiven. The King of kings calls me His own.
Beautiful Savior, I'm yours forever, Jesus Christ, my living hope.

Refrain: Hallelujah, praise the one who set me free. Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me.
You have broken every chain, there's salvation in your name, Jesus Christ, my living hope.

Then came the morning that sealed the promise, Your buried body began to breathe.
Out of the silence, the Roaring Lion, declared the grave has no claim on me.
Then came the morning that sealed the promise, Your buried body began to breathe.
Out of the silence, the Roaring Lion, declared the grave has no claim on me. Jesus, yours is the victory! *Refrain*
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Offertory Prayer and Offering: Building the Future

Offertory Ministry of Music: *It is Well*

Congregational Prayer

Scripture: *Proverbs 1:10* ¹⁰*My son, if sinners entice you, do not consent.*

Proverbs 4:14-15 ¹⁴*Do not enter the path of the wicked, and do not walk in the way of the evil.*

¹⁵*Avoid it; do not go on it; turn away from it and pass on.*

Proverbs 14:16 ¹⁶*One who is wise is cautious and turns away from evil, but a fool is reckless and careless.*

Proverbs 16:17-18 ¹⁷*The highway of the upright turns aside from evil; whoever guards his way preserves his life.*

¹⁸*Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall.*

Proverbs 22:3 ³*The prudent sees danger and hides himself, but the simple go on and suffer for it.*

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: *Wisdom for Saying No to Temptation*

Speak, O Lord

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You, to receive the food of Your holy Word.
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and fashion us in Your likeness,
That the light of Christ might be seen today, in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all Your purposes for Your glory.

Teach us Lord, full obedience, holy reverence, true humility.
Test our thoughts and our attitudes, in the radiance of Your purity.
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see, Your majestic love and authority.
Words of power that can never fail; let their truth prevail over unbelief.

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God's Blessing

Speak, O Lord

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds; help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us.
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time, that will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises, and by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built, and the earth is filled with Your glory.

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Pastors: Zac H, Robert W
Prayer: Paul A, Gene T
Music: Emily A, Paul A, Sharon A, and Brian K

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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 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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