

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
September 6, 2026 ~ 10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Call to Worship: *Psalm 98:1,3-4*

Oh sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things!

He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

God's Greeting

See, What A Morning

See, what a morning, gloriously bright, with the dawning of hope in Jerusalem;
Folded the grave-clothes, tomb filled with light, as the angels announce, "Christ is risen!"
See God's salvation plan, wrought in love, borne in pain, paid in sacrifice,
Fulfilled in Christ, the Man, for He lives: Christ is risen from the dead.

See Mary weeping, "Where is He laid?" as in sorrow she turns from the empty tomb.
Hears a voice speaking, calling her name; it's the Master, the Lord raised to life again!
The voice that spans the years, speaking life, stirring hope, bringing peace to us,
Will sound till He appears, for He lives: Christ is risen from the dead.

One with the Father, Ancient of Days, through the Spirit who clothes faith with certainty.
Honor and blessing, glory and praise to the King crowned with pow'r and authority.
And we are raised with Him; death is dead, love has won, Christ has conquered.
And we shall reign with Him, for He lives: Christ is risen from the dead.

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O Day of Rest and Gladness

O day of rest and gladness, O day of joy and light.
O balm of care and sadness, most beautiful, most bright.
On Thee the high and lowly, through ages joined in tune.
Sing, "Holy, holy, holy," to the great God Triune.

On thee, at the creation, the light first had its birth;
On thee, for our salvation Christ rose from depths of earth;
On thee our Lord victorious the Spirit sent from heaven,
And thus on thee, most glorious a triple light was given.

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Knowing You

Now my heart's desire is to know You more, to be found in You and known as Yours,
To possess by faith what I could not earn, all surpassing gift of righteousness.

Refrain: Knowing You, Jesus, knowing You there is no greater thing.

You're my all, You're my rest, You're my joy, my righteousness, and I love You Lord.

Oh to know the power of Your risen life, and to know You in Your sufferings;
To become like You in Your death, my Lord, so with You to live and never die. *Refrain*

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Call to Confession: *Isaiah 1:18*

*Come now, let us reason together, says the Lord: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow;
though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.*

Prayer of Confession

Assurance: *Isaiah 44:22*

I have blotted out your transgressions like a cloud and your sins like mist; return to me, for I have redeemed you.

Jesus, Strong and Kind

Jesus said that if I thirst, I should come to him.
No one else can satisfy; I should come to him.

Jesus said if I am weak, I should come to him.
No one else can be my strength; I should come to him. *Refrain*

Refrain: For the Lord is good and faithful; He will keep us day and night.
We can always run to Jesus; Jesus, strong and kind.

Jesus said that if I fear, I should come to him.
No one else can be my shield; I should come to him.

Jesus said if I am lost, he will come to me.
And he showed me on that cross he will come to me. *Refrain*

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Offertory Prayer and Offering: Christian School Tuition Assistance

Offertory Ministry of Music

Congregational Prayer

Scripture: *Proverbs 6:6-11*

- ⁶ *Go to the ant, O sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise.*
⁷ *Without having any chief, officer, or ruler,*
⁸ *she prepares her bread in summer and gathers her food in harvest.*
⁹ *How long will you lie there, O sluggard? When will you arise from your sleep?*
¹⁰ *A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to rest,*
¹¹ *and poverty will come upon you like a robber, and want like an armed man.*

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: *Wisdom from Proverbs for Working Hard*

Christ, Our Wisdom

Christ, our wisdom, we are humbled when You hide Your ways from us;
You have purposes unnumbered, each one good and glorious.
Help us trust when we grow weary, free us from our anxious thoughts;
Give us grace to see more clearly; You are God, and we are not.

Christ, our wisdom, be our gladness when we fail to understand;
You ordain all joy and sadness to fulfill Your perfect plan.
Help us know You rule with power over every raging flood;
In our most uncertain hour, You are God, and we are loved.

Christ, our wisdom, we will follow though the way ahead is veiled;
As we journey through the shadows, grant us faith where sight has failed.
Help us cling to Your commandments, strengthened by Your faithful word;
We will never be abandoned; You are God, and we are Yours.

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God's Blessing

All Glory Be to Christ

Should nothing of our efforts stand, no legacy survive;
Unless the Lord does raise the house, in vain its builders strive.
To you who boast tomorrow's gain, tell me what is your life
A mist that vanishes at dawn all glory be to Christ!

Refrain: All glory be to Christ our king! All glory be to Christ!
His rule and reign will ever sing, all glory be to Christ!

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Nursery is available with a paging system during worship service in the Education Building.

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