

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
September 13, 2026 ~ 10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Call to Worship: *from Revelation 15:3-4, NIV*

*Great and marvelous are your deeds, Lord God Almighty!
Just and true are your ways, King of the ages.
Who will not fear you, O Lord, and bring glory to your name?
For you alone are holy. All nations will come and worship you!*

God's Greeting

Come, Now Is the Time to Worship

Come, now is the time to worship.
Come, now is the time to give your heart.
Come, just as you are, to worship.
Come, just as you are, before your God. Come.

One day every tongue will confess You are God.
One day every knee will bow.
Still the greatest treasure remains for those
Who gladly choose you now.

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Days of Elijah

These are the days of Elijah, declaring the Word of the Lord;
And these are the days of Your servant, Moses, righteousness being restored;
And though these are days of great trials, of famine and darkness and sword,
Still we are the voice in the desert crying "Prepare ye the way of the Lord."

Refrain: Behold He comes, riding on the clouds, shining like the sun at the trumpet call;
Lift your voice, it's the year of Jubilee, and out of Zion's hill salvation comes.

And these are the days of Ezekiel, the dry bones becoming as flesh;
And these are the days of Your servant, David, rebuilding a temple of praise;
And these are the days of the harvest, the fields are as white in the world;
And we are the laborers in Your vineyard, declaring the Word of the Lord. *Refrain*

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Wonderful, Merciful Savior

Wonderful, merciful Savior, Precious Redeemer and Friend;
Who would have thought that a Lamb could rescue the souls of men? Oh, You rescue the souls of men.

Refrain: You are the One that we praise, You are the One we adore.
You give the healing and grace our hearts always hunger for, oh, our hearts always hunger for.

Almighty, infinite Father, faithfully loving Your own;
Here in our weakness You find us falling before Your throne, oh, we're falling before Your throne. *Refrain*

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Call to Confession: *Proverbs 28:13; Psalm 32:5*

*Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper, but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy.
Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity;
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.*

Prayer of Confession

Assurance: *John 3:16-17 (NRSV)*

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Come Unto Jesus

Come unto Jesus all you who are weary.
Come to the mercy seat, fervently kneel.
Here, bring your wounded heart, broken and needy.
Come unto Jesus, mighty to heal.

Joy of the comfortless, light for the straying,
Hope of the penitent, peace in our strife.
Here speaks the Comforter, tenderly saying
My yoke is easy, My burden is light.

Refrain: Come unto Jesus; come unto Jesus.
Lay down your burdens, He is enough.
Come unto Jesus, rest in His love.

Come, now and follow Him, this life forsaking.
All that was gained, count as nothing but loss.
Trade all this world for His kingdom unfading.
Come unto Jesus, and take up your cross. *Refrain*

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Offertory Prayer and Offering: Ray & Angie, East-West Ministries

Congregational Prayer

Scripture: *1 John 2:1-6*

² My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. ² He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. ³ And by this we know that we have come to know him, if we keep his commandments. ⁴ Whoever says "I know him" but does not keep his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him, ⁵ but whoever keeps his word, in him truly the love of God is perfected. By this we may know that we are in him: ⁶ whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked.

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

Message: *The Secret to a Fulfilled Life*

Trust and Obey

When we walk with the Lord in the light of His Word, what a glory He sheds on our way!
While we do His good will, He abides with us still, and with all who will trust and obey.

Refrain: Trust and obey, for there's no other way to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

Not a shadow can rise, not a cloud in the skies, but His smile quickly drives it away;
Not a doubt or a fear, not a sigh or a tear, can remain when we trust and obey. *Refrain*

Not a burden we bear, not a sorrow we share, but our toil He doth richly repay;
Not a grief or a loss, not a frown or a cross, but is blest if we trust and obey. *Refrain*

Then in fellowship sweet we will sit at His feet, or we'll walk by His side in the way;
What He says we will do, where He sends we will go, never fear, only trust and obey. *Refrain*

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God's Blessing

We Receive Your Blessing

We receive Your blessing, we receive Your grace,
As we walk in the light shining from Your face.
May the peace that You give change the way that we live;
We receive Your blessing as we leave this place.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him, all creatures here below.
Praise Him, above You heavenly hosts.
Praise Father, Son and praise the Holy Ghost.
We receive Your blessing as we leave this place.

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Pastor: Jim V
Prayer: Brian K, Brian V
Music: Brian K, Jack P, Ken Q, Lisa Q

Offering will be received for Ray & Angie, serving with East-West Ministries International as they work with the Persian people group. Ray is the Head of Formation Conferences at Pars Theological Centre.

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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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