

**First Christian Reformed Church**  
Lynden, Washington  
September 13, 2026 ~ 6:00 p.m. Prayer and Worship Service

**Call to Worship:** *Psalm 92:1-2*

*It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to your name, O Most High;  
to declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your faithfulness by night.*

**Opening Prayer**

***It is Good to Sing Thy Praises***

It is good to sing Thy praises and to thank Thee, O Most High,  
Showing forth Thy loving kindness when the morning lights the sky.  
It is good when night is falling of Thy faithfulness to tell.  
While with sweet, melodious praises songs of adoration swell.

But the good shall live before Thee, planted in Thy dwelling place,  
Fruitful trees and ever verdant, nourished by Thy boundless grace.  
In his goodness to the righteous God His righteousness displays;  
God, my rock, my strength and refuge, just and true are all His ways.

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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.

There's not a plant or flower below but makes Thy glories known,  
And clouds arise and tempests blow, by order from Thy throne.  
While all that borrows life from Thee is ever in Thy care;  
And everywhere that man can be, Thou, God, art present there.

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***O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing***

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,  
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of His grace!

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,  
To spread through all the earth abroad the honors of Thy name.

He breaks the power of cancelled sin, He sets the prisoner free:  
His blood can make the foulest clean, His blood availed for me.

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**Profession of Faith:** Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 26

What do you believe when you say, "I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth"?

**That the eternal Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who out of nothing created heaven and earth and everything in them,  
who still upholds and rules them by his eternal counsel and providence,  
is my God and Father because of Christ his Son.**

**I trust him so much that I do not doubt he will provide whatever I need for body and soul,  
and he will turn to my good whatever adversity he sends me in this sad world.**

**He is able to do this because he is almighty God;  
he desires to do this because he is a faithful Father.**

**Offering:** Ray & Angie, East-West Ministries

**Evening Prayer**

## ***Still, My Soul, Be Still***

Still, my soul, be still, and do not fear though winds of change may rage tomorrow.  
God is at your side; no longer dread the fires of unexpected sorrow.

*Refrain:* God, You are my God, and I will trust in You and not be shaken.  
Lord of peace, renew a steadfast spirit within me to rest in You alone, to rest in You alone.

Still, my soul, be still, do not forsake the truth you learned in the beginning,  
Wait upon the Lord, and hope will rise as stars appear when day is dimming. *Refrain*

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## **Scripture: II Corinthians 5:16-21**

<sup>16</sup> From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. <sup>17</sup> Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. <sup>18</sup> All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; <sup>19</sup> that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. <sup>20</sup> Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup> For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

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

## **Message: Ambassadors for Christ**

### ***All for Jesus***

All for Jesus, all for Jesus! All my being's ransomed powers:  
All my thoughts and words and doings, all my days and all my hours:  
All for Jesus! All for Jesus! All my days and all my hours;  
All for Jesus! All for Jesus! All my days and all my hours;

Let my hands perform His bidding, let my feet run in His ways;  
Let my eyes see Jesus only, let my lips speak forth His praise:  
All for Jesus! All for Jesus! Let my lips speak forth His praise;  
All for Jesus! All for Jesus! Let my lips speak forth His praise.

Since my eyes were fixed on Jesus, I've lost sight of all beside,  
So enrapt my spirit's vision, looking at the Crucified:  
All for Jesus! All for Jesus! Looking at the Crucified;  
All for Jesus! All for Jesus! Looking at the Crucified.

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## **God's Blessing**

### ***All Praise to Thee, My God***

All praise to Thee, my God, this night, for all the blessings of the light!  
Keep me, O keep me, King of kings, beneath Thine own almighty wings.

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.

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Pastor: Russell K  
Prayer: Rich H  
Music: Nancy Z

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.

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.