

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
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Call to Worship: from Psalm 1:1-3

Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked,
or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers.

But their delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law they meditate day and night.

They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season,
and their leaves do not wither.

In all that they do, they prosper.

Let us worship God together.

God's Greeting

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*

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow, the sun forbear to shine.
But God, who called me here below, will be forever mine.
Will be forever mine. You are forever mine.

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Call to Confession: from Hebrews 4:15-16

Remember that our Lord Jesus Christ is able to sympathize with us in our weaknesses. In every respect he was tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Let us confess our sins to Almighty God.

Prayer of Confession

**O God, we have heard Jesus' teachings many times,
but we confess that sometimes we think they are impractical.
We let anger take hold of us.
We fail to keep our commitments to you and to others.
We lack courage to follow Jesus' way of love.
Forgive us, we pray.
Help us to find joy in obedience to you. Amen.**

Words of Assurance:

Jesus teaches us in Matthew 7:11, "If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good things to those who ask him!"

In Jesus Christ, God gives us the gift of forgiveness.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Video Scripture

Morning Prayer

Ancient Words

Holy words long preserved for our walk in this world,
They resound with God's own heart. O, let the ancient words impart.
Words of life, words of hope, give us strength, help us cope.
In this world where'er we roam, ancient words will guide us home.

Refrain: Ancient words, ever true, changing me and changing you;
We have come with open hearts, O, let the ancient words impart.

Holy words of our faith handed down to this age,
Came to us through sacrifice. O, heed the faithful words of Christ.
Holy words long preserved for our walk in this world,
They resound with God's own heart, O, let the ancient words impart; *Refrain*

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Scripture: *Matthew 5:1-12 (ESV)*

¹ *Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.*

² *And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:*

³ *"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

⁴ *"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.*

⁵ *"Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.*

⁶ *"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.*

⁷ *"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.*

⁸ *"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.*

⁹ *"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.*

¹⁰ *"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

¹¹ *"Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.*

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: *Blessed Are Those Transformed By Grace*

Grace Alone

Every promise we can make, every prayer and step of faith;
Every difference we will make is only by His grace.
Every mountain we will climb, every ray of hope we shine;
Every blessing left behind is only by His grace.

Refrain: Grace alone which God supplies; strength unknown He will provide.
Christ in us, our cornerstone, we will go forth in grace alone.

Every soul we long to reach, every heart we hope to teach;
Everywhere we share His peace is only by His grace.
Every loving word we say, every tear we wipe away;
Every sorrow turned to praise is only by His grace. *Refrain*

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God's Blessing

Pastor: Robert W

Prayer: Wes V

Music: Paul, Sharon, and Emily A

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