

* **Call to Worship:** *Psalm 9:1-2, 7-8, 10-11*
I will give thanks to you, LORD, with all my heart;
I will tell of all your wonderful deeds.
I will be glad and rejoice in you;
I will sing the praises of your name, O Most High.

The LORD reigns forever;
he has established his throne for judgment.
He rules the world in righteousness
and judges the peoples with equity.

Those who know your name trust in you,
for you, LORD, have never forsaken those who seek you.

Sing the praises of the LORD, enthroned in Zion;
proclaim among the nations what he has done.

* **God's Greeting**

* **Great Is the Lord**

Great is the Lord, He is holy and just;
By His power we trust in His love.
Great is the Lord, He is faithful and true;
By His mercy He proves He is love.

Great is the Lord, and worthy of glory!
Great is the Lord, and worthy of praise!
Great is the Lord!
Now lift up your voice, now lift up your voice:
Great is the Lord! Great is the Lord!

Great are You, Lord, and worthy of glory!
Great are You, Lord, and worthy of praise!
Great are You, Lord! I lift up my voice, I lift up my voice:
Great are You, Lord! Great are You, Lord!

* **I Exalt Thee**

For Thou, O Lord, art high above all the earth;
Thou art exalted far above all gods.
For Thou, O Lord, art high above all the earth;
Thou art exalted far above all gods.
I exalt Thee, I exalt Thee, I exalt Thee, O Lord.
I exalt Thee, I exalt Thee, I exalt Thee, O Lord.

* **And Can It Be** #267:1,3,4 (PH)

And can it be that I should gain
An interest in the Savior's blood?
Died He for me, who caused His pain?
For me, who caused his bitter death.
Amazing love! How can it be
That You, my Lord, should die for me? *Refrain*

* indicates to stand if able

Refrain: Amazing love! How can it be
That You, my Lord, should die for me!

Long my imprisoned spirit lay
Fast bound in sin and nature's night.
Your sunrise turned that night to day;
I woke – the dungeon flamed with light!
My chains fell off, your voice I knew;
I rose, went out, and followed you. *Refrain*

No condemnation now I dread:
For Christ and all in Him, is mine!
Alive in Him my living Head,
And clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach the eternal throne,
And claim the crown, through Christ my own. *Refrain*

Call to Confession: *Hebrews 4:14-16*

Prayer of Confession

How Deep the Father's Love

How deep the Father's love for us,
How vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss.
The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory.

Behold the Man upon the cross,
My sin upon His shoulders.
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life.
I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything;
No gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom.
But I will boast in Jesus Christ:
His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer.
But this I know with all my heart:
His wounds have paid my ransom.

Commissioning of Teachers

To teacher and leaders:
Do you promise to prepare your programs with hearts and
minds open to the leading and inspiration of the Holy Spirit?
Do you promise to carry out this work with enthusiasm and
joy, patience and courage, trust and love?
We do.

Do you promise to trust in God's guidance, ever seeking to
learn as you lead, to listen as much as you speak, and to
walk with people with faith and authenticity?
We do.

To children and students:
You are a very important part of our congregation.
Thank you for being here! We have a question for you.
Will you participate with enthusiasm and joy, always
showing respect, and will you bring your questions with you
as you explore with your teachers God's wisdom and will?

We will!

To Congregation:
These teachers and leaders have a vital role in the
nurturing of our faith. Will you support them with prayer,
encouragement, interest and compassion?

We will!

Offertory Prayer

Offertory Ministry of Music: *The Holy City*

Offering: Gary & Mary

(Children 3 years old – 2nd grade are invited to Children's
Church in the Ed. Building while the offering is received.)

Morning Prayer

* **Scripture:** *Acts 4:13-22 (ESV)* pg. 1143

¹³ Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and
perceived that they were uneducated, common men, they
were astonished. And they recognized that they had been
with Jesus. ¹⁴ But seeing the man who was healed standing
beside them, they had nothing to say in opposition. ¹⁵ But
when they had commanded them to leave the council, they
conferred with one another, ¹⁶ saying, "What shall we do
with these men? For that a notable sign has been performed
through them is evident to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem,
and we cannot deny it. ¹⁷ But in order that it may spread no
further among the people, let us warn them to speak no
more to anyone in this name." ¹⁸ So they called them and

charged them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus.¹⁹ But Peter and John answered them, "Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you rather than to God, you must judge,²⁰ for we cannot but speak of what we have seen and heard."²¹ And when they had further threatened them, they let them go, finding no way to punish them, because of the people, for all were praising God for what had happened.²² For the man on whom this sign of healing was performed was more than forty years old.

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

Message: *The Spirit of Unbelief*

*** Spirit Song**

Oh, let the Son of God enfold you
With His Spirit and His love,
Let Him fill your heart and satisfy your soul.
Oh, let Him have those things that hold you,
And His Spirit, like a dove,
Will descend upon your life and make you whole.

Refrain: Jesus, oh Jesus, come and fill Your lambs.
Jesus, oh Jesus, come and fill Your lambs.

O come and sing this song with gladness
As your hearts are filled with joy;
Lift your hands in sweet surrender to His name.
O give Him all your tears and sadness;
Give Him all your years of pain,
And you'll enter into life in Jesus' name. *Refrain*

*** God's Blessing**

*** By the Sea of Crystal**

#620:3 (PH)

"Unto God Almighty, sitting on the throne,
And the Lamb, victorious, be the praise alone."
God has wrought salvation; He did wondrous things.
Who shall not extol thee, holy King of kings!

The Spirit of Unbelief

Acts 4:13-22

Uneducated, 4:13-14, they had been with Jesus.

Unbelief, 4:14-18, "What shall we do with these men?"

Unintimidated, 4:19-22, "we cannot but speak of what we have seen and heard."

"WHEN THEY SAW THE
BOLDNESS OF PETER AND
JOHN... THEY MARVELED.
AND THEY REALIZED THAT
THEY HAD BEEN WITH

Jesus."

Acts 4:13

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
September 9, 2018
10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Worship services are broadcast live in the church basement
for anyone who is unable to worship in the sanctuary.
The sanctuary is equipped with an assistive listening system.
Please switch hearing aids to "T" to use this system.

Pastor: Robert W Prayer: Tabin B, John Van W
Music: Alex B, Ken & Lisa Q
Offering: Gary & Mary serve with Frontier Ventures ministering and
equipping those who serve in Eastern Asia.

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