

\* **Call to Worship:** *Psalm 57:9-11*  
*I will praise you, Lord, among the nations;  
I will sing of you among the peoples.*  
**For great is your love, reaching to the heavens;  
your faithfulness reaches to the skies.**  
*Be exalted, O God, above the heavens;  
let your glory be over all the earth.*

\* **Opening Prayer**

\* ***I Will Extol You, O My God*** #185:1,2 (PH)  
I will extol you, O my God,  
And praise you, O my King;  
Yes, every day and evermore  
Your praises I will sing.  
Great is the Lord, our mighty God,  
And greatly to be praised;  
His greatness is unsearchable,  
Above all glory raised.

Each generation to the next shall testimony bear,  
And to your praise, from age to age,  
Your wondrous acts declare.  
Upon your glorious majesty  
And honor I will dwell,  
And all your grand and glorious works  
And greatness I will tell.

\* ***Amid the Thronging Worshipers*** #239:1,3 (PH)  
Amid the thronging worshipers  
The Lord, our God, I bless;  
Before His people gathered here  
His name will I confess.  
Come, praise him, all who fear the Lord,  
The children of His grace;  
With reverence sound His glories forth  
And bow before His face.  
  
He feeds with good the humble soul  
And satisfies the meek,  
And they shall live and praise the Lord  
Who for His mercy seek.  
The ends of all the earth will hear,  
The nations seek the Lord;  
They worship Him, the King of kings,  
In earth and heaven adored.

\* join us in standing if able

\* ***Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*** #318:1,3 (HFG)  
Come, thou fount of every blessing,  
Tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
Call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet,  
Sung by flaming tongues above.  
Praise the mount – I'm fixed upon it –  
Mount of Thy redeeming love.

O, to grace how great a debtor  
Daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let thy goodness, like a fetter,  
Bind my wandering heart to Thee:  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,  
Prone to leave the God I love;  
Here's my heart, O take and seal it;  
Seal it for Thy courts above.

**Profession of Faith:** *Our World Belongs to God*, Art. 28  
**Being both God and man,  
Jesus is the only Mediator between God and his people.  
He alone paid the debt of our sin;  
there is no other Savior!  
In him the Father chose those whom he would save.  
His electing love sustains our hope:  
God's grace is free to save sinners  
who offer nothing but their need for mercy.**

***Abide with Me*** #500:1,3,4 (HFG)  
Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;  
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide;  
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,  
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;  
Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;  
Change and decay in all around I see;  
O Thou who changest not, abide with me.

I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless;  
Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.  
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?  
I triumph still if Thou abide with me.

**Offering:** SERVE 2019

**Evening Prayer**

\* ***Take Time to Be Holy*** #457:1,3 (HFG)  
Take time to be holy, speak oft with God;  
Find rest in Him always, and feed on His Word.  
Make friends of God's children,  
Help those who are weak;  
Forgetting in nothing His blessing to seek.

Take time to be holy, let Him be Thy Guide;  
And run not before Him, whatever betide.  
In joy or in sorrow, still follow Thy Lord,  
And, looking to Jesus, still trust in His word.

\* **Scripture:** *Ephesians 3:1-13 (NIV)* pg. 1225  
<sup>1</sup> For this reason I, Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles—  
<sup>2</sup> Surely you have heard about the administration of God's grace that was given to me for you, <sup>3</sup> that is, the mystery made known to me by revelation, as I have already written briefly. <sup>4</sup> In reading this, then, you will be able to understand my insight into the mystery of Christ, <sup>5</sup> which was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to God's holy apostles and prophets. <sup>6</sup> This mystery is that through the gospel the Gentiles are heirs together with Israel, members together of one body, and sharers together in the promise in Christ Jesus. <sup>7</sup> I became a servant of this gospel by the gift of God's grace given me through the working of his power. <sup>8</sup> Although I am less than the least of all the Lord's people, this grace was given me: to preach to the Gentiles the boundless riches of Christ, <sup>9</sup> and to make plain to everyone the administration of this mystery, which for ages past was kept hidden in God, who created all things. <sup>10</sup> His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms, <sup>11</sup> according to his eternal purpose that he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord. <sup>12</sup> In him and through faith in him we may approach God with freedom and confidence. <sup>13</sup> I ask you, therefore, not to be discouraged because of my sufferings for you, which are your glory.

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

**Message:** *The Interrupted Prayer*

**Prayer**

\* **The Solid Rock**

#92:1,3 (HFG)

My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,  
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

*Refrain:* On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand,  
All other ground is sinking sand.

His oath, His covenant, His blood,  
Support me in the whelming flood;  
When all around my soul gives way,  
He then is all my hope and stay. *Refrain*

\* **God's Blessing**

\* **The Solid Rock**

#92:4 (HFG)

When He shall come with trumpet sound,  
O may I then in Him be found;  
Dressed in His righteousness alone,  
Faultless to stand before the throne.

*Refrain:* On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand,  
All other ground is sinking sand.

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Pastor: James O

Music: Mike H

Offering: SERVE is a faith-forming experience where the communities, congregations and students involved all experience lasting transformation. First CRC will be hosting a SERVE mission trip in June 2019. For more information, contact Dan H, the First CRC host coordinator.

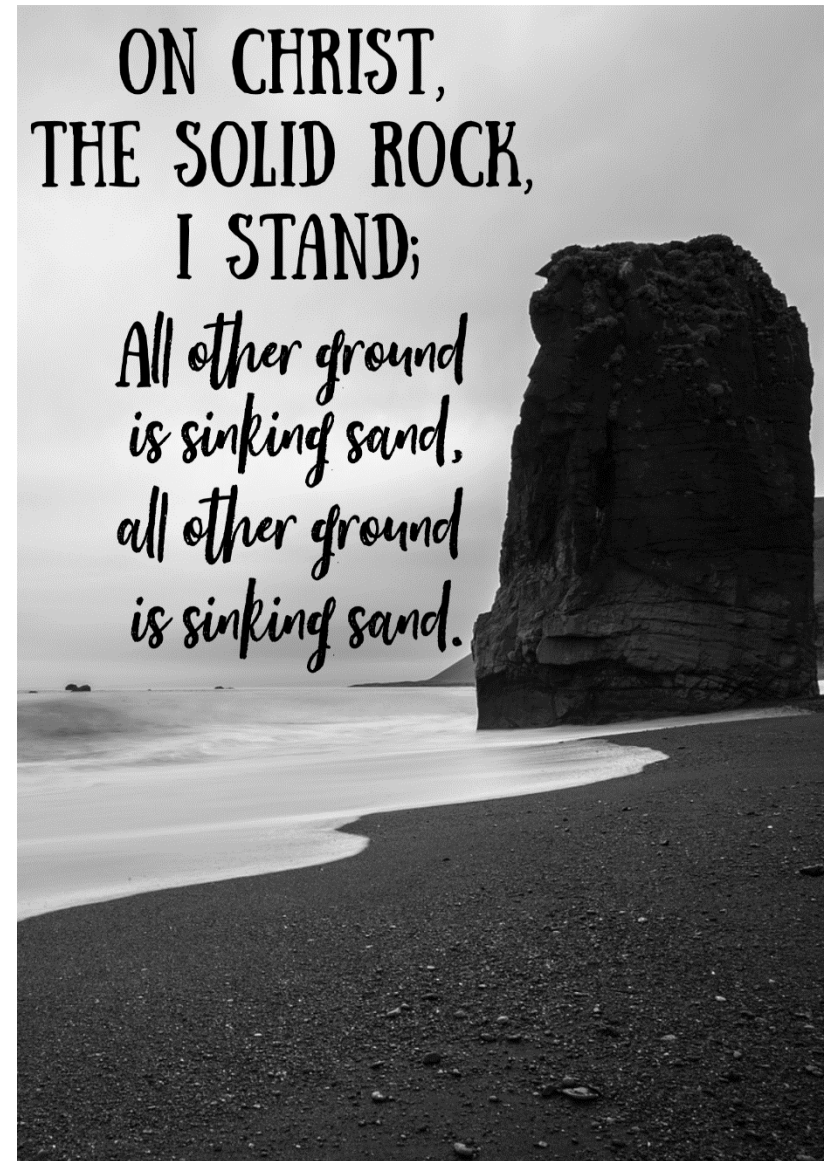
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**The Interrupted Prayer**

*Ephesians 3:1-13*

ON CHRIST,  
THE SOLID ROCK,  
I STAND;

*All other ground  
is sinking sand,  
all other ground  
is sinking sand.*



First Christian Reformed Church  
Lynden, Washington

May 19, 2019

6:00 p.m. Worship Service