

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
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Call to Worship: *Colossians 1:15-17*

*The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn
over all creation. For in him all things were created:
things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible,
whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities;
all things have been created through him and for him.
He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.*

God's Greeting

Faith of Our Fathers

Faith of our fathers, living still,
In spite of dungeon, fire, and sword;
O how our hearts beat high with joy
Whene'er we hear that glorious Word!

Refrain: Faith of our fathers, holy faith!
We will be true to thee till death.

Faith of our fathers, God's great power,
Shall win all nations unto thee,
And through the truth that comes from God
Mankind shall then indeed be free. *Refrain*

Faith of our fathers, we will love
Both friend and foe in all our strife;
And preach thee too as love knows how,
By kindly words and virtuous life. *Refrain*

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Call to Confession: *Romans 3:9-12*

*What shall we conclude then? Do we have any advantage?
Not at all! For we have already made the charge that Jews and Gentiles alike
are all under the power of sin. As it is written:
"There is no one righteous, not even one;
there is no one who understands;
there is no one who seeks God.
All have turned away,
they have together become worthless;
there is no one who does good, not even one."*

Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance: *Ephesians 1:4-6*

*For he chose us in him before the creation of the world
to be holy and blameless in his sight.
In love he predestined us for adoption
to sonship through Jesus Christ,
in accordance with his pleasure and will—
to the praise of his glorious grace,
which he has freely given us in the One he loves.*

Video Scripture

Morning Prayer

He Is Lord

He is Lord, he is Lord,
He is risen from the dead, and he is Lord!
Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess
That Jesus Christ is Lord.

He is Life, he is Life,
He has died to set us free, and he is Life!
And he calls us all to live evermore,
For Jesus Christ is Life.

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Scripture: *Acts 13:42-52 (ESV)*

⁴² *As they went out, the people begged that these things might be told them the next Sabbath.* ⁴³ *And after the meeting of the synagogue broke up, many Jews and devout converts to Judaism followed Paul and Barnabas, who, as they spoke with them, urged them to continue in the grace of God.*

⁴⁴ *The next Sabbath almost the whole city gathered to hear the word of the Lord.* ⁴⁵ *But when the Jews saw the crowds, they were filled with jealousy and began to contradict what was spoken by Paul, reviling him.* ⁴⁶ *And Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly, saying, "It was necessary that the word of God be spoken first to you. Since you thrust it aside and judge yourselves unworthy of eternal life, behold, we are turning to the Gentiles.* ⁴⁷ *For so the Lord has commanded us, saying, "I have made you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth."'*

⁴⁸ *And when the Gentiles heard this, they began rejoicing and glorifying the word of the Lord, and as many as were appointed to eternal life believed.* ⁴⁹ *And the word of the Lord was spreading throughout the whole region.* ⁵⁰ *But the Jews incited the devout women of high standing and the leading men of the city, stirred up persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and drove them out of their district.* ⁵¹ *But they shook off the dust from their feet against them and went to Iconium.* ⁵² *And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.*

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

Message: *Appointed to Eternal Life*

Prayer

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days.
Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.

To all, life Thou givest, to both great and small;
In all life Thou livest, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
And wither and perish – but naught changeth Thee.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;
All praise we would render: O help us to see
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee.

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God's Blessing

We Sing the Mighty Power of God

We sing the mighty power of God,
That made the mountains rise;
That spread the flowing seas abroad,
And built the lofty skies.
We 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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