

First Christian Reformed Church  
May 17, 2020

**Welcome**

**Call to Worship:** *Psalm 104:1-3, 33-34*

*Bless the LORD, O my soul!*

*O LORD my God, you are very great!  
You are clothed with splendor and majesty,  
covering yourself with light as with a garment,  
stretching out the heavens like a tent.*

*He lays the beams of his chambers on the waters;  
he makes the clouds his chariot;  
he rides on the wings of the wind;*

*I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;  
I will sing praise to my God while I have being.  
May my meditation be pleasing to him,  
for I rejoice in the LORD.*

**God's Greeting**

***Now With Joyful Exultation***

Now with joyful exultation let us sing to God our praise;  
To the Rock of our salvation loud hosannas let us raise.  
Thankful tribute gladly bringing, let us come before him now,  
And, with psalms his praises singing, joyful in his presence bow.

For how great a God, and glorious, is the Lord of whom we sing;  
Over idol gods victorious, great is he, our God and King.  
In his hand are earth's deep places, also his are all the hills;  
His the sea whose bounds he traces, his the land his bounty fills.

To the Lord, such might revealing, let us come with reverence meet,  
And, before our Maker kneeling, let us worship at his feet.  
He is our own God who leads us, we the people of his care;  
With a shepherd's hand he feeds us as his flock in pastures fair.

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***How Deep the Father's Love for Us***

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.

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.

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**Call to Confession:** *Isaiah 54:7-8*

*For a brief moment I deserted you,  
but with great compassion I will gather you.  
In overflowing anger for a moment  
I hid my face from you,  
but with everlasting love I will have compassion on you,"*  
says the LORD, your Redeemer.

**Prayer of Confession**

**Words of Assurance:** *Isaiah 54:10*

*For the mountains may depart  
and the hills be removed,  
but my steadfast love shall not depart from you,  
and my covenant of peace shall not be removed,"*  
says the LORD, who has compassion on you.

**Video Scripture**

**Morning Prayer**

**Scripture:** *I Peter 2:11-17 (ESV)*

<sup>11</sup> Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. <sup>12</sup> Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation. <sup>13</sup> Be subject for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether it be to the emperor as supreme, <sup>14</sup> or to governors as sent by him to punish those who do evil and to praise those who do good. <sup>15</sup> For this is the will of God, that by doing good you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people. <sup>16</sup> Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God. <sup>17</sup> Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Message:** *Reflections on Government Authority*

***When Peace Like a River***

When peace like a river attendeth my way,  
When sorrows like sea billows roll,  
Whatever my lot, Thou has taught me to say,  
It is well, it is well with my soul.

*Refrain:* It is well, with my soul,  
It is well, it is well, with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,  
Let this blest assurance control:  
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,  
And has shed his own blood for my soul. *Refrain*

My sin, O the joy of this glorious thought,  
My sin, not in part, but the whole,  
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more:  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

*Refrain:* It is well, with my soul,  
It is well, it is well, with my soul.

O, Lord haste the day when my faith shall be sight,  
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll:  
The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend,  
Even so it is well with my soul. *Refrain*

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## God's Blessing

**Offering:** Part of worship is giving. The offering this week is for Ken & Chris Van Weerdhuizen.

You can mail your weekly checks and tithing to:

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[At this time we encourage you to continue in home worship. Begin with prayer, taking time to pray for the many needs around us. Google a couple of your favorite hymns or songs, play them on your computer and listen or sing along. Re-read the morning Scripture text and spend some time reflecting on the message and discussing its implications and applications in our life.]

Pastor: Robert W  
Prayer: Tim V  
Music: Paul, Sharon, and Emily A  
Offering: Ken & Chris serve as missionaries with Wycliffe Bible Translators and JAARS. They are in Waxhaw, North Carolina, the base of operations for the aviation programs. For information, visit [www.wycliffe.net](http://www.wycliffe.net).

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