

* **Call to Worship:** *Psalm 66:1-4*

¹*Shout for joy to God, all the earth;*

²*sing the glory of his name;*

give to him glorious praise!

³*Say to God,*

“How awesome are your deeds!

So great is your power

that your enemies come cringing to you.

⁴***All the earth worships you***

and sings praises to you;

they sing praises to your name.”

* **God’s Greeting**

* ***Come, All You People, Praise Our God*** #242:1,2,3 (PH)

Come, all you people, praise our God

And tell his glorious works abroad,

Who holds our souls in life;

He never lets our feet be moved

And, though our faith he often proved,

Upholds us in the strife.

We come with offerings to his house,

And here we pay the solemn vows

We uttered in distress;

To him our all we dedicate,

To him we wholly consecrate

The lives his mercies bless.

Come, listen, all who fear the Lord,

While I with grateful heart record

What God has done for me;

I cried to him in deep distress,

And now his wondrous grace I bless,

For he has set me free.

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Call to Confession: —based on Psalm 66:16, 18-20

The psalmist testifies:

Come and hear, all you who fear God,

and I will tell what he has done for me.

If I had cherished iniquity in my heart,

the Lord would not have listened.

But truly God has listened;

he has given heed to the words of my prayer.

Blessed be God,

because he has not rejected my prayer

or removed his steadfast love from me.

In the strength of this assurance,

let us confess our sins to God.

Prayer of Confession

God’s Law: based on Matthew 22:37-40

What is the great and first commandment?

Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.

What is the second commandment like it?

Love your neighbor as yourself.

What does this mean?

Love is the fulfilling of the law.

To what does this call us?

To a life of faith working through love.

Video Scripture

Profession of Faith, Reaffirmation of Faith and Infant Baptism (9:00 a.m. service)

Shannon T, Jacob T, Samantha T, Hayley B, Klayton S and

Nick S – Profession of Faith

Greg & Sara T – Transfer from URC in Lynden

David & Dara W – Reaffirmation

Mariam W – Infant Baptism

Morning Prayer

* ***Knowing You***

All I once held dear, built my life upon,

All this world reveres and wars to own;

All I once thought gain I have counted loss,

Spent and worthless now compared to this.

Refrain: Knowing You, Jesus, knowing You

There is no greater thing.

You're my all, You're my rest,

You're my joy, my righteousness,

And I love You Lord.

Now my heart's desire is to know You more,

To be found in You and known as Yours,

To possess by faith what I could not earn,

All surpassing gift of righteousness.

Refrain: Knowing You, Jesus, knowing You

There is no greater thing.

You're my all, You're my rest,

You're my joy, my righteousness,

And I love You Lord.

Oh to know the power of Your risen life,

And to know You in Your sufferings;

To become like You in Your death, my Lord,

So with You to live and never die. *Refrain*

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* **Scripture:** *Isaiah 43:18-19 (ESV)*

¹⁸ *“Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old.*

¹⁹ *Behold, I am doing a new thing;*

now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?

I will make a way in the wilderness

and rivers in the desert.

Philippians 3:12-15 (ESV)

¹² *Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ*

Jesus has made me his own. ¹³ Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting

what lies behind and straining forward to what lies

ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵ Let those of us who

are mature think this way, and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal that also to you.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: *Back to Normal?*

Prayer

*** *May the Mind of Christ My Savior***

#291:1,2,5 (PH)

May the mind of Christ, my Savior,
Live in me from day to day,
By His love and power controlling all I do and say.

May the word of God dwell richly
In my heart from hour to hour,
So that all may see I triumph only through His power.

May we run the race before us,
Strong and brave to face the foe,
Looking only unto Jesus as we onward go.

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*** *God's Blessing***

* indicates to stand if you are able

Pastor: Robert W

Prayer: Doug V

Music: Nancy Z

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Back to Normal?

Isaiah 43:18-19; Philippians 3:12-15



*forget the former things;
do not dwell on the past
see I am doing*

a new thing!

*Now it springs up
do you not perceive it?
I am making a way in the
wilderness and streams
in the wasteland.*

Isaiah 43:19



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