

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
November 26, 2020

Call to Worship: *Psalm 100*

God's Greeting

Come, You Thankful People, Come

Come, you thankful people, come; raise the song of harvest home.
All is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin.
God, our maker, does provide for our needs to be supplied.
Come with all his people, come; raise the song of harvest home.

All the world is God's own field, fruit unto His praise to yield;
Wheat and weeds together sown, unto joy or sorrow grown;
First the blade and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear.
Lord of harvest grant that we wholesome grain and pure may be.

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Thanksgiving Litany

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our Rock,
our Fortress and our Deliverer.

**Let us remember his mercy,
for he is gracious and compassionate.**

We thank you, Lord, for calling us to faith in Christ,
**for putting your Spirit within us,
for giving us the mind of Christ,
for gathering us into your church.**

We thank you, Lord, for extending your grace to us,
for beckoning us to a life of gratitude,
for calling us to service in your kingdom.

Thanks be to God!

Let us give thanks to the Lord, for he satisfies the thirsty.
He fills the hungry with good things, and he heals the afflicted.

Let us celebrate God's abundant goodness.

We thank you, gracious Father,
that you provide for all of our needs.

We praise you, Lord.

For all your gifts that go beyond our basic needs,
for the things that make our work easier,
for the conveniences of modern life,
for the beauty and pleasure that you bring into our lives and church.

Thanks be to God!

Congregational Thanksgiving

Prayer of Thanksgiving

For the Beauty of the Earth

For the beauty of the earth,
For the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies;
Lord of all, to Thee we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise.

For the wonder of each hour
Of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale and tree and flower,
Sun and moon and stars of light:
Lord of all, to Thee we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of human love,
Brother, sister, parent, child;
Friends on earth and friends above;
For all gentle thoughts and mild
Lord of all, to Thee we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise.

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Scripture: *Psalm 148 (ESV)*

¹ *Praise the LORD!*
Praise the LORD from the heavens;
praise him in the heights!
² *Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his hosts!*
³ *Praise him, sun and moon,*
praise him, all you shining stars!
⁴ *Praise him, you highest heavens,*
and you waters above the heavens!
⁵ *Let them praise the name of the LORD!*
For he commanded and they were created.
⁶ *And he established them forever and ever;*
he gave a decree, and it shall not pass away.
⁷ *Praise the LORD from the earth,*
you great sea creatures and all deeps,
⁸ *fire and hail, snow and mist,*
stormy wind fulfilling his word!
⁹ *Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!*
¹⁰ *Beasts and all livestock,*
creeping things and flying birds!
¹¹ *Kings of the earth and all peoples,*
princes and all rulers of the earth!
¹² *Young men and maidens together,*
old men and children!
¹³ *Let them praise the name of the LORD,*
for his name alone is exalted;
his majesty is above earth and heaven.
¹⁴ *He has raised up a horn for his people,*
praise for all his saints,
for the people of Israel who are near to him.
Praise the LORD!

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (ESV)

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: *Give Thanks Even in 2020*

Prayer

Now Thank We All Our God

Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has done, in whom His world rejoices;
Who from our mothers' arms has blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,
To keep us in his grace, and guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all ills of this world in the next.

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God's Blessing

Praise and Thanksgiving

Praise and thanksgiving let everyone bring
Unto our Father for every good thing.
All together, joyfully sing!

May we go out from here sharing God's love.
Help us in coming days our faith to prove.
All together, joyfully sing!

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