

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
June 13, 2021

Call to Worship

People of God, worship the living God today!
Remember that out of nothing God created the heavens and earth.
Remember that God raised Jesus from the powerlessness of death to the power of his right hand.
Remember that not even the gates of hell can stand against God's purposes.
Behold our God, who reigns now and forever!

God's Greeting

Come, Let Us Praise the Lord

Come, let us praise the Lord, with joy our God acclaim,
His greatness tell abroad and bless his saving name.
Lift high your songs before his throne
To whom alone all praise belongs.

Our God of matchless worth, our King beyond compare,
The deepest bounds of earth, the hills, are in his care.
He all decrees, who by his hand
Prepared the land and formed the seas.

In worship bow the knee, our glorious God confess;
The great Creator, he, the Lord of Righteousness.
He reigns unseen: his flock he feeds
And gently leads in pastures green.

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O God, You Are My God

O God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you.
O God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you.
I will seek you in the morning, and I will learn to walk in your ways.
And step by step you'll lead me, and I will follow you all of my days. *Repeat All*

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Call to Confession: God's Law *Exodus 20:1-17 (ESV)*

¹ *And God spoke all these words, saying,*
² *"I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.*
³ *"You shall have no other gods before me.*
⁴ *"You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ⁵ You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, ⁶ but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.*
⁷ *"You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.*
⁸ *"Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. ⁹ Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, ¹⁰ but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. ¹¹ For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.*
¹² *"Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.*
¹³ *"You shall not murder.*
¹⁴ *"You shall not commit adultery.*
¹⁵ *"You shall not steal.*
¹⁶ *"You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.*
¹⁷ *"You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's."*

Prayer of Confession

Assurance: *Galatians 4:4-7*

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

Morning Prayer

Open My Eyes That I May See

Open my eyes that I may see glimpses of truth Thou hast for me;
Place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free.
Silently now I wait for Thee, ready, my God, Thy will to see;
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my ears that I may hear voices of truth Thou sendest clear;
And while the wave notes fall on my ear, everything false will disappear.
Silently now I wait for Thee, ready, my God, Thy will to see;
Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!

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Scripture: *Acts 17:22-34 (ESV)*

²² So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: "Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. ²³ For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription: 'To the unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴ The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, ²⁵ nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. ²⁶ And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, ²⁷ that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, ²⁸ for

"In him we live and move and have our being";
as even some of your own poets have said,
"For we are indeed his offspring."

²⁹ Being then God's offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man. ³⁰ The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹ because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead." ³² Now when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some mocked. But others said, "We will hear you again about this."

³³ So Paul went out from their midst. ³⁴ But some men joined him and believed, among whom also were Dionysius the Areopagite and a woman named Damaris and others with them.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: *Knowing the Unknown God*

God of Creation, All-Powerful

God of creation, all-pow'rful, all-wise,
Lord of the universe rich with surprise,
Maker, Sustainer, and Ruler of all,
We are your children, you hear when we call.

God of the ages, through time's troubled years
You are the one in whom history coheres;
Nations and empires your purpose fulfill,
Moving in freedom, yet working your will.

God of redemption, who wrought our rebirth,
Call out your church from the ends of the earth,
Still you are Savior, put darkness to flight;
Overcome sin by salvation's pure light!

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God's Blessing

Awesome God

Our God is an awesome God,
He reigns from heaven above
With wisdom, power and love,
Our God is an awesome God! *Repeat All*

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Offerings and tithes can be placed in the baskets in the narthex,

mailed to the church office (1010 Front Street, Lynden, WA 98264), dropped off in the church mailbox, through a bill pay service, or electronically at www.tithe.ly (or through the app).

If you would like to give to the First CRC operating fund, please use a blue envelope (available on the Welcome Center) or designate on memo line.

This week the offering is for Eric & Penny. Eric & Penny work with Pacific Island Ministry and help to train pastors and write resource materials for pastors in the Melanesian Pidgin language.

Nursery is available with a paging system for children under 3 years during the 10:30 AM worship service in the Education Building.

Children's Church is available for children 3 years – 2nd grade during the 10:30 AM service. Children are dismissed to the Education Building during the worship service.

Worship services are also broadcast live in the church basement and streamed online for anyone unable to worship in the sanctuary.

An assistive listening system is available in the sanctuary; to use this system, switch hearing aids to "T".

On the bulletin, * indicates the congregation will be standing and bold font is a response by the congregation. You are invited to join if you feel comfortable.

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