

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
August 22, 2021 ~ 10:30 AM Worship Service

Call to Worship: *Psalm 19:1-4a*

*The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.
Day to day pours out speech,
and night to night reveals knowledge.
There is no speech, nor are there words,
whose voice is not heard.
Their voice goes out through all the earth,
and their words to the end of the world.*

God's Greeting

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,
Christ, our Lord, to You 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,
Christ, our Lord, to You we raise this, our hymn of grateful praise.

For Yourself, best gift divine, to the world so freely given,
Agent of God's grand design: peace on earth and joy in heaven.
Christ, our Lord, to You we raise this, our hymn of grateful praise.

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How Great is Our God

The splendor of the King, and clothed in majesty;
Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice.
He wraps Himself in light, and darkness tries to hide,
And trembles at His voice, and trembles at His voice.

Refrain: How great is our God! Sing with me: How Great is our God!
All will see how great, how great is our God!

Age to age He stands, and time is in His hands;
Beginning and the End, Beginning and the End.
The God-head, three in one, and Father, Spirit, Son,
The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb. *Refrain*

Name above all names, worthy of all praise.
My heart will sing: How great is Our God!
Name above all names, worthy of all praise.
My heart will sing: How great is Our God! *Refrain*

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How Firm a Foundation

How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!
What more can he say than to you he has said,
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

"The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never forsake!"

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Call to Confession: *Psalm 19:7-9*

*The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul;
the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple;
the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart;
the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes;
the fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever;
the rules of the LORD are true, and righteous altogether.*

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon: *Psalm 19:12-14*

*Who can discern his errors? Declare me innocent from hidden faults.
Keep back your servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me!
Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.
Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight,
O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.*

Profession of Faith and Reaffirmation

Tessa B, Nathalie T, Ben K, Sam & Kristin K
Shelby B, Jerry & Carol P, Daryl & Kara T, Evan & Amber T

Infant Baptism of Hendrik Alan T

Ministry of Music: *Cleansed*

Offertory Prayer

Offering: Kidstown Snahakunjia Orphanage, Kolkata, India

Morning Prayer

Blessed Be Your Name

Blessed be your name in the land that is plentiful,
Where your streams of abundance flow; blessed be your name.
Blessed be your name when I'm found in the desert place.
Though I walk through the wilderness, blessed be your name.

Refrain: Every blessing you pour out, I'll turn back to praise.
When the darkness closes in, Lord still I will say,
"Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be your name.
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be your glorious name."

Blessed be your name when the sun's shining down on me,
When the world's "all as it should be." Blessed be your name.
Blessed be your name on the road marked with suffering;
Though there's pain in the offering, blessed be your name. *Refrain*

You give and take away, You give and take away.
My heart will choose to say, "Lord, blessed be your name."
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be your name.
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be your glorious name."

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Scripture: *Romans 1:18-20* (NKJV)

¹⁸ For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, ¹⁹ because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown it to them. ²⁰ For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse.

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

Message: *The God Who Reveals*

Praise to the Lord the Almighty

Praise to the Lord! The Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is your health and salvation!
Come, all who hear, brothers and sisters, draw near,
Join me in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning,
Sheltering you under his wings, oh, so gently sustaining.
Have you not seen all that is needful has been
Sent by his gracious ordaining?

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God's Blessing

Praise to the Lord the Almighty

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before Him!
Let the Amen sound from His people again,
Gladly forever adore Him!

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Pastors: Mike B, Robert W

Prayer: Matt H, Jacob A

Music: Shelby B, Ken & Lisa Q, Nathalie T

Offerings and tithes can be placed in the offering bags, 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 (on the Welcome Center) or designate on memo line.

This week the offering is for Kidstown Snahakunjia Orphanage in Kolkata, India serves HIV positive children who are socially rejected. Kidstown International works alongside this orphanage to assist and improve their ministry. For more information, visit www.kidstown.org.

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.