

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
August 29, 2021 ~ 6:00 PM Service

LOOKING UPWARD

* **Call to Worship:** from Revelation 15:3-4

Great and marvelous are your deeds,
Lord God Almighty!

**Just and true are your ways,
King of the ages.**

Who will not fear you, O Lord,
and bring glory to your name?

For you alone are holy.

All nations will come and worship you!

* **Opening Prayer**

* *Rejoice, the Lord is King* #374:1,2,3 (HFG)

Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore!

Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, and triumph evermore:

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!

Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

The Lord, our Savior, reigns, the God of truth and love;

When He had purged our stains, He took His seat above:

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!

Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

His kingdom cannot fail, He rules o'er earth and heaven;

The keys of death and hell are to our Jesus given:

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!

Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

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* *Immortal, Invisible, God only Wise* #319:1,2,4 (HFG)

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,

In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,

Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days.

Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,

Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;

Thy justice like mountains high soaring above

Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,

Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;

All praise we would render: O help us to see

'Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee.

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Scripture: *Psalm 51*

Call to Confession: *II Chronicles 6:28-31*

²⁸ "If there is famine in the land, if there is pestilence or blight or mildew or locust or caterpillar, if their enemies besiege them in the land at their gates, whatever plague, whatever sickness there is, ²⁹ whatever prayer, whatever plea is made by any man or by all your people Israel, each knowing his own affliction and his own sorrow and stretching out his hands toward this house, ³⁰ then hear from heaven your dwelling place and forgive and render to each whose heart you know, according to all his ways, for you, you only, know the hearts of the children of mankind, ³¹ that they may fear you and walk in your ways all the days that they live in the land that you gave to our fathers.

Out of the Depths I Cry #256:1,2,3 (PH)

Out of the depths I cry to you on high; Lord, hear my call.
Bend down your ear and listen to my sigh, forgiving all.
If you should mark our sins, who then could stand?
But grace and mercy dwell at your right hand.

I wait for God, I trust his holy word; he hears my sighs.
My soul still waits and looks unto the Lord; my prayers arise.
I look for him to drive away my night,
Yes, more than those who watch for morning light.

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Silent Prayer

Prayer of Repentance

Assurance: *I John 1:9*

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Out of the Depths I Cry #256:3 (PH)

Hope in the Lord: unfailing is his love; in him confide.
Mercy and full redemption from above He does provide.
From sin and evil, mighty though they seem,
His arm almighty will his saints redeem.

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Offering: Building the Future Fund

* ***We Are God's People*** #546:1,2,3 (HFG)

We are God's people, the chosen of the Lord,
Born of His Spirit, established by His Word.
Our cornerstone is Christ alone,
And strong in Him we stand; O let us live transparently
And walk heart to heart and hand in hand.

We are God's loved ones, the Bride of Christ, our Lord,
For we have known it, the love of God out-poured.
Now let us learn how to return the gift of love once given;
O let us share each joy and care
And live with a zeal that pleases heaven.

We are the Body of which the Lord is Head,
Called to obey Him, now risen from the dead.
He wills us be a family diverse, yet truly one;
O let us give our gifts to God
And so shall His work on earth be done.

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Prayer for the New Church Year

*** *You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim*** #360:1,2 (HFG)

You servants of God, your Master proclaim,
And publish abroad His wonderful name;
The name, all victorious, of Jesus extol:
His kingdom is glorious, he rules over all.

God ruleth on high, almighty to save,
And still He is nigh, His presence we have;
The great congregation His triumph shall sing,
Ascribing salvation to Jesus, our King.

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*** God's Blessing**

*** *You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim*** #360:4 (HFG)

Then let us adore and give him his right:
All glory and power, all wisdom and might,
All honor and blessing with angels above
And thanks never ceasing and infinite love.

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Pastors: Robert W
Prayer: David W, Mike B
Music: Lee VB

Offerings

This week offering is for Building the Future Fund, which is in place to fund future building projects of our church. For more information, talk to a member of the Long-Range Ministry Team.

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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