

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
September 12, 2021
6:00 p.m. Worship Service

Call to Worship: *Isaiah 12:5-6*

*“Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously;
let this be made known in all the earth.
Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion,
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.”*

Opening Prayer

Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken

Glorious things of thee are spoken, Zion, city of our God;
He whose word cannot be broken formed thee for his own abode.
On the Rock of Ages founded, what can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded, Thou mayst smile at all thy foes.

See the streams of living waters, springing from eternal love,
Well supply thy sons and daughters, and all fear of want remove:
Who can faint, while such a river ever flows their thirst to assuage?
Grace which, like the Lord, the Giver, never fails from age to age.

(“Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken” words John Newton, music Franz Joseph Haydn Public CCLI #358926, Streaming Lic #20317932)

Like a River Glorious

Like a river glorious is God's perfect peace,
Over all victorious in its bright increase;
Perfect, yet it floweth fuller every day;
Perfect, yet it groweth deeper all the way.

Refrain: Trusting in the Father, hearts are fully blest,
Finding, as he promised, perfect peace and rest.

Every joy or testing comes from God above,
Given to His children as an act of love;
We may trust Him fully all for us to do,
Those who trust Him wholly find Him wholly true. *Refrain*

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For God So Loved the World

For God so loved the world, He gave His only Son
To die on Calvary's tree, from sin to set me free;
Some day He's coming back; what glory that will be!
Wonderful His love to me. *Repeat All*

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Profession of Our Faith: Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 1

What is your only comfort in life and death?

**That I am not my own,
but belong — body and soul, in life and in death—
to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ.**

**He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood,
and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil.**

**He also watches over me in such a way
that not a hair can fall from my head
without the will of my Father in heaven:**

in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.

**Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit,
assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready
from now on to live for him.**

Offering: African Inland Mission

Evening Prayer

Now I Belong to Jesus

Jesus my Lord will love me forever,
From Him no pow'r of evil can sever,
He gave His life to ransom my soul,
Now I belong to Him.

Refrain: Now I belong to Jesus, Jesus belongs to me;
Not for the years of time alone but for eternity.

Joy floods my soul for Jesus has saved me,
Freed me from sin that long had enslaved me,
His precious blood He gave to redeem,
Now I belong to Him. *Refrain*

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Scripture: *I Kings 17:1-2 (ESV)*

¹ Now Elijah the Tishbite, of Tishbe in Gilead, said to Ahab, "As the LORD, the God of Israel, lives, before whom I stand, there shall be neither dew nor rain these years, except by my word."

² And the word of the LORD came to him.

James 5:17-18 (ESV)

¹⁷ Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. ¹⁸ Then he prayed again, and heaven gave rain, and the earth bore its fruit.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: *Elijah the Tishbite, A Man Like Us*

Have Thine Own Way, Lord

Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way!
Thou art the potter, I am the clay!
Mold me and make me after Thy will,
While I am waiting, yielded and still.

Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way!
Search me and try me, Master, today!
Whiter than snow, Lord, wash me just now,
As in Thy presence humbly I bow.

("Have Thine Own Way, Lord!" words by Adelaide A. Pollard, music by George C. Stebbins © 1907. Renewal 1935 extended. Hope Publishing C. CCLI #358926, Streaming License 20317932)

God's Blessing

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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Pastor: Robert W

Music: Mike H

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