

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
September 19, 2021
10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Call to Worship: *Psalm 9:1-2*

I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart;

I will recount all of your wonderful deeds.

I will be glad and exult in you;

I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.

God's Greeting

Holy! Holy! Holy! Lord God Almighty

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee.

Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,

Though the eye made blind by sin Thy glory may not see.

Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,

Perfect in power, in love, in purity.

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Come, Christians, Join to Sing

Come, Christians, join to sing; Alleluia! Amen!

Loud praise to Christ our King; Alleluia! Amen!

Let all, with heart and voice, before His throne rejoice;

Praise is His gracious choice: Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high; Alleluia! Amen!

Let praises fill the sky; Alleluia! Amen!

He is our Guide and Friend; to us He'll condescend;

His love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen!

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To God Be the Glory

#363:1,2 (HFG)

To God be the glory, great things He hath done!

So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,

Who yielded His life an atonement for sin

And opened the lifegate that all may go in.

Refrain: Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,

Let the earth hear His voice.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,

Let the people rejoice.

O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,

And give Him the glory, great things He hath done.

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,

To every believer the promise of God;

The vilest offender who truly believes,

That moment from Jesus a pardon receives. *Refrain*

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Call to Confession: Psalm 51:1-4

*Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy
blot out my transgressions.
Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin!
For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me.
Against you, you only, have I sinned
and done what is evil in your sight,
so that you may be justified in your words
and blameless in your judgment.*

Prayer of Confession

Assurance: Romans 5:1-2

*Therefore, since we have been justified by faith,
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.
Through him we have also obtained access
by faith into this grace in which we stand,
and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.*

God of Grace

God of grace, amazing wonder,
Irresistible and free;
Oh, the miracle of mercy,
Jesus reaches down to me.
God of grace, I stand in wonder,
As my God restores my soul.
His own blood has paid my ransom;
Awesome cost to make me whole.

God of grace, I stand astounded,
Cleansed, forgiven and secure.
All my fears are now confounded
And my hope is ever sure.
God of grace, now crowned in glory,
Where one day I'll see Your face;
And forever I'll adore You
In Your everlasting grace.

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Offertory Prayer

Offering: East-West Ministries

Morning Prayer

In Sweet Communion, Lord with You #554:1,2,3 (PH)

In sweet communion, Lord, with you I constantly abide;
My hand you hold within your own to keep me near your side.

Your counsel through my earthly way shall guide me and control,
And then to glory afterward You will receive my soul

Whom have I, Lord, in heaven but you, to whom my thoughts aspire?
And, having you, what more on earth is there I can desire?

("In Sweet Communion" Psalm 73:23-28, music William U Butcher, 1860, Public Domain, CCLI #358926 Streaming #20317932)

Scripture: Acts 20:1-12 (ESV)

¹ After the uproar ceased, Paul sent for the disciples, and after encouraging them, he said farewell and departed for Macedonia. ² When he had gone through those regions and had given them much encouragement, he came to Greece. ³ There he spent three months, and when a plot was made against him by the Jews as he was about to set sail for Syria, he decided to return through Macedonia. ⁴ Sopater the Berean, son of Pyrrhus, accompanied him; and of the Thessalonians, Aristarchus and Secundus; and Gaius of Derbe, and Timothy; and the Asians, Tychicus and Trophimus. ⁵ These went on ahead and were waiting for us at Troas, ⁶ but we sailed away from Philippi after the days of Unleavened Bread, and in five days we came to them at Troas, where we stayed for seven days.

⁷ On the first day of the week, when we were gathered together to break bread, Paul talked with them, intending to depart on the next day, and he prolonged his speech until midnight.

⁸ There were many lamps in the upper room where we were gathered. ⁹ And a young man named Eutychus, sitting at the window, sank into a deep sleep as Paul talked still longer. And being overcome by sleep, he fell down from the third story and was taken up dead. ¹⁰ But Paul went down and bent over him, and taking him in his arms, said, "Do not be alarmed, for his life is in him." ¹¹ And when Paul had gone up and had broken bread and eaten, he conversed with them a long while, until daybreak, and so departed. ¹² And they took the youth away alive, and were not a little comforted.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: *Falling Asleep in Church*

Fill Thou My Life, O Lord, My God

Fill thou my life, O Lord my God, in every part with praise,
That my whole being may proclaim Thy being and thy ways.
Not for the lip of praise alone, nor e'en the praising heart
I ask, but for a life made up of praise in every part.

Praise in the common words I speak, life's common looks and tones,
In fellowship enjoyed at home with my beloved ones,
Enduring wrong, reproach, or loss with sweet and steadfast will,
Forgiving freely those who hate, returning good for ill.

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God's Blessing

Lead On, O King Eternal

Lead on, O King Eternal, we follow, not with fears;
For gladness breaks like morning where'er your face appears.
Your cross is lifted o'er us; we journey in its light.
The crown awaits the conquest; lead on, O God of might.

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Pastors: Mike B, Robert W

Prayer: Dave R, Galen L

Music: Lee V, Nancy Z

Offerings

This week the offering is for East-West Ministries International. For more information on E-W Ministries, visit www.eastwest.org.

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

Children's Church is available for children 3 years – 3rd grade. 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 standing and bold font is a response by the congregation. You are invited to join if you feel comfortable.

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