

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
September 26, 2021
6:00 p.m. Worship Service

Call to Worship: *Psalm 66:1,2,5,16,20*

*Shout for joy to God, all the earth;
sing the glory of his name;
give to him glorious praise!
Come and see what God has done:
he is awesome in his deeds toward the children of man.
**Come and hear, all you who fear God,
and I will tell what he has done for my soul.
Blessed be God,
because he has not rejected my prayer
or removed his steadfast love from me!***

Opening Prayer

Come, All You People, Praise Our God

Come, all you people, praise our God
And tell his glorious works abroad,
Who holds our souls in life;
He never lets our feet be moved
And, though our faith he often proved,
Upholds us in the strife.

We come with offerings to his house,
And here we pay the solemn vows
We uttered in distress;
To him our all we dedicate,
To him we wholly consecrate
The lives his mercies bless.

Come, listen, all who fear the Lord,
While I with grateful heart record
What God has done for me;
I cried to him in deep distress,
And now his wondrous grace I bless,
For he has set me free.

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O Worship the King

O worship the King all glorious above,
O gratefully sing his power and his love:
Our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of his might and sing of his grace,
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
And dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

O measureless Might, unchangeable Love,
Whom angels delight to worship above!
Your ransomed creation, with glory ablaze,
In true adoration shall sing to your praise!

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All the Way My Savior Leads Me

All the way my Savior leads me – what have I to ask beside?
Can I doubt His tender mercy, who through life has been my guide.
Heavenly peace, divinest comfort, here by faith in Him to dwell!
For I know, whate'er befall me, Jesus doeth all things well;
For I know, whate'er befall me, Jesus doeth all things well.

All the way my Savior leads me – cheers each winding path I tread,
Gives me grace for every trial, feeds me with the living bread.
Though my weary steps may falter and my soul a-thirst may be,
Gushing from the Rock before me, Lo! A spring of joy I see;
Gushing from the Rock before me, Lo! A spring of joy I see.

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Profession of Our Faith: based on Belgic Confession, Art. 1

What do you believe about God?

**We all believe in our hearts and confess with our mouths
that there is a single and simple spiritual being, whom we call God—
eternal, incomprehensible, invisible, unchangeable, infinite, almighty;
completely wise, just, and good,
and the overflowing source of all good.**

Offering: Benevolence

Evening Prayer

Seek Ye First

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness,
And all these things shall be added unto you.
Allelu, alleluia.

Ask and it shall be given unto you; seek and you shall find;
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you.
Allelu, alleluia.

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Scripture: *I Kings 17:8-16 (ESV)*

⁸ Then the word of the LORD came to him, ⁹ "Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and dwell there. Behold, I have commanded a widow there to feed you." ¹⁰ So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, a widow was there gathering sticks. And he called to her and said, "Bring me a little water in a vessel, that I may drink." ¹¹ And as she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, "Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand." ¹² And she said, "As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of flour in a jar and a little oil in a jug. And now I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it and die." ¹³ And Elijah said to her, "Do not fear; go and do as you have said. But first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterward make something for yourself and your son." ¹⁴ For thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, "The jar of flour shall not be spent, and the jug of oil shall not be empty, until the day that the LORD sends rain upon the earth." ¹⁵ And she went and did as Elijah said. And she and he and her household ate for many days. ¹⁶ The jar of flour was not spent, neither did the jug of oil become empty, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: *Elijah and the Widow of Zarephath*

I Know Whom I Have Believed

I know not why God's wondrous grace to me he has made known.
Nor why, unworthy, Christ in love redeemed me for his own.

Refrain: But "I know whom I have believed,
And am persuaded that he is able
To keep that which I've committed
Unto him against that day."

I know not how this saving faith to me he did impart,
Nor how believing in his Word wrought peace within my heart. *Refrain*

I know not how the Spirit moves, convincing us of sin,
Revealing Jesus through the Word, creating faith in him. *Refrain*

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God's Blessing

By the Sea of Crystal

"Unto God Almighty, sitting on the throne,
And the Lamb, victorious, be the praise alone."
God has wrought salvation; He did wondrous things.
Who shall not extol thee, holy King of kings!

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Pastors: Mike B, Robert W
Music: Lisa Q

Offerings *This week the offering is for the Benevolence Fun*, used to help local people and families in times of need. For more information on the benevolence fund talk to any deacon.

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 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".

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