

First Christian Reformed Church

Lynden, Washington

October 3, 2021

6:00 p.m. Worship Service

Call to Worship: *Psalm 103:20-22*

*Bless the LORD, O you his angels,
you mighty ones who do his word,
obeying the voice of his word!
Bless the LORD, all his hosts,
his ministers, who do his will!
Bless the LORD, all his works,
in all places of his dominion.
Bless the LORD, O my soul!*

Opening Prayer

I Will Sing of My Redeemer

#228:1,3 (HFG)

I will sing of my Redeemer,
And His wondrous love to me;
On the cruel cross He suffered,
From the curse to set me free.

Refrain: Sing, O, sing of my Redeemer,
With His blood He purchased me;
On the cross He sealed my pardon,
Paid the debt and made me free.

I will praise my dear Redeemer;
His triumphant power I'll tell,
How the victory He giveth
Over sin and death and hell. *Refrain*

("I Will Sing of My Redeemer", text by Philip P. Bliss, 1876, tune by James McGranahan, 1877, CCLI #358926, Streaming License 20317932)

O Praise the LORD, for It Is Good

#187:1,3 (PH)

O praise the LORD, for it is good
To sing unto our God;
'Tis right and pleasant for his saints
To tell his praise abroad.
The LORD our God builds up his church,
Finds those who draw apart;
He binds their wounds and gently leads,
He heals the broken heart.

No human might, no earthly pride
Delights the LORD above;
In those who fear him he delights,
In those who trust his love.
O Zion, praise the LORD your God,
His wondrous love confess;
He is your glory and your strength,
He will your children bless.

(O Praise the Lord, for It Is Good" words Psalm 147, music by Joh H. Stockton © Public Domain CCLI #358926, Streaming License 20317932)

Amazing Grace

#107:1,3,4,5 (HFG)

Amazing Grace! How sweet the sound –
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found,
Was blind but now I see.

The Lord has promised good to me,
His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come;
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we first begun.

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Profession of Our Faith: Our World Belongs to God Art. 6

**We rejoice in the goodness of God,
renounce the works of darkness,
and dedicate ourselves to holy living.
As covenant partners,
called to faithful obedience,
and set free for joyful praise,
we offer our hearts and lives
to do God's work in his world.
With tempered impatience,
eager to see injustice ended,
we expect the Day of the Lord.
And we are confident
that the light which shines
in the present darkness
will fill the earth when Christ appears.
Come, Lord Jesus!
Our world belongs to you.**

Offering: Tuition Assistance Fund

Evening Prayer

Be Still, for the Presence

Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here;
Come bow before him now with reverence and fear:
In him no sin is found; we stand on holy ground.
Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here.

Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place;
He comes to cleanse and heal, to minister his grace
No work too hard for him, in faith receive from him.
Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.

("Be Still, for the Presence" words and music by David Evan © 1986 Thankyou Music CCLI# 358926 Streaming License #20317932)

Scripture: *I Kings 17:17-24 (ESV)*

After this the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, became ill. And his illness was so severe that there was no breath left in him. ¹⁸ And she said to Elijah, "What have you against me, O man of God? You have come to me to bring my sin to remembrance and to cause the death of my son!" ¹⁹ And he said to her, "Give me your son." And he took him from her arms and carried him up into the upper chamber where he lodged, and laid him on his own bed. ²⁰ And he cried to the LORD, "O LORD my God, have you brought calamity even upon the widow with whom I sojourn, by killing her son?" ²¹ Then he stretched himself upon the child three times and cried to the LORD, "O LORD my God, let this child's life come into him again." ²² And the LORD listened to the voice of Elijah. And the life of the child came into him again, and he revived.

²³ And Elijah took the child and brought him down from the upper chamber into the house and delivered him to his mother. And Elijah said, "See, your son lives." ²⁴ And the woman said to Elijah, "Now I know that you are a man of God, and that the word of the LORD in your mouth is truth."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: *Elijah and the Widow of Zarephath, II*

The Solid Rock

#92:1,3 (HFG)

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain: On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.

His oath, His covenant, His blood,
Support me in the whelming flood;
When all around my soul gives way,
He then is all my hope and stay. *Refrain*

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God's Blessing

The Solid Rock

#92:4 (HFG)

When He shall come with trumpet sound,
O may I then in Him be found;
Dressed in His righteousness alone,
Faultless to stand before the throne.

Refrain: On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.

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Pastors: Michael B, Robert W

Music: Nancy Z

Offerings

This week the offering is for Christian School Tuition Assistance is used to help cover tuition cost of First church families who send their children to Christian schools. 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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