

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
October 10, 2021
6:00 p.m. Worship Service

Call to Worship: *Psalm 134*

*Come, bless the Lord, all you servants of the Lord,
who stand by night in the house of the Lord!*

*Lift up your hands to the holy place
and bless the Lord!*

*May the Lord bless you from Zion,
he who made heaven and earth!*

Opening Prayer

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Praise to the Lord! The Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is your health and salvation!
Come, all who hear, brothers and sisters, draw near,
Join me in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning,
Sheltering you under his wings, oh, so gently sustaining.
Have you not seen all that is needful has been
Sent by his gracious ordaining?

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before Him!
Let the Amen sound from His people again,
Gladly forever adore Him!

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Lord of All Hopefulness

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
Whose trust, ever child-like, no cares can destroy,
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
Be there at our labors, and give us, we pray,
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
Your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace,
Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

("Lord of All Hopefulness", text Jan Struther, 1931, music Irish hymn, used by permission of Oxford University Press, CCLI 358926, Streaming License 20317932)

My Faith Has Found a Resting Place

My faith has found a resting place, not in a manmade creed;
I trust the ever living One, that He for me will plead.

Refrain: I need no other evidence, I need no other plea,
It is enough that Jesus died, and rose again for me.

My soul is resting on the Word, the living Word of God,
Salvation in my Savior's name, salvation through His blood. *Refrain*

("My Faith How Found a Resting Place" words Lidie H. Edmunds, tune Norwegian Melody, CCLI #358926 Streaming #20317932)

Profession of Our Faith: Belgic Confession, Art. 16

We believe that—

all Adam's descendants having thus fallen into perdition and ruin by the sin of Adam—

God showed himself to be as he is: merciful and just.

**God is merciful in withdrawing and saving from this perdition those who,
in the eternal and unchangeable divine counsel,**

**have been elected and chosen in Jesus Christ our Lord by his pure goodness,
without any consideration of their works.**

God is just in leaving the others in their ruin and fall into which they plunged themselves.

Offering: Missionaries in Albania

Evening Prayer

O Give the Lord Wholehearted Praise

O give the LORD wholehearted praise.

To him thanksgiving I will bring;

With all his people I will raise

My voice and of his glory sing.

His saints delight to search and trace

His mighty works and wondrous ways.

Majestic glory, boundless grace,

And righteousness his work displays.

God's wondrous deeds of faithfulness

His people ever keep in mind.

His works of love and graciousness

Reveal that God the LORD is kind.

("O Give the Lord Wholehearted Praise" words Psalm 111; vers. Psalter, 1912, alt. tune W. Gardiner's Sacred Melodies, 1815, CCLI #358926 Streaming #20317932)

Scripture: *1 Corinthians 13:13 (ESV)*

*So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three;
but the greatest of these is love.*

Romans 8:22-25 (ESV)

²² For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. ²³ And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Romans 12:12 (ESV)

Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: *Faith, Hope, and Love: Hope*

My Hope Is In the Lord

My hope is in the Lord who gave Himself for me,

And paid the price of all my sin at Calvary.

Refrain: For me He died, for me He lives,
And everlasting life and light He freely gives.

No merit of my own His anger to suppress,

My only hope is found in Jesus' righteousness. *Refrain*

And now for me He stands before the Father's throne;

And shows His wounded hands and names me as His own. *Refrain*

("My Hope Is In the Lord" words and tune Norman J. Clayton, CCLI #358926 Streaming #20317932)

God's Blessing

Now Blessed Be the Lord Our God

Now blessed be the Lord our God, the God of Israel,
For He alone does wondrous works: His glorious deeds excel;
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And blessed be His glorious name through all eternity;
The whole earth let His glory fill: Amen! so shall it be;
The whole earth let His glory fill: Amen! so shall it be.

("Now Blessed Be the Lord Our God" words Psalm 72:18-19; Scotch Psalter, 1650, alt., tune Grace Oliver Holden, 1793, Public Domain, CCLI# 358926 Streaming License #20317932)

Pastors: Michael B

Music: Nancy Z

Offering is for Memli & Luiza, missionaries in Albania serving with Disciples of Jesus Church. They have been called by God and sent out by their church to plant churches among 50 unreached Muslim villages in southern Albania.

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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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