

First Christian Reformed Church  
Lynden, Washington  
October 24, 2021 ~ 6:00 p.m. Worship Service

**Call to Worship:** *Psalm 99:1-3, 5*

*The LORD reigns, let the nations tremble;  
he sits enthroned between the cherubim, let the earth shake.  
Great is the LORD in Zion; he is exalted over all the nations.  
Let them praise your great and awesome name.  
He is holy.  
Exalt the LORD our God and worship at his footstool; He is holy.*

**Opening Prayer**

***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.

So shall each fear, each fret, each care be turned into a song,  
And every winding of the way the echo shall prolong.  
So shall no part of day or night from sacredness be free,  
But all my life, in every step, be fellowship with thee.

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***Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine***

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!  
O what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

*Refrain:* This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior all the day long;  
This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight,  
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
Angels descending bring from above  
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love. *Refrain*

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***Sitting At The Feet of Jesus***

Sitting at the feet of Jesus, wondrous words I hear Him say!  
Happy place! So near, so precious! May it find me there each day.  
Sitting at the feet of Jesus, I reflect upon the past;  
For His love has been so gracious, it has won my heart at last.

Bless me, O my Father, bless me, all my inner life renew;  
Now look down in love upon me, let me catch a glimpse of You.  
Give me, Lord, the mind of Jesus, make me holy through His Word.  
May I prove I've been with Jesus, been with Him, my risen Lord.

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**Profession of Faith: Psalm 100**

*Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.*

*Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.*

*Know that the LORD is God.*

*It is he who made us, and we are his;*

*we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.*

*Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise;*

*give thanks to him and praise his name.*

*For the LORD is good and his love endures forever;*

*his faithfulness continues through all generations.*

**Offering:** Building the Future

**Evening Prayer**

**Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee**

Jesus, the very thought of Thee with sweetness fills my breast;

But sweeter far Thy face to see, and in Thy presence rest.

No voice can sing, no heart can frame, nor can the memory find,

A sweeter sound than Thy blest name, O Savior of mankind.

("Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee" words 12<sup>th</sup> Century, tr. By Edward Caswall, music John B Dykes, CCLI# 358926 Streaming License #20317932)

**Scripture: I Kings 18:20-29 (ESV)**

<sup>20</sup> So Ahab sent to all the people of Israel and gathered the prophets together at Mount Carmel.

<sup>21</sup> And Elijah came near to all the people and said, "How long will you go limping between two different opinions? If the LORD is God, follow him; but if Baal, then follow him." And the people did not answer him a word. <sup>22</sup> Then Elijah said to the people, "I, even I only, am left a prophet of the LORD, but Baal's prophets are 450 men. <sup>23</sup> Let two bulls be given to us, and let them choose one bull for themselves and cut it in pieces and lay it on the wood, but put no fire to it. And I will prepare the other bull and lay it on the wood and put no fire to it. <sup>24</sup> And you call upon the name of your god, and I will call upon the name of the LORD, and the God who answers by fire, he is God." And all the people answered, "It is well spoken." <sup>25</sup> Then Elijah said to the prophets of Baal, "Choose for yourselves one bull and prepare it first, for you are many, and call upon the name of your god, but put no fire to it." <sup>26</sup> And they took the bull that was given them, and they prepared it and called upon the name of Baal from morning until noon, saying, "O Baal, answer us!" But there was no voice, and no one answered. And they limped around the altar that they had made. <sup>27</sup> And at noon Elijah mocked them, saying, "Cry aloud, for he is a god. Either he is musing, or he is relieving himself, or he is on a journey, or perhaps he is asleep and must be awakened." <sup>28</sup> And they cried aloud and cut themselves after their custom with swords and lances, until the blood gushed out upon them.

<sup>29</sup> And as midday passed, they raved on until the time of the offering of the oblation, but there was no voice. No one answered; no one paid attention.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Message:** *Confrontation on Mt. Carmel*

**By the Sea of Crystal**

By the sea of crystal saints in glory stand,

Myriads in number, drawn from every land.

Robed in white apparel, washed in Jesus' blood,

They now reign in heaven with the Lamb of God.

Out of tribulation, death, and Satan's hand,

They have been translated at the Lord's command.

In their hands they're holding palms of victory.

Hark! the jubilant chorus shouts triumphantly.

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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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Pastor: Mike B, Robert W

Music: Sharon A

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