

First Christian Reformed Church  
Lynden, Washington  
November 14, 2021  
6:00 p.m. Worship Service

**Call to Worship:** *from Psalm 92:1-2*

*It is good to give thanks to the LORD,  
to sing praises to your name, O Most High;  
to declare your steadfast love in the morning,  
and your faithfulness by night.*

**Opening Prayer**

***It is Good to Sing Thy Praises***

It is good to sing Thy praises and to thank Thee, O Most High,  
Showing forth Thy loving kindness when the morning lights the sky.  
It is good when night is falling of Thy faithfulness to tell.  
While with sweet, melodious praises songs of adoration swell.

Thou hast filled my heart with gladness through the works Thy hands have wrought;  
Thou hast made my life victorious; great Thy works and deep Thy thought.  
Thou, O Lord, on high exalted, reignest evermore in might;  
All Thy enemies shall perish, sin be banished from Thy sight.

But the good shall live before Thee, planted in Thy dwelling place,  
Fruitful trees and ever verdant, nourished by Thy boundless grace.  
In his goodness to the righteous God His righteousness displays;  
God, my rock, my strength and refuge, just and true are all His ways.

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***Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee***

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love;  
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee, opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the dark of doubt away;  
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

All Thy works with joy surround Thee, earth and heaven reflect Thy rays,  
Stars and angels sing around Thee, center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
Chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in Thee.

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***Majesty***

Majesty, worship His majesty.  
Unto Jesus be all glory, honor, and praise.  
Majesty, kingdom authority  
Flow from His throne unto His own; His anthem raise.  
So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus.  
Magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus, the King.  
Majesty, worship His majesty  
Jesus who died, now glorified, King of all kings.

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**Profession of Faith:** Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 32

Why are you called a Christian?

**Because by faith I am a member of Christ and so I share in his anointing.  
I am anointed to confess his name,  
to present myself to him as a living sacrifice of thanks,  
to strive with a good conscience against sin and the devil in this life,  
and afterward to reign with Christ over all creation for all eternity.**

**Offering:** Ken & Chris

## Evening Prayer

### *Thy Word*

*Refrain:* Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.  
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When I feel afraid, and I think I've lost my way,  
Still You're there right beside me.  
Nothing will I fear as long as You are near.  
Please be near me to the end. *Refrain*

I will not forget Your love for me, and yet  
My heart forever is wandering.  
Jesus, be my guide and hold me to Your side;  
I will love You to the end. *Refrain*

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### **Scripture:** *I Kings 18:41-46 (ESV)*

<sup>41</sup> And Elijah said to Ahab, "Go up, eat and drink, for there is a sound of the rushing of rain."  
<sup>42</sup> So Ahab went up to eat and to drink. And Elijah went up to the top of Mount Carmel. And he bowed himself down on the earth and put his face between his knees. <sup>43</sup> And he said to his servant, "Go up now, look toward the sea." And he went up and looked and said, "There is nothing." And he said, "Go again," seven times. <sup>44</sup> And at the seventh time he said, "Behold, a little cloud like a man's hand is rising from the sea." And he said, "Go up, say to Ahab, 'Prepare your chariot and go down, lest the rain stop you.'"  
<sup>45</sup> And in a little while the heavens grew black with clouds and wind, and there was a great rain. And Ahab rode and went to Jezreel. <sup>46</sup> And the hand of the LORD was on Elijah, and he gathered up his garment and ran before Ahab to the entrance of Jezreel.

This is the Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### **Message:** *The Sound of a Great Rain*

#### *O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee*

O Master, let me walk with thee in lowly paths of service free;  
Tell me thy secret; help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.  
  
Teach me thy patience; still with thee in closer, dearer company,  
In work that keeps faith sweet and strong, in trust that triumphs over wrong;  
  
In hope that sends a shining ray far down the future's broadening way,  
In peace that only thou canst give, with thee, O Master, let me live.

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### **God's Blessing**

#### *Savior, Again to Your Dear Name*

Grant us Thy peace upon our homeward way;  
With Thee began, with Thee shall end the day.  
Guard Thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,  
That in this house have called upon Thy name.

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