First Christian Reformed Church Lynden, Washington November 21, 2021 ~ 10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Call to Worship: Psalm 112:1; Psalm 96:6, 8, 9

Praise the LORD!
Blessed is the man who fears the LORD, who greatly delights in his commandments!
Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.
Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts!
Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness; tremble before him, all the earth!

God's Greeting

We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise

We bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the Lord; We bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the Lord. And we offer up to You the sacrifices of thanksgiving; And we offer up to You the sacrifices of joy. ("We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise" words and music by Kirk Dearman © 1984 John T. Benson Publishing Co., admin. Brentwood-Benson Music Publishing. Inc., CCL1#358926 Streaming License #20317932)

He Has Made Me Glad

I will enter His gates with thanksgiving in my heart. I will enter His courts with praise. I will say, "This is the day that the Lord has made." I will rejoice for He has made me glad. He has made me glad, He has made me glad, I will rejoice for He has made me glad. He has made me glad, He has made me glad, I will rejoice for He has made me glad. He has made me glad, He has made me glad, I will rejoice for He has made me glad. Repeat All ("He Has Made Me Glad" words and music Leona Van Brethorst © 1976 Maranathal Music CCLI #358926 Streaming #20317932)

Wholehearted Thanksgiving

Wholehearted thanksgiving to Thee I will bring, In praise of Thy marvelous deeds I will sing; In Thee I will joy and exultingly cry, Thy name I will praise, O Jehovah Most High.

Refrain: Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice! O come to Jehovah, declare ye His fame, And give Him all honor, for just is His name.

Thou, Lord, are a refuge for all the oppressed; All trust Thee who know Thee, and trusting are blest; For never, O Lord, did Thy mercy forsake The soul that has sought of Thy grace to partake. *Refrain*

Give praise to Jehovah, the mighty deeds tell

Of Him who has chosen in Zion to dwell,

Of Him to whom justice and vengeance belong,

Who visits the lowly and overthrows wrong. Refrain

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Call to Confession and Preparation: Matthew 18:21-22

Then Peter came up and said to him, "Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy-seven times.

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness: 1 John 1:8-9

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Yet Not I, but Through Christ in Me

What gift of grace is Jesus, my redeemer. There is no more for heaven now to give. He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom, My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace. To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus. For my life is wholly bound to his. Oh how strange and divine, I can sing: all is mine! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

The night is dark, but I am not forsaken, For by my side, the Savior, He will stay. I labor on in weakness and rejoicing, For in my need, His power is displayed. To this I hold: my Shepherd will defend me. Through the deepest valley He will lead. Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven, The future sure, the price, it has been paid. For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon, And He was raised to overthrow the grave. To this I hold: my sin has been defeated. Jesus now, and ever is my plea. Oh the chains are released, I can sing: I am free! Yet not I, but through Christ in me. ("Yet Not I, But Through Christ in Me" works and music by Leonard E. Smith, Jam. Dale Grotenhuis, 1984 © 1974, 1978 L.E. Smith, Jr., New Jerusalem Music, CCLI #358926 Streaming License #20317932)

Offertory Prayer

Offertory Ministry of Music

Offering: Building the Future

Morning Prayer

May the Mind of Christ, My Savior

May the mind of Christ, my Savior, live in me from day to day, By His love and power controlling all I do and say.

May the word of God dwell richly in my heart from hour to hour, So that all may see I triumph only through His power. ("May the Mind of Christ, My Savior" words by Kate B. Wilkinson, used by permission of Gordon Hitchcock and music by A. Cyril Barham-Gould, 1925. Tune by permission of the estate A.C. Barham-Gould. @ Public Domain, CCLI 4958926, Straining 20317932)

Scripture: Matthew 5:23-26 (ESV)

²³ So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, ²⁴ leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. ²⁵ Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are going with him to court, lest your accuser hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you be put in prison. ²⁶ Truly, I say to you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

Matthew 18:15-17 (ESV)

¹⁵ "If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. ¹⁶ But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷ If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector.

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

Message: Healthy, Biblical Conflict Resolution II

I Then Shall Live

I then shall live as one who's been forgiven; I'll walk with joy to know my debts are paid. I know my name is clear before my Father; I am his child, and I am not afraid. So greatly pardoned, I'll forgive another; The law of love I gladly will obey.

I then shall live as one who's learned compassion; I've been so loved that I'll risk loving too. I know how fear builds walls instead of bridges; I dare to see another's point of view. And when relationships demand commitment, Then I'll be there to care and follow through. ("I Then Shall Live" words and music Gloria Gaither © 1981 William J Gaither, Inc. CCLI #358926, Streaming License #20317932)

God's Blessing

We Receive Your Blessing

We receive Your blessing, we receive Your grace, As we walk in the light shining from Your face. May the peace that You give change the way that we live. We receive Your blessing as we leave this place.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below. Praise Him, above You heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son and praise the Holy Ghost. We receive Your blessing as we leave this place. ("We Receive Your Blessing" words and music by Grace Moes and Natasha Moes © 2003 Unity Music Ministries, CCLI# 358926 Streaming License #20317932)

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