First Christian Reformed Church Lynden, Washington January 16, 2022 ~ 6:00 PM Worship Service

Call to Worship: based on Psalm 19:1-4

The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork. Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.

There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard; yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.

The glory of God echoes throughout the world. Let us praise the name of the Lord.

Opening Prayer

The Heaven's Declare Your Glory

The heavens declare your glory, the firmament your power; Day unto day the story repeats from hour to hour. Night unto night replying, proclaims in every land, O Lord, with voice undying, the wonders of your hand.

The sun with royal splendor goes forth to chant your praise, And moonbeams soft and tender their gentler anthem raise. O'er every tribe and nation the music is outpoured, The song of all creation to you, creation's Lord.

All heaven on high rejoices to do its Maker's will;
The stars with solemn voices resound your praises still.
So let my whole behavior; each thought, each deed I do,
Be, Lord, my strength, my Savior, a ceaseless song to you.

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At the Name of Jesus

At the Name of Jesus every knee shall bow, Every tongue confess Him King of Glory now. 'Tis the Father's pleasure we should call Him Lord, Who from the beginning was the mighty Word.

In your hearts enthrone Him; there let Him subdue All that is not holy, all that is not true. Look to Him, your Savior, in temptation's hour; Let His will enfold you in its light and power.

Christians, this Lord Jesus shall return again, With His Father's glory, o'er the earth to reign; For the wreaths of empire meet upon His brow, And our hearts confess Him King of glory now.

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Thou Art Worthy

Thou art worthy, Thou art worthy, Thou art worthy, O Lord, To receive glory, glory and honor, glory and honor and pow'r. For Thou hast created, hast all things created; Thou hast created all things. And for Thy pleasure they are created; for Thou art worthy, O Lord.

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Profession of Our Faith: Our World Belongs to God #28

Being both God and man,

Jesus is the only Mediator between God and his people.

He alone paid the debt of our sin; there is no other Savior!

In him the Father chose those whom he would save.

His electing love sustains our hope:

God's grace is free to save sinners who offer nothing but their need for mercy.

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Evening Prayer

I Stand in Awe

You are beautiful beyond description,
Too marvelous for words,
Too wonderful for comprehension,
Like nothing ever seen or heard.
Who can grasp Your infinite wisdom?
Who can fathom the depth of Your love?
You are beautiful beyond description,
Majesty enthroned above.

Refrain: And I stand, I stand in awe of You.

I stand, I stand in awe of You.

Holy God, to whom all praise is due,
I stand in awe of You. Repeat Refrain

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Scripture: *I Kings 21:16-29 (ESV)*

¹⁶ And as soon as Ahab heard that Naboth was dead, Ahab arose to go down to the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite, to take possession of it.

¹⁷ Then the word of the LORD came to Elijah the Tishbite, saying,

¹⁸ "Arise, go down to meet Ahab king of Israel, who is in Samaria; behold, he is in the vineyard of Naboth, where he has gone to take possession. ¹⁹ And you shall say to him, 'Thus says the LORD, ''Have you killed and also taken possession?'' And you shall say to him, 'Thus says the LORD: ''In the place where dogs licked up the blood of Naboth shall dogs lick your own blood."''"

²⁰ Ahab said to Elijah, "Have you found me, O my enemy?" He answered, "I have found you, because you have sold yourself to do what is evil in the sight of the LORD. ²¹ Behold, I will bring disaster upon you. I will utterly burn you up, and will cut off from Ahab every male, bond or free, in Israel. ²² And I will make your house like the house of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and like the house of Baasha the son of Ahijah, for the anger to which you have provoked me, and because you have made Israel to sin.

²³ And of Jezebel the LORD also said, 'The dogs shall eat Jezebel within the walls of Jezreel.' ²⁴ Anyone belonging to Ahab who dies in the city the dogs shall eat, and anyone of his who dies in the open country the birds of the heavens shall eat."

²⁵ (There was none who sold himself to do what was evil in the sight of the LORD like Ahab, whom Jezebel his wife incited. ²⁶ He acted very abominably in going after idols, as the Amorites had done, whom the LORD cast out before the people of Israel.)

²⁷ And when Ahab heard those words, he tore his clothes and put sackcloth on his flesh and fasted and lay in sackcloth and went about dejectedly. ²⁸ And the word of the LORD came to Elijah the Tishbite, saying, ²⁹ "Have you seen how Ahab has humbled himself before me? Because he has humbled himself before me, I will not bring the disaster in his days; but in his son's days I will bring the disaster upon his house."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: Elijah's Rebuke, Ahab's Repentance

Have Thine Own Way, Lord

Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way!

Thou art the potter, I am the clay!

Mold me and make me after Thy will,

While I am waiting, yielded and still.

Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way!

Hold o'er my being absolute sway!

Fill with Thy Spirit 'til all shall see

Christ only, always, living in me!

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God's Blessing

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise him, all creatures here below;

Praise him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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Pastor: Robert W Music: Lee V

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