

First Christian Reformed Church  
Lynden, Washington  
January 23, 2022  
6:00 PM Worship Service

**Call to Worship:** *Isaiah 49:13*

*Shout for joy, you heavens;  
Rejoice, you earth; burst into song, you mountains!  
For the Lord comforts his people  
And will have compassion on his afflicted ones.*

**Opening Prayer**

***O Worship the King***

O worship the King all glorious above,  
And gratefully sing His wonderful love;  
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,  
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of His might and sing of His grace,  
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space;  
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,  
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,  
In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail;  
Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,  
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer and Friend.

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***Sing to the Lord, Sing His Praise***

Sing to the Lord, sing His praise all you peoples;  
New be your song as new honors you pay.  
Sing of His majesty, praise Him forever,  
Show His salvation from day to day.

Tell of his wondrous works, tell of his glory  
Till through the nations his name is revered.  
Praise and exalt him, for he is almighty;  
God over all, let the Lord be feared.

Say to the nations. "The Lord reigns forever."  
Earth is established as he did decree.  
Righteous and just is the King of the nations,  
Judging the peoples with equity.

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***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 will prosper your work and defend you;  
Surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.  
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do  
As with his love he befriends you.

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## Profession of Our Faith: Heidelberg Catechism Q & A 21

What is true faith?

**True faith is not only a knowledge and conviction that everything God reveals in his Word is true; it is also a deep-rooted assurance, created in me by the Holy Spirit through the gospel, that, out of sheer grace earned for us by Christ, not only others, but I too, have had my sins forgiven, have been made forever right with God, and have been granted salvation.**

**Offering:** Lynden Human Life

## Evening Prayer

### *My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine!  
Now hear me while I pray; take all my guilt away.  
Oh let me from this day be wholly Thine!

May Thy rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart, my zeal inspire.  
As Thou has died for me, O may my love to Thee  
Pure, warm and changeless be, a living fire.

While life's dark maze I tread, and griefs around me spread be Thou my Guide.  
Bid darkness turn to day; wipe sorrow's tears away;  
Nor let me ever stray from Thee aside!

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## Scripture: *II Kings 1:1-18 (ESV)*

<sup>1</sup> After the death of Ahab, Moab rebelled against Israel.

<sup>2</sup> Now Ahaziah fell through the lattice in his upper chamber in Samaria, and lay sick; so he sent messengers, telling them, "Go, inquire of Baal-zebub, the god of Ekron, whether I shall recover from this sickness." <sup>3</sup> But the angel of the LORD said to Elijah the Tishbite, "Arise, go up to meet the messengers of the king of Samaria, and say to them, 'Is it because there is no God in Israel that you are going to inquire of Baal-zebub, the god of Ekron?' <sup>4</sup> Now therefore thus says the LORD, You shall not come down from the bed to which you have gone up, but you shall surely die.'" So Elijah went.

<sup>5</sup> The messengers returned to the king, and he said to them, "Why have you returned?" <sup>6</sup> And they said to him, "There came a man to meet us, and said to us, 'Go back to the king who sent you, and say to him, Thus says the LORD, Is it because there is no God in Israel that you are sending to inquire of Baal-zebub, the god of Ekron? Therefore you shall not come down from the bed to which you have gone up, but you shall surely die.'" <sup>7</sup> He said to them, "What kind of man was he who came to meet you and told you these things?" <sup>8</sup> They answered him, "He wore a garment of hair, with a belt of leather about his waist." And he said, "It is Elijah the Tishbite."

<sup>9</sup> Then the king sent to him a captain of fifty men with his fifty. He went up to Elijah, who was sitting on the top of a hill, and said to him, "O man of God, the king says, 'Come down.'"

<sup>10</sup> But Elijah answered the captain of fifty, "If I am a man of God, let fire come down from heaven and consume you and your fifty." Then fire came down from heaven and consumed him and his fifty.

<sup>11</sup> Again the king sent to him another captain of fifty men with his fifty. And he answered and said to him, "O man of God, this is the king's order, 'Come down quickly!'" <sup>12</sup> But Elijah answered them, "If I am a man of God, let fire come down from heaven and consume you and your fifty." Then the fire of God came down from heaven and consumed him and his fifty.

<sup>13</sup> Again the king sent the captain of a third fifty with his fifty. And the third captain of fifty went up and came and fell on his knees before Elijah and entreated him, "O man of God, please let my life, and the life of these fifty servants of yours, be precious in your sight. <sup>14</sup> Behold, fire came down from heaven and consumed the two former captains of fifty men with their fifties, but now let my life be precious in your sight." <sup>15</sup> Then the angel of the LORD said to Elijah, "Go down with him; do not be afraid of him." So he arose and went down with him to the king <sup>16</sup> and said to him, "Thus says the LORD,

*'Because you have sent messengers to inquire of Baal-zebub, the god of Ekron—is it because there is no God in Israel to inquire of his word?—therefore you shall not come down from the bed to which you have gone up, but you shall surely die.' ”*

*<sup>17</sup> So he died according to the word of the LORD that Elijah had spoken. Jehoram became king in his place in the second year of Jehoram the son of Jehoshaphat, king of Judah, because Ahaziah had no son. <sup>18</sup> Now the rest of the acts of Ahaziah that he did, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Israel?*

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Message:** *Elijah and Fire from Heaven*

***Fight the Good Fight***

Fight the good fight with all Thy might!  
Christ is Thy strength, and Christ Thy right.  
Lay hold on life, and it shall be  
Thy joy and crown eternally.

Run the straight race through God's good grace;  
Lift up Thine eyes, and seek His face.  
Life with its way before us lies;  
Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.

Faint not nor fear, for He is near;  
He changeth not, and thou art dear.  
Only believe, and Thou shalt see that  
Christ is all in all to thee.

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**God's Blessing**

***Take My Life and Let It Be***

Take my life and let it be consecrated Lord, to thee.  
Take my moments and my days;  
Let them flow in endless praise,  
Let them flow in endless praise.

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