

First Christian Reformed Church  
Lynden, Washington  
January 30, 2022  
6:00 PM Worship Service

**Call to Worship:** *Psalm 118:1, 26-27, 29*

*Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;  
for his steadfast love endures forever!*

***Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD!***

***We bless you from the house of the LORD.***

*The LORD is God,*

*and he has made his light to shine upon us.*

***Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;  
for his steadfast love endures forever!***

**Opening Prayer**

***Come, People of the Risen King***

Come, people of the risen King, who delight to bring Him praise.

Come, all, and tune your hearts to sing to the Morning Star of grace.

From the shifting shadows of the earth we will lift our eyes to Him,

Where steady arms of mercy reach to gather children in.

*Refrain:* Rejoice! Rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice!

One heart, one voice, O Church of Christ, rejoice!

Come, those whose joy is morning sun,

And those weeping through the night.

Come, those who tell of battles won, and those struggling in the fight.

For His perfect love will never change, and His mercies never cease,

But follow us through all our days with the certain hope of peace. *Refrain*

Come, young and old from every land, men and women of the faith.

Come, those with full or empty hands; find the riches of His grace.

Over all the world His people sing; shore to shore we hear them call

The Truth that cries through every age: "Our God is all in all!" *Refrain*

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***Lead On, O King Eternal***

Lead on, O King Eternal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,

And holiness shall whisper the sweet amen of peace.

For not with swords' loud clashing or roll of stirring drums

With deeds of love and mercy the heavenly kingdom comes.

Lead on, O King Eternal, we follow, not with fears;

For gladness breaks like morning where'er your face appears.

Your cross is lifted o'er us; we journey in its light.

The crown awaits the conquest; lead on, O God of might.

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***Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks***

*Refrain:* Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to His name.

Jesus is Lord of all the earth;

He is the King of creation. *Refrain*

Come, let us praise the living God,

Joyfully sing to our Savior. *Refrain*

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**Profession of Our Faith:** Matthew 22:36-40

“Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?”

**And he said to him,**

**“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart  
and with all your soul and with all your mind.**

**This is the great and first commandment.**

**And a second is like it:**

**You shall love your neighbor as yourself.**

**On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.”**

**Offering:** Jeff & Melissa

**Evening Prayer**

***I Am Thine, O Lord***

I am Thine, O Lord; I have heard Thy voice, and it told Thy love to me;  
But I long to rise in the arms of faith and be closer drawn to Thee.

*Refrain:* Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,  
To the cross where Thou hast died;  
Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord  
To Thy precious, bleeding side.

O the pure delight of a single hour that before Thy throne I spend,  
When I kneel in prayer and with Thee, my God, I commune as friend with friend. *Refrain*

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**Scripture:** *II Kings 2:1-18 (ESV)*

<sup>1</sup> Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. <sup>2</sup> And Elijah said to Elisha, “Please stay here, for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel.” But Elisha said, “As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So they went down to Bethel. <sup>3</sup> And the sons of the prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha and said to him, “Do you know that today the LORD will take away your master from over you?” And he said, “Yes, I know it; keep quiet.”

<sup>4</sup> Elijah said to him, “Elisha, please stay here, for the LORD has sent me to Jericho.” But he said, “As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So they came to Jericho.

<sup>5</sup> The sons of the prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha and said to him, “Do you know that today the LORD will take away your master from over you?” And he answered, “Yes, I know it; keep quiet.”

<sup>6</sup> Then Elijah said to him, “Please stay here, for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan.” But he said, “As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So the two of them went on. <sup>7</sup> Fifty men of the sons of the prophets also went and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. <sup>8</sup> Then Elijah took his cloak and rolled it up and struck the water, and the water was parted to the one side and to the other, till the two of them could go over on dry ground.

<sup>9</sup> When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, “Ask what I shall do for you, before I am taken from you.” And Elisha said, “Please let there be a double portion of your spirit on me.” <sup>10</sup> And he said, “You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it shall be so for you, but if you do not see me, it shall not be so.” <sup>11</sup> And as they still went on and talked, behold, chariots of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them. And Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven. <sup>12</sup> And Elisha saw it and he cried, “My father, my father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!” And he saw him no more.

Then he took hold of his own clothes and tore them in two pieces. <sup>13</sup> And he took up the cloak of Elijah that had fallen from him and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. <sup>14</sup> Then he took the cloak of Elijah that had fallen from him and struck the water, saying, “Where is the LORD, the God of Elijah?” And when he had struck the water, the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and Elisha went over.

<sup>15</sup> Now when the sons of the prophets who were at Jericho saw him opposite them, they said, “The spirit of Elijah rests on Elisha.” And they came to meet him and bowed to the ground before him. <sup>16</sup> And they said to him, “Behold now, there are with your servants fifty strong men.

*Please let them go and seek your master. It may be that the Spirit of the LORD has caught him up and cast him upon some mountain or into some valley.” And he said, “You shall not send.”<sup>17</sup> But when they urged him till he was ashamed, he said, “Send.” They sent therefore fifty men. And for three days they sought him but did not find him.<sup>18</sup> And they came back to him while he was staying at Jericho, and he said to them, “Did I not say to you, ‘Do not go’?”*

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Message:** *Elijah, Elisha and a Chariot of Fire*

### ***Because He Lives***

God sent His Son – they called Him Jesus;  
He came to love, heal and forgive.  
He lived and died to buy my pardon;  
An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives.

*Refrain:* Because He lives I can face tomorrow;  
Because He lives, all fear is gone.  
Because I know He holds the future,  
And life is worth the living just because He lives.

How sweet to hold a newborn baby,  
And feel the pride and joy He gives;  
But greater still the calm assurance:  
This child can face uncertain days because He lives. *Refrain*

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### **God's Blessing**

#### ***Because He Lives***

And then one day I'll cross the river;  
I'll fight life's final war with pain.  
And then, as death gives way to victory,  
I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know He reigns.

*Refrain:* Because He lives I can face tomorrow;  
Because He lives, all fear is gone.  
Because I know He holds the future,  
And life is worth the living just because He lives.

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Pastors: Mike B, Robert W  
Music: Nancy Z

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