

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

Call to Worship: *Psalm 63:3-4*

*Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.
So I will bless you as long as I live; in your name I will lift up my hands.*

Opening Prayer

Exalt the Lord, His Praise Proclaim

Exalt the Lord, his praise proclaim; all you his servants, praise his name,
Who in the Lord's house ever stand and humbly serve at his command.
The Lord is good, his praise proclaim; since it is pleasant, praise his name.
His people for his own he takes and his own special treasure makes.

Exalt the Lord, his praise proclaim; all you his servants, praise his name,
Who in the Lord's house ever stand and humbly serve at his command.
Forever praise and bless his name, and in the church his praise proclaim.
In Zion is his dwelling place; O praise the Lord, show forth his grace.

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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.

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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Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye made blind by sin Thy glory may not see.
Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
Perfect in power, in love, in purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth, and sky, and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity.

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Profession of Our Faith: Our World Belongs to God #36

The Bible tells God's mighty acts in the unfolding of covenant history.

**It is one revelation in two Testaments,
which shows a single plan of salvation,
and reveals God's will infallibly.**

As God's people hear the Word and do it,
they are equipped for discipleship, to witness to the good news:

**Our world belongs to God
and he loves it deeply.**

Offering: Christian School Tuition Assistance

Evening Prayer

Lord, We Hear Your Word with Gladness

Lord, we hear your word with gladness: You have spoken; we rejoice:
Words of love and life and freedom help us make their truth our choice!
Now in holy celebration for your Word we worship you;
Spoken, written, known in Jesus, ours today to prove anew.

May we hear with understanding, by your Spirit taught and led.
May the springs of all our being by your living Word be fed.
May our hearts accept with meekness all the grace your light makes known.
May obedience mark our footsteps till we make each word our own.

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Scripture: *James 5:16-18 (ESV)*

¹⁶ Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.¹⁷ Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. ¹⁸ Then he prayed again, and heaven gave rain, and the earth bore its fruit.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: *Elijah, A Man Like Us*

If You But Trust in God to Guide You

If you but trust in God to guide you and place your confidence in him,
You'll find him always there beside you to give you hope and strength within;
For those who trust God's changeless love build on the rock that will not move.

Only be still and wait his pleasure in cheerful hope with heart content.
He fills your needs to fullest measure with what discerning love has sent;
Doubt not our inmost wants are known to him who chose us for his own.

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God's Blessing

If You But Trust in God to Guide You

Sing, pray, and keep his ways unswerving, offer your service faithfully,
And trust his word; though undeserving, you'll find his promise true to be.
God never will forsake in need the soul that trusts in him indeed.

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Pastors: Mike B, Robert W

Music: Lee V

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