

First Christian Reformed Church  
Lynden, Washington  
February 13, 2022 ~ 6:00 PM Worship Service

**Call to Worship:** based on Psalm 145:3-4, 10-11, 21

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;

**there is no end to his greatness.**

One generation shall praise your works to another

**and shall declare your power.**

All your works praise you, Lord,

**and your faithful servants bless you.**

They make known the glory of your kingdom

**and speak of your power.**

My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord:

**Let all flesh bless his holy name for ever and ever.**

**Opening Prayer**

*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 o'er all things is wondrously reigning,

Sheltering you under His wings, oh, so gently sustaining.

Have you not seen all that is needful has been sent by His gracious ordaining?

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!

All that has life and breath, come now with praises before Him!

Let the Amen sound from His people again, gladly forever adore Him!

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*I Will Sing of the Mercies of the Lord*

I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever, I will sing, I will sing.

I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever,

I will sing of the mercies of the Lord.

With my mouth will I make known Your faithfulness, Your faithfulness;

With my mouth will I make known Your faithfulness to all generations.

I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever,

I will sing of the mercies of the Lord.

All the hosts of the angels sing God's praise forever

For the things he has done.

All the hosts of the angels sing God's praise forever,

All the hosts of the angels sing God's praise.

Who can be compared to God in faithfulness, in faithfulness?

Who can be compared to God in faithfulness to all generations?

I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever,

I will sing of the mercies of the Lord.

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*Now With Joyful Exultation*

Now with joyful exultation let us sing to God our praise;

To the Rock of our salvation loud hosannas let us raise.

Thankful tribute gladly bringing, let us come before him now,

And, with psalms his praises singing, joyful in his presence bow.

For how great a God, and glorious, is the Lord of whom we sing;

Over idol gods victorious, great is he, our God and King.

In his hand are earth's deep places, also his are all the hills;

His the sea whose bounds he traces, his the land his bounty fills.

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**Profession of Our Faith:** Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 54

What do you believe concerning "the holy catholic church"?

**I believe that the Son of God through his Spirit and Word,  
out of the entire human race, from the beginning of the world to its end,  
gathers, protects, and preserves for himself  
a community chosen for eternal life and united in true faith.  
And of this community I am and always will be a living member.**

**Offering:** First CRC Cadets

**Evening Prayer**

***How Blest Are They Whose Trespass***

How blest are they whose trespass has freely been forgiven,  
Whose sins are wholly covered before the sight of heaven.  
Blest they to whom the LORD God does not impute their sin,  
Who have a guileless spirit, whose heart is true within.

So let the godly seek you in times when you are near;  
No whelming floods shall reach them or cause their hearts to fear.  
O LORD, you are my refuge, you are my hiding place,  
And you surround me always with songs of saving grace.

("How Blest Are They Whose Trespasses" text Psalm 32, music Chretien Urhan, 1834, arr. Edward F. Rimbault, 1867, CCLI #358926, Streaming License 20317932)

**Scripture:** *Ecclesiastes 1:1-11 (ESV)*

<sup>1</sup> *The words of the Preacher, the son of David, king in Jerusalem.*

<sup>2</sup> *Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher,  
vanity of vanities! All is vanity.*

<sup>3</sup> *What does man gain by all the toil  
at which he toils under the sun?*

<sup>4</sup> *A generation goes, and a generation comes,  
but the earth remains forever.*

<sup>5</sup> *The sun rises, and the sun goes down,  
and hastens to the place where it rises.*

<sup>6</sup> *The wind blows to the south  
and goes around to the north;  
around and around goes the wind,  
and on its circuits the wind returns.*

<sup>7</sup> *All streams run to the sea,  
but the sea is not full;  
to the place where the streams flow,  
there they flow again.*

<sup>8</sup> *All things are full of weariness;  
a man cannot utter it;  
the eye is not satisfied with seeing,  
nor the ear filled with hearing.*

<sup>9</sup> *What has been is what will be,  
and what has been done is what will be done,  
and there is nothing new under the sun.*

<sup>10</sup> *Is there a thing of which it is said,  
"See, this is new"?*

*It has been already in the ages before us.*

<sup>11</sup> *There is no remembrance of former things,  
nor will there be any remembrance  
of later things yet to be among those who come after.*

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Message:** *The World According to Qohelet*

### ***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*

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### **God's Blessing**

#### ***Wholehearted Thanksgiving***

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*

*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.

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Pastors: Mike B, Robert W

Music: Lisa Q

Offering will be received for the First CRC Cadets, a ministry to 1<sup>st</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade boys.

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