

**First Christian Reformed Church**  
Lynden, Washington  
February 27, 2022 - 6:00 p.m. Worship Service

**Call to Worship:** *Psalm 118:28-29*

*You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;  
you are my God; I will extol you.  
Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;  
for his steadfast love endures forever!*

**Opening Prayer**

***Give Thanks to God, For Good is He***

Give thanks to God, for good is he: His love abides forever.  
To him all praise and glory be: His mercy lasts forever.  
His wondrous works with praise record: His love abides forever.  
The only God, the sovereign Lord: His mercy lasts forever.

His wisdom made the heavens to be: His love abides forever.  
He spread the earth upon the sea: His mercy lasts forever.  
Praise him whose sun awakes the day: His love abides forever.  
The moon and stars his might display: His mercy lasts forever.

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***We Praise Thee, O God, Our Redeemer***

We praise Thee, O God, our Redeemer, Creator  
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring;  
We lay it before Thee, we kneel and adore Thee,  
We bless Thy holy name, glad praises we sing.

With voices united our praises we offer  
And gladly our song of true worship we raise.  
Thy strong arm will guide us, our God is beside us,  
To Thee, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!

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***We Will Glorify***

We will glorify the King of kings. We will glorify the Lamb.  
We will glorify the Lord of lords, who is the great I AM.

Lord Jehovah reigns in majesty. We will bow before His throne.  
We will worship Him in righteousness. We will worship Him alone.

He is Lord of heaven, Lord of earth, He is Lord of all who live.  
He is Lord above the universe; all praise to Him we give.

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**Profession of Our Faith:** Heidelberg Catechism Q &A 1

*What is your only comfort in life and death?*

**That I am not my own,  
but belong — body and soul, in life and in death—  
to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ.  
He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood,  
and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil.  
He also watches over me in such a way  
that not a hair can fall from my head  
without the will of my Father in heaven:  
in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.  
Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit,  
assures me of eternal life  
and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready  
from now on to live for him.**

**Offering:** Steve & Sandy

## **Evening Prayer**

### ***What Grace is Mine***

What grace is mine that He who dwells in endless light  
Called through the night to find my distant soul,  
And from His scars poured mercy that would plead for me,  
That I might live and in His name be known.

*Refrain:* So I will go wherever He is calling me,  
I lose my life to find my life in Him.  
I give my all to gain the hope that never dies;  
I bow my heart, take up my cross and follow Him.

What grace is mine to know His breath alive in me;  
Beneath His wings my wakened soul may soar;  
All fear can flee for death's dark night is overcome;  
My Savior lives and reigns forevermore. *Refrain*

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### **Scripture:** *Ecclesiastes 1:12-18 (ESV)*

<sup>12</sup> *I the Preacher have been king over Israel in Jerusalem. <sup>13</sup> And I applied my heart to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven. It is an unhappy business that God has given to the children of man to be busy with. <sup>14</sup> I have seen everything that is done under the sun, and behold, all is vanity and a striving after wind.*

<sup>15</sup> *What is crooked cannot be made straight, and what is lacking cannot be counted.*

<sup>16</sup> *I said in my heart, "I have acquired great wisdom, surpassing all who were over Jerusalem before me, and my heart has had great experience of wisdom and knowledge."*

<sup>17</sup> *And I applied my heart to know wisdom and to know madness and folly. I perceived that this also is but a striving after wind.*

<sup>18</sup> *For in much wisdom is much vexation, and he who increases knowledge increases sorrow.*

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Message:** *Vanity of Wisdom*

#### ***May the Mind, of Christ My Savior***

May the mind, of Christ my Savior, live in me from day to day,  
By His love and power controlling all I do and say.

May the love of Jesus fill me as the waters fill the sea.  
Him exalting, self abasing: this is victory.

May we run the race before us, strong and brave to face the foe,  
Looking only unto Jesus as we onward go.

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### **God's Blessing**

#### ***To God Be the Glory***

To God be the glory, to God be the glory,  
To God be the glory for the things he has done:  
With his blood he has saved me;  
With his power he has raised me.  
To God be the glory for the things he has done.

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