

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

Call to Worship: *Psalm 118:24*
This is the day the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Opening Prayer

This is the Day

This is the day, this is the day
That the Lord has made, that the Lord has made;
We will rejoice, we will rejoice
And be glad in it, and be glad in it.
This is the day that the Lord has made,
We will rejoice and be glad in it;
This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made.

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Like a River Glorious

Like a river glorious is God's perfect peace,
Over all victorious in its bright increase;
Perfect, yet it floweth fuller every day;
Perfect, yet it groweth deeper all the way.

Refrain: Trusting in the Father, hearts are fully blest,
Finding, as he promised, perfect peace and rest.

Hidden in the hollow of His blessed hand,
Never foe can follow, never traitor stand;
Not a surge of worry, not a shade of care,
Not a blast of hurry touch the spirit there. *Refrain*

Every joy or testing comes from God above,
Given to His children as an act of love;
We may trust Him fully all for us to do,
Those who trust Him wholly find Him wholly true. *Refrain*

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Fill My Cup, Lord

Like the woman at the well I was seeking for things that could not satisfy.
And then I heard my Savior speaking, "Draw from my well that never shall run dry."

Refrain: Fill my cup, Lord, I lift it up, Lord!
Come and quench this thirsting of my soul.
Bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more.
Fill my cup, fill it up and make me whole!

There are millions in this world who are craving the pleasure earthly things afford.
But none can match the wondrous treasure that I find in Jesus Christ, my Lord. *Refrain*

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Profession of Our Faith: Heidelberg Catechism Q &A 58

How does the article concerning "life everlasting" comfort you?
**Even as I already now experience in my heart
the beginning of eternal joy, so after this life I will have
perfect blessedness such as no eye has seen, no ear has heard,
no human heart has ever imagined: a blessedness in which to praise God eternally.**

Offering: Christian School Tuition Assistance

Evening Prayer

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down;
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling, all Thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, Thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love Thou art;
Visit us with Thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.

Come, Almighty to deliver, let us all Thy life receive;
Suddenly return, and never, nevermore Thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, serve Thee as Thy hosts above,
Pray and praise Thee without ceasing, glory in Thy perfect love.

Finish, then Thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see Thy great salvation perfectly restored in Thee:
Changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before Thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

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Scripture: Ecclesiastes 2:1-11 (ESV)

¹ I said in my heart, "Come now, I will test you with pleasure; enjoy yourself." But behold, this also was vanity. ² I said of laughter, "It is mad," and of pleasure, "What use is it?" ³ I searched with my heart how to cheer my body with wine—my heart still guiding me with wisdom—and how to lay hold on folly, till I might see what was good for the children of man to do under heaven during the few days of their life. ⁴ I made great works. I built houses and planted vineyards for myself. ⁵ I made myself gardens and parks, and planted in them all kinds of fruit trees. ⁶ I made myself pools from which to water the forest of growing trees. ⁷ I bought male and female slaves, and had slaves who were born in my house. I had also great possessions of herds and flocks, more than any who had been before me in Jerusalem. ⁸ I also gathered for myself silver and gold and the treasure of kings and provinces. I got singers, both men and women, and many concubines, the delight of the sons of man. ⁹ So I became great and surpassed all who were before me in Jerusalem. Also my wisdom remained with me. ¹⁰ And whatever my eyes desired I did not keep from them. I kept my heart from no pleasure, for my heart found pleasure in all my toil, and this was my reward for all my toil. ¹¹ Then I considered all that my hands had done and the toil I had expended in doing it, and behold, all was vanity and a striving after wind, and there was nothing to be gained under the sun.

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Message: Laughter, Wine, Greatness—What Good Are They?

Rock of Ages

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee.
Let the water and the blood, from Thy wounded side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure, save from wrath and make me pure.

Could my tears forever flow? Could my zeal no languor know?
These for sin could not atone; Thou must save, and Thou alone.
In my hand no price I bring; simply to thy cross I cling.

While I draw this fleeting breath, when my eyes shall close in death,
When I rise to worlds unknown, and behold Thee on Thy throne,
Rock of Ages cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee.

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God's Blessing

Lord, Dismiss Us

Lord, dismiss us with Your blessing; fill our hearts with joy and peace.
Let us each, Your love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace.
O refresh us, O refresh us, traveling through this wilderness.

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