

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
March 13, 2022 - 6:00 p.m. Worship Service

Call to Worship: *Psalm 134*

*Come, bless the LORD, all you servants of the LORD,
who stand by night in the house of the LORD!
Lift up your hands to the holy place and bless the LORD!
May the LORD bless you from Zion, he who made heaven and earth!*

Opening Prayer

O Give The LORD Wholehearted Praise

O give the LORD wholehearted praise.
To him thanksgiving I will bring;
With all his people I will raise
My voice and of his glory sing.

God's promise shall forever stand;
He cares for those who trust his word.
Upon his saints his mighty hand
The wealth of nations has conferred.

His works are true and just indeed;
His precepts are forever sure.
In truth and righteousness decreed,
They shall forevermore endure.

In reverence and in godly fear
We find the key to wisdom's ways;
The wise his holy name revere.
Through endless ages sound his praise!

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Praise the LORD! Sing Hallelujah

Praise the LORD! Sing hallelujah! Come, our great Redeemer praise.
I will sing the glorious praises of my God through all my days.
Put no confidence in princes, nor on human help depend.
They shall die, to dust returning; all their thoughts and plans shall end.

Happy is the one who chooses Jacob's God to be his aid.
They are blest whose hope of blessing on the LORD their God is stayed.
Heaven and earth the LORD created, seas and all that they contain.
He delivers from oppression; righteousness he will maintain.

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I Lift Up My Eyes to the Mountains

I lift up my eyes to the mountains,
I look to the Lord for my aid;
My help is the Lord God Almighty;
The earth and the heavens he made.

His vigil is tender and constant,
And watchful the care that he keeps;
He suffers no harm to befall you;
He nods not nor slumbers nor sleeps.

The Keeper of Israel guards you
And keeps you in pathways of right;
He circles his canopy round you
For shelter by day and by night.

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Profession of Our Faith: Heidelberg Catechism Q & A 28

How does the knowledge of God's creation and providence help us?

**We can be patient when things go against us, thankful when things go well,
and for the future we can have good confidence in our faithful God and Father
that nothing will separate us from his love.
All creatures are so completely in his hand
that without his will they can neither move nor be moved.**

Offering: Al & Julie

Evening Prayer

O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee

O Master, let me walk with thee in lowly paths of service free;
Tell me thy secret; help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.

In hope that sends a shining ray far down the future's broadening way,
In peace that only thou canst give, with thee, O Master, let me live.

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Scripture: *Ecclesiastes 2:12-17 (ESV)*

¹² So I turned to consider wisdom and madness and folly. For what can the man do who comes after the king? Only what has already been done. ¹³ Then I saw that there is more gain in wisdom than in folly, as there is more gain in light than in darkness. ¹⁴ The wise person has his eyes in his head, but the fool walks in darkness. And yet I perceived that the same event happens to all of them. ¹⁵ Then I said in my heart, "What happens to the fool will happen to me also. Why then have I been so very wise?" And I said in my heart that this also is vanity. ¹⁶ For of the wise as of the fool there is no enduring remembrance, seeing that in the days to come all will have been long forgotten. How the wise dies just like the fool! ¹⁷ So I hated life, because what is done under the sun was grievous to me, for all is vanity and a striving after wind.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: *The Vanity of Living Wisely*

Trust and Obey

When we walk with the Lord in the light of His Word, what a glory He sheds on our way!
While we do His good will, He abides with us still, and with all who will trust and obey.

Refrain: Trust and obey, for there's no other way
To be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

Not a burden we bear, not a sorrow we share, but our toil He doth richly repair;
Not a grief or a loss, not a frown or a cross, but is blest if we trust and obey. *Refrain*

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*** God's Blessing**

*** *Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise***

Savior, again to Thy dear name we raise
With one accord our parting hymn of praise.
Once more we pray before our worship cease;
That Thou wilt grant to us Thy word of peace.

Grant us Thy peace upon our homeward way;
With Thee began, with Thee shall end the day.
Guard Thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,
That in this house have called upon Thy name.

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