

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
March 27, 2022 – 6:00 p.m. Worship Service

Call to Worship: *Psalm 86:11-13a*

*Teach me your way, O LORD, that I may walk in your truth;
unite my heart to fear your name.*

*I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,
and I will glorify your name forever.*

For great is your steadfast love toward me.

Opening Prayer

O Worship the King

O worship the King all glorious above,
And gratefully sing His wonderful love;
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of His might and sing of His grace,
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space;
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.

Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light,
It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

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Blessed Be the Name of the Lord

All praise to Him who reigns above in majesty supreme,
Who gave His Son for man to die, that He might man redeem!

Refrain: Blessed be the name! Blessed be the name!
Blessed be the name of the Lord!
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Blessed be the name of the Lord!

Redeemer, Savior, friend of man once ruined by the fall,
Thou hast devised salvation's plan, for Thou hast died for all. *Refrain*

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Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates: behold the King of glory waits!
The King of kings is drawing near, the Savior of the world is here.

Redeemer, come! I open wide my heart to Thee: here, Lord, abide!
Let me Thy inner presence feel: Thy grace and love in me reveal.

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Profession of Our Faith: Heidelberg Catechism Q & A 37

What do you understand by the word "suffered"?

**That during his whole life on earth, but especially at the end,
Christ sustained in body and soul**

the anger of God against the sin of the whole human race.

**This he did in order that, by his suffering as the only atoning sacrifice,
he might set us free, body and soul, from eternal condemnation,
and gain for us God's grace, righteousness, and eternal life.**

Offering: Envision Mission

I Lay My Sins on Jesus

I lay my sins on Jesus, the spotless Lamb of God.
He bears them all, and frees us from every guilty load.
I bring my guilt to Jesus, to wash my crimson stains
White in His blood most precious, 'til not a spot remains.

I lay my wants on Jesus all fullness dwells in Him;
He heals all my diseases, He doth my soul redeem.
I lay my griefs on Jesus, my burdens and my cares;
He from them all releases, He all my sorrow shares.

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Evening Prayer

O Word of God Incarnate

O Word of God incarnate, O Wisdom from on high,
O Truth unchanged, unchanging, O Light of our dark sky:
We praise you for the radiance that from the Scripture's page,
A lantern to our footsteps, shines on from age to age.

The church from you, dear Master, received this gift divine;
And still that light is lifted o'er all the earth to shine.
It is the chart and compass that all life's voyage through,
Mid mists and rocks and quicksands, still guides, O Christ, to you.

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Scripture: Ecclesiastes 2:18-26 (ESV)

¹⁸ I hated all my toil in which I toil under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to the man who will come after me, ¹⁹ and who knows whether he will be wise or a fool? Yet he will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. ²⁰ So I turned about and gave my heart up to despair over all the toil of my labors under the sun, ²¹ because sometimes a person who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave everything to be enjoyed by someone who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. ²² What has a man from all the toil and striving of heart with which he toils beneath the sun? ²³ For all his days are full of sorrow, and his work is a vexation. Even in the night his heart does not rest. This also is vanity. ²⁴ There is nothing better for a person than that he should eat and drink and find enjoyment in his toil. This also, I saw, is from the hand of God, ²⁵ for apart from him who can eat or who can have enjoyment? ²⁶ For to the one who pleases him God has given wisdom and knowledge and joy, but to the sinner he has given the business of gathering and collecting, only to give to one who pleases God. This also is vanity and a striving after wind.

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

Message: *The Vanity of Toil*

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.

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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God's Blessing

Now Blessed Be the Lord Our God

And blessed be His glorious name through all eternity;
The whole earth let His glory fill: Amen! so shall it be;
The whole earth let His glory fill: Amen! so shall it be.