

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
April 10, 2022 – 6:00 p.m. Worship Service

Call to Worship: *Psalm 63:1-4*

*O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you;
my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.
So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory.
Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.
So I will bless you as long as I live; in your name I will lift up my hands.*

Opening Prayer

All Things Bright and Beautiful

Refrain: All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.

Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings,
He made their glowing colors, he made their tiny wings. *Refrain*

The purple headed mountain, the river running by,
The sunset, and the morning that brightens up the sky. *Refrain*

The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun,
The ripe fruits in the garden, he made them every one. *Refrain*

He gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell
How great is God Almighty, who has made all things well. *Refrain*

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How Great Is the Love of the Father

How great is the love of the Father, the love he has shown to us,
So great that he call us his children, for children of God we are,
And children of God we are!

The world without God does not know us because it did not know Christ.
Lord, help us to be pure and spotless, for children of God we are,
For children of God we are.

What we are to be in the future as yet has not been made known,
But when Christ returns, we shall see him, and then we shall be like him,
And then we shall be like him.

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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.

Food he daily gives the hungry, sets the mourning prisoner free,
Raises those bowed down with anguish, makes the sightless eyes to see.
God our Savior loves the righteous, and the stranger he befriends,
Helps the orphan and the widow, judgment on the wicked sends.

Praise the LORD! Sing hallelujah! Come, our great Redeemer praise.
I will sing the glorious praises of my God through all my days.
Over all God reigns forever; through all ages he is King.
Unto him, your God, O Zion, joyful hallelujahs sing.

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Profession of Our Faith: Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.**

And in Jesus Christ,

**his only begotten Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary;
suffered under Pontius Pilate;
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended to heaven,
and is seated at the right hand
of God the Father almighty;
from there he shall come to judge
the living and the dead.**

I believe in the Holy Spirit.

**I believe in a holy catholic church,
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. AMEN.**

Offering: Samaritan's Purse – Ukraine Relief

Evening Prayer

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms;
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine, leaning on the everlasting arms.

Refrain: Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;
Leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

What have I to dread, what have I to fear, leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near, leaning on the everlasting arms. *Refrain*

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Scripture: *Ecclesiastes 3:9-15 (ESV)*

⁹What gain has the worker from his toil? ¹⁰I have seen the business that God has given to the children of man to be busy with. ¹¹He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also, he has put eternity into man's heart, yet so that he cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end. ¹²I perceived that there is nothing better for them than to be joyful and to do good as long as they live; ¹³also that everyone should eat and drink and take pleasure in all his toil—this is God's gift to man. ¹⁴I perceived that whatever God does endures forever; nothing can be added to it, nor anything taken from it. God has done it, so that people fear before him. ¹⁵That which is, already has been; that which is to be, already has been; and God seeks what has been driven away.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: *He Has Made Everything Beautiful in Its Time*

In His Time

In His time, in His time; He makes all things beautiful in His time.
Lord, please show me every day as You're teaching me Your way,
That You do just what You say in Your time.

In Your time, in Your time; You make all things beautiful in Your time.
Lord, my life to You I bring; may each song I have to sing
Be to You a lovely thing in Your time.

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God's Blessing

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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Pastors: Mike B
Music: Nancy Z

Offering will be received for Samaritan's Purse – Ukraine Relief.

Samaritan's Purse was a huge blessing to many displaced families in Whatcom County this past year during the flooding. They are now a vital part of the relief work in and around Ukraine. Samaritan's Purse is working through church partners and local shelters to distribute supplies, such as hygiene kits, drinking water, food, cooking kits, blankets, winter clothing kits, and other items in both Ukraine and Moldova. In southern Ukraine, Samaritan's Purse is helping local churches provide places to stay for families and also for displaced children who are traveling unaccompanied. For more information on Samaritan's Purse, visit www.samaritanspurse.org.

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