

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
May 22, 2022 – 6:00 p.m. Worship Service

Call to Worship: *Psalm 4:6-8*

There are many who say, "Who will show us some good?

Lift up the light of your face upon us, O LORD!"

You have put more joy in my heart than they have when their grain and wine abound.

In peace I will both lie down and sleep; for you alone, O LORD, make me dwell in safety.

Opening Prayer

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

Come, Christians, join to sing; Alleluia! Amen!

Loud praise to Christ our King; Alleluia! Amen!

Let all, with heart and voice, before His throne rejoice;

Praise is His gracious choice: Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high; Alleluia! Amen!

Let praises fill the sky; Alleluia! Amen!

He is our Guide and Friend; to us He'll condescend;

His love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet our Christ again, Alleluia! Amen!

Life shall not end the strain; Alleluia! Amen!

On heaven's blissful shore His goodness we'll adore,

Singing forevermore, "Alleluia! Amen!"

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Come, People of the Risen King

Come, people of the risen King, who delight to bring Him praise.

Come, all, and tune your hearts to sing to the Morning Star of grace.

From the shifting shadows of the earth we will lift our eyes to Him,

Where steady arms of mercy reach to gather children in.

Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice!

One heart, one voice, O Church of Christ, rejoice!

Come, those whose joy is morning sun, and those weeping through the night.

Come, those who tell of battles won, and those struggling in the fight.

For His perfect love will never change, and His mercies never cease,

But follow us through all our days with the certain hope of peace. *Refrain*

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Grace Greater than Our Sin

Marvelous grace of our loving Lord, grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt!

Yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured, there where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.

Refrain: Grace, grace God's grace, grace that will pardon and cleanse within;

Grace, grace, God's grace, grace that is greater than all our sin!

Sin and despair, like the sea waves cold, threaten the soul with infinite loss:

Grace, that is greater – yes grace untold, points to the Refuge, the mighty Cross. *Refrain*

Marvelous, infinite, matchless grace, freely bestowed on all who believe!

You that are longing to see His face, will you this moment His grace receive? *Refrain*

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Profession of Our Faith: *Matthew 22:37-39*

*And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart
and with all your soul and with all your mind.*

This is the great and first commandment.

And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

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Evening Prayer

Teach Me, O Lord, Thy Way of Truth

Teach me, O Lord, your way of truth, and from it I will not depart;
That I may steadfastly obey, give me an understanding heart.

In Thy commandments make me walk, for in Thy law my joy shall be;
Give me a heart that loves Thy will, from discontent and envy free.

Turn Thou mine eyes from vanity, and cause me in Thy ways to tread;
O let Thy servant prove Thy Word and thus to godly fear be led.

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Scripture: *Ecclesiastes 5:8-20 (ESV)*

⁸ *If you see in a province the oppression of the poor and the violation of justice and righteousness, do not be amazed at the matter, for the high official is watched by a higher, and there are yet higher ones over them.* ⁹ *But this is gain for a land in every way: a king committed to cultivated fields.*

¹⁰ *He who loves money will not be satisfied with money, nor he who loves wealth with his income; this also is vanity.* ¹¹ *When goods increase, they increase who eat them, and what advantage has their owner but to see them with his eyes?* ¹² *Sweet is the sleep of a laborer, whether he eats little or much, but the full stomach of the rich will not let him sleep.*

¹³ *There is a grievous evil that I have seen under the sun: riches were kept by their owner to his hurt, ¹⁴ and those riches were lost in a bad venture. And he is father of a son, but he has nothing in his hand.* ¹⁵ *As he came from his mother's womb he shall go again, naked as he came, and shall take nothing for his toil that he may carry away in his hand.* ¹⁶ *This also is a grievous evil: just as he came, so shall he go, and what gain is there to him who toils for the wind?* ¹⁷ *Moreover, all his days he eats in darkness in much vexation and sickness and anger.*

¹⁸ *Behold, what I have seen to be good and fitting is to eat and drink and find enjoyment in all the toil with which one toils under the sun the few days of his life that God has given him, for this is his lot.* ¹⁹ *Everyone also to whom God has given wealth and possessions and power to enjoy them, and to accept his lot and rejoice in his toil—this is the gift of God.* ²⁰ *For he will not much remember the days of his life because God keeps him occupied with joy in his heart.*

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: *The Problem With Stuff*

Have Thine Own Way, Lord

Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way! Thou art the potter, I am the clay!
Mold me and make me after Thy will, while I am waiting, yielded and still.

Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way! Search me and try me, Master, today!
Whiter than snow, Lord, wash me just now, as in Thy presence humbly I bow.

Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way! Wounded and weary, help me, I pray!
Power – all power – surely is Thine! Touch me and heal me, Savior divine!

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God's Blessing

Have Thine Own Way, Lord

Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way! Hold o'er my being absolute sway!
Fill with Thy Spirit 'til all shall see Christ only, always, living in me!

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