

**First Christian Reformed Church**  
Lynden, Washington  
July 17, 2022 – 6:00 p.m. Worship Service

**Call to Worship:** *Revelation 5:11-13*

*Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice,*

***“Worthy is the Lamb who was slain,  
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might  
and honor and glory and blessing!”***

*And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying,  
“To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb  
be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!”*

**Opening Prayer**

***LORD, Our Lord, Your Glorious Name*** #8:1,4 (PH)

LORD, our Lord, your glorious name  
All your wondrous works proclaim;  
In the heavens with radiant signs evermore your glory shines. How great your name!

*Refrain:* LORD, our Lord, in all the earth, how great your name!  
Yours the name of matchless worth,  
Excellent in all the earth. How great your name!

Who are we that we should share in your love and tender care  
Raised to an exalted height, crowned with honor in your sight!  
How great your name! *Refrain*

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***My Jesus, I Love Thee*** #557:1,4 (PH)

My Jesus, I love Thee, I know Thou art mine;  
For Thee all the follies of sin I resign;  
My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art Thou:  
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, ‘tis now.

In mansions of glory and endless delight,  
I’ll ever adore Thee in heaven so bright;  
I’ll sing with the glittering crown on my brow:  
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, ‘tis now.

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***The Church’s One Foundation*** #502:1,2,3,4 (PH)

The Church’s one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord;  
She is His new creation by water and the Word.  
From heaven He came and sought her to be His holy bride;  
With His own blood He bought her, and for her life He died.

Elect from every nation, yet one over all the earth;  
Her charter of salvation: one Lord, one faith, one birth.  
One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,  
And to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder the world sees her oppressed,  
By schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,  
Yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up: “How long?”  
And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

‘Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,  
She waits the consummation of peace forevermore;  
Till with the vision glorious, her longing eyes are blest,  
And the great Church victorious shall be the Church at rest.

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**Profession of Faith:** Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 84

How does preaching the gospel open and close the kingdom of heaven?

**According to the command of Christ:**

**The kingdom of heaven is opened  
by proclaiming and publicly declaring  
to all believers, each and every one, that,  
as often as they accept the gospel promise in true faith,  
God, because of what Christ has done,  
truly forgives all their sins.**

**The kingdom of heaven is closed, however,  
by proclaiming and publicly declaring  
to unbelievers and hypocrites that,  
as long as they do not repent,  
the anger of God and eternal condemnation rest on them.  
God's judgment, both in this life and in the life to come,  
is based on this gospel testimony.**

**Offering:** Mission and Outreach Fund

**Evening Prayer**

***Your Word is Everlasting Truth***

Your Word is everlasting truth. How pure is every page!  
That holy book shall guide my youth and well support my age.  
It's like the sun, a heavenly light that guides us all the day,  
And through the dangers of the night a lamp to lead the way.

Let all the human writers join to form one perfect book,  
Great God, if once compared with Yours, how scant their writings look.  
Not one of all the rules they gave could show one sin forgiven,  
Nor lead one step beyond the grave. But Yours brings us to heaven!

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\* **Scripture:** *Ecclesiastes 9:1-6 (ESV)*

<sup>1</sup> But all this I laid to heart, examining it all, how the righteous and the wise and their deeds are in the hand of God. Whether it is love or hate, man does not know; both are before him. <sup>2</sup> It is the same for all, since the same event happens to the righteous and the wicked, to the good and the evil, to the clean and the unclean, to him who sacrifices and him who does not sacrifice. As the good one is, so is the sinner, and he who swears is as he who shuns an oath. <sup>3</sup> This is an evil in all that is done under the sun, that the same event happens to all. Also, the hearts of the children of man are full of evil, and madness is in their hearts while they live, and after that they go to the dead. <sup>4</sup> But he who is joined with all the living has hope, for a living dog is better than a dead lion. <sup>5</sup> For the living know that they will die, but the dead know nothing, and they have no more reward, for the memory of them is forgotten. <sup>6</sup> Their love and their hate and their envy have already perished, and forever they have no more share in all that is done under the sun.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Message:** *Solomon Against the Grain*

\* **To God Be the Glory**

#473:1,2 (PH)

To God be the glory, great things he has done!  
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,  
Who yielded his life an atonement for sin  
And opened the Life gate that we may go in.

*Refrain:* Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice.  
Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord, let the people rejoice.  
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,  
And give him the glory, great things he has done.

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,  
To every believer the promise of God;  
The vilest offender who truly believes,  
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

*Refrain:* Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice.  
Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord, let the people rejoice.  
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,  
And give him the glory, great things he has done.

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**\* God's Blessing**

**\* *To God Be the Glory* #473:3 (PH)**

Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,  
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;  
But purer and higher and greater will be  
Our wonder, our gladness, when Jesus we see. *Refrain*

*Refrain:* Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord,  
Let the earth hear his voice.  
Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord, let the people rejoice.  
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,  
And give him the glory, great things he has done.

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Pastors: Mike B, Robert W  
Music: Lisa Q

Offering will be received for the Mission and Outreach Fund.

The Missions and Outreach Fund is utilized by the Deacons to assist organizations that need a smaller level of support than a full offering. Often these are for one-time emergencies or capital projects. With the limited number of Sunday offerings available, this allows the Deacons flexibility to offer assistance quickly when needs arise in the community. It is also utilized to fully fund our obligations to our missionaries when the weekly offerings are less than what we have committed to them.

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