

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
July 24, 2022 – 6:00 p.m. Worship Service

Call to Worship: *Revelation 19:6-7*

*Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the roar of many waters and like the sound of mighty peals of thunder, crying out,
"Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns.
Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory,
for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his Bride has made herself ready."*

Opening Prayer

Rejoice, the Lord is King

Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, and triumph evermore:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

His kingdom cannot fail, He rules o'er earth and heaven;
The keys of death and hell are to our Jesus given:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Rejoice in glorious hope! Our Lord the judge shall come
And take His servants up to their eternal home:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

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Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
Well-spring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother, all who live in love are Thine;
Teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

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My Faith Looks Up to Thee

My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine!
Now hear me while I pray; take all my guilt away.
Oh let me from this day be wholly Thine!

May Thy rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart, my zeal inspire.
As Thou has died for me, O may my love to Thee
Pure, warm and changeless be, a living fire.

While life's dark maze I tread, and griefs around me spread be Thou my Guide.
Bid darkness turn to day; wipe sorrow's tears away;
Nor let me ever stray from Thee aside!
O lift me safe above, a ransomed soul!

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Profession of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 58

How does the article concerning "life everlasting" comfort you?
**Even as I already now experience in my heart the beginning of eternal joy,
so after this life I will have perfect blessedness such as
no eye has seen, no ear has heard, no human heart has ever imagined:
a blessedness in which to praise God eternally.**

Offering: Gideons

Evening Prayer

Take Time to Be Holy

Take time to be holy, speak often with God;
Find rest in Him always, and feed on His Word.
Make friends of God's children, help those who are weak;
Forgetting in nothing His blessing to seek.

Take time to be holy, let Him be Thy Guide;
And run not before Him, whatever betide.
In joy or in sorrow, still follow Thy Lord,
And, looking to Jesus, still trust in His word.

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Scripture: *Ecclesiastes 9:7-10 (ESV)*

⁷ Go, eat your bread with joy, and drink your wine with a merry heart, for God has already approved what you do.
⁸ Let your garments be always white. Let not oil be lacking on your head.
⁹ Enjoy life with the wife whom you love, all the days of your vain life that he has given you under the sun, because that is your portion in life and in your toil at which you toil under the sun.
¹⁰ Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with your might, for there is no work or thought or knowledge or wisdom in Sheol, to which you are going.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: *Your Portion in Life*

By the Sea of Crystal

By the sea of crystal saints in glory stand,
Myriads in number, drawn from every land.
Robed in white apparel, washed in Jesus' blood,
They now reign in heaven with the Lamb of God.

Out of tribulation, death, and Satan's hand,
They have been translated at the Lord's command.
In their hands they're holding palms of victory.
Hark! the jubilant chorus shouts triumphantly:

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God's Blessing

By the Sea of Crystal

"Unto God Almighty, sitting on the throne,
And the Lamb, victorious, be the praise alone."
God has wrought salvation; He did wondrous things.
Who shall not extol thee, holy King of kings!

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Pastors: Mike B, Robert W

Music: Lee V

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