

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
August 14, 2022 – 6:00 p.m. Worship Service

Call to Worship: *Proverbs 3:5-6*

*Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding.
In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.*

Opening Prayer

Wonderful Grace of Jesus

Wonderful grace of Jesus, greater than all my sin;
How shall my tongue describe it, where shall its praise begin?
Taking away my burden, setting my spirit free,
For the wonderful grace of Jesus reaches me.

Refrain: Wonderful the matchless grace of Jesus, deeper than the mighty rolling sea;
Higher than the mountain, sparkling like a fountain, all sufficient grace for even me;
Broader than the scope of my transgressions, greater far than all my sin and shame;
O magnify the precious name of Jesus, praise His Name!

Wonderful grace of Jesus, reaching to all the lost,
By it I have been pardoned, saved to the uttermost;
Chains have been torn asunder, giving me liberty,
For the wonderful grace of Jesus reaches me. *Refrain*

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Rock of Ages

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee.
Let the water and the blood, from Thy wounded side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure, save from wrath and make me pure.

Could my tears forever flow? Could my zeal no languor know?
These for sin could not atone; Thou must save, and Thou alone.
In my hand no price I bring; simply to thy cross I cling.

While I draw this fleeting breath, when my eyes shall close in death,
When I rise to worlds unknown, and behold Thee on Thy throne,
Rock of Ages cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee.

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Cleanse Me

Search me, O God, and know my heart today;
Try me, O Savior, know my thoughts, I pray.
See if there be some wicked way in me;
Cleanse me from every sin, and set me free.

Lord, take my life, and make it wholly Thine;
Fill my poor heart with Thy great love divine,
Take all my will, my passion, self and pride,
I now surrender, Lord – in me abide.

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Profession of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 28

How does the knowledge of God's creation and providence help us?

**We can be patient when things go against us,
thankful when things go well,
and for the future we can have
good confidence in our faithful God and Father
that nothing will separate us from his love.
All creatures are so completely in his hand
that without his will
they can neither move nor be moved.**

Offering: Lighthouse Mission Ministries

Evening Prayer

I Hide Your Word Within My Heart

I hide Your Word within my heart to keep me safe from sin;
For where Your truth is in control no lie can enter in.

I shine Your Word upon my path and walk within its light;
For where Your wisdom shines, O Lord, it drives away the night.

I trust Your Word with all my heart and give You thanks and praise;
For all the beauty of Your truth that stands from age to age.

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Scripture: *Ecclesiastes 11:1-6 (ESV)*

¹ Cast your bread upon the waters,
for you will find it after many days.

² Give a portion to seven, or even to eight,
for you know not what disaster may happen on earth.

³ If the clouds are full of rain,
they empty themselves on the earth,
and if a tree falls to the south or to the north,
in the place where the tree falls, there it will lie.

⁴ He who observes the wind will not sow,
and he who regards the clouds will not reap.

⁵ As you do not know the way the spirit comes to the bones in the womb of a woman with child,
so you do not know the work of God who makes everything.

⁶ In the morning sow your seed, and at evening withhold not your hand, for you do not know which will prosper,
this or that, or whether both alike will be good.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: *Cast Your Bread Upon the Waters*

All Praise to Thee, My God

All praise to Thee, my God, this night, for all the blessings of the light!
Keep me, O keep me, King of kings, beneath Thine own almighty wings.

Forgive me, Lord, for Thy dear Son, the ill that I this day have done,
That with the world, myself, and Thee, I, when I sleep, at peace may be.

O may my soul on Thee repose, and with sweet sleep mine eyelids close,
Sleep that may me more vigorous make to serve my God when I awake.

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God's Blessing

All Praise to Thee, My God

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.

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Pastors: Mike B, David W
Music: Sharon A

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