

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
August 28, 2022 – 6:00 a.m. Prayer Service

LOOKING UPWARD

Call to Worship: *Psalm 105:1-5*

Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples!

Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works!

Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!

Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually!

Remember the wondrous works that he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he uttered.

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!

The Lord, our Savior, reigns, the God of truth and love;

When He had purged our stains, He took His seat above:

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!

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Immortal, Invisible, God only Wise

Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,

Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days. Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light, nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;

Thy justice like mountains high soaring above Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light, Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;

All praise we would render: O help us to see 'tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee.

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Call to Confession: *II Chronicles 6:28-31*

"If there is famine in the land, if there is pestilence or blight or mildew or locust or caterpillar, if their enemies besiege them in the land at their gates, whatever plague, whatever sickness there is, whatever prayer, whatever plea is made by any man or by all your people Israel, each knowing his own affliction and his own sorrow and stretching out his hands toward this house, then hear from heaven your dwelling place and forgive and render to each whose heart you know, according to all his ways, for you, you only, know the hearts of the children of mankind, that they may fear you and walk in your ways all the days that they live in the land that you gave to our fathers."

Out of the Depths I Cry

Out of the depths I cry to you on high; Lord, hear my call.

Bend down your ear and listen to my sigh, forgiving all.

If you should mark our sins, who then could stand?

But grace and mercy dwell at your right hand.

I wait for God, I trust his holy word; he hears my sighs.

My soul still waits and looks unto the Lord; my prayers arise.

I look for him to drive away my night,

Yes, more than those who watch for morning light.

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Silent Prayer

Prayer of Repentance

Assurance: *I John 1:9*

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Out of the Depths I Cry

Hope in the Lord: unfailing is his love; in him confide.
Mercy and full redemption from above He does provide.
From sin and evil, mighty though they seem,
His arm almighty will his saints redeem.

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LOOKING FORWARD

Offering: Building the Future Fund

Scripture: *Matthew 7:7-11*

⁷ "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. ⁸ For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. ⁹ Or which one of you, if his son asks him for bread, will give him a stone? ¹⁰ Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a serpent? ¹¹ If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him!"

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

We Are God's People

We are God's people, the chosen of the Lord, born of His Spirit, established by His Word.
Our cornerstone is Christ alone, and strong in Him we stand;
O let us live transparently and walk heart to heart and hand in hand.

We are God's loved ones, the Bride of Christ, our Lord, for we have known it, the love of God out-poured.
Now let us learn how to return the gift of love once given;
O let us share each joy and care and live with a zeal that pleases heaven.

We are the Body of which the Lord is Head, called to obey Him, now risen from the dead.
He wills us be a family diverse, yet truly one;
O let us give our gifts to God and so shall His work on earth be done.

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Prayer for the New Church Year

You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim

You servants of God, your Master proclaim, and publish abroad His wonderful name;
The name, all victorious, of Jesus extol: His kingdom is glorious, He rules over all.

God ruleth on high, almighty to save, and still He is nigh, His presence we have;
The great congregation His triumph shall sing, ascribing salvation to Jesus, our King.

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God's Blessing

You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim

Then let us adore and give Him His right: all glory and power, all wisdom and might,
All honor and blessing with angels above and thanks never ceasing and infinite love.

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Pastors: Mike B, Robert W
Prayer: Mike B, David W
Music: Lee VB

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