

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
September 11, 2022 – 6:00 p.m. Worship Service

Call to Worship: *Revelation 15:3-4*

Great and amazing are your deeds, O Lord God the Almighty!

Just and true are your ways, O King of the nations!

Who will not fear, O Lord, and glorify your name?

For you alone are holy.

All nations will come and worship you, for your righteous acts have been revealed.

Opening Prayer

Crown Him With Many Crowns

Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne,
While heaven's eternal anthem drowns all music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died to be
Your Savior and your matchless King through all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of life, triumphant over the grave,
Who rose victorious from the strife for those He came to save.
His glories now we sing who died and reigns on high;
He died, eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

Crown him the Lord of peace; His kingdom is at hand.
From pole to pole let warfare cease and Christ rule every land!
All hail, Redeemer, hail, for you have died for me.
Your praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.

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LORD, Our Lord, Your Glorious Name

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!

Moon and stars in shining height nightly tell their Maker's might;
When I view the heavens afar, then I know how small we are. How great your name! *Refrain*

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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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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Profession of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A57

What comfort does the "resurrection of the body" afford you?

**That not only my soul after this life shall be immediately taken up to Christ its Head;
but also, that this my body, raised by the power of Christ,
shall be reunited with my soul, and made like unto the glorious body of Christ.**

Offering: Steve & Sandy

Evening Prayer

Scripture: *Ecclesiastes 11:7 – 12:8 (ESV)*

⁷ *Light is sweet, and it is pleasant for the eyes to see the sun.*

⁸ *So if a person lives many years, let him rejoice in them all; but let him remember that the days of darkness will be many. All that comes is vanity.*

⁹ *Rejoice, O young man, in your youth, and let your heart cheer you in the days of your youth. Walk in the ways of your heart and the sight of your eyes. But know that for all these things God will bring you into judgment.*

¹⁰ *Remove vexation from your heart, and put away pain from your body, for youth and the dawn of life are vanity.*

^{12:1} *Remember also your Creator in the days of your youth, before the evil days come and the years draw near of which you will say, "I have no pleasure in them"; ² before the sun and the light and the moon and the stars are darkened and the clouds return after the rain, ³ in the day when the keepers of the house tremble, and the strong men are bent, and the grinders cease because they are few, and those who look through the windows are dimmed, ⁴ and the doors on the street are shut—when the sound of the grinding is low, and one rises up at the sound of a bird, and all the daughters of song are brought low— ⁵ they are afraid also of what is high, and terrors are in the way; the almond tree blossoms, the grasshopper drags itself along, and desire fails, because man is going to his eternal home, and the mourners go about the streets— ⁶ before the silver cord is snapped, or the golden bowl is broken, or the pitcher is shattered at the fountain, or the wheel broken at the cistern, ⁷ and the dust returns to the earth as it was, and the spirit returns to God who gave it. ⁸ Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher; all is vanity.*

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: *The Lord of Our Life*

Abide With Me

Abide with me; fast falls the eventide.
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away.
Change and decay in all around I see.
O Lord who changes not, abide with me.

I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless;
Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still if Thou abide with me.

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God's Blessing

Abide With Me

Hold now Your Word before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee!
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me!

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Pastors: Mike B

Music: Lisa Q

Offering will be received for Steve & Sandy, serving in Canada ministering to a people group from northeastern Africa. Their focus is building relationships with people from this group to open opportunities to present the good news of Jesus Christ. They do this through activities such as fixing and giving out bikes, tutoring homework, and teaching English as a second language.