

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
September 18, 2022 – 6:00 p.m. Worship Service

Call to Worship: *Psalm 105:1-4*

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!

Opening Prayer

His Name is Wonderful

His name is Wonderful, His name is Wonderful, His name is Wonderful, Jesus my Lord;

He is the mighty King, Master of everything, His name is Wonderful, Jesus my Lord.

He's the great Shepherd, the Rock of all ages, almighty God is He;

Bow down before Him, love and adore Him, His name is Wonderful, Jesus my Lord.

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Amazing Grace

Amazing Grace! How sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!

I once was lost but now am found, was blind but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;

How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures;

He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

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Bless the Lord, O My Soul

Refrain: Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul, worship His holy name.

Sing like never before, O my soul, I worship your holy name.

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning.

It's time to sing your song again.

Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me,

Let me be singing when the evening comes. *Refrain*

You're rich in love and you're slow to anger.

Your name is great and your heart is kind.

For all your goodness, I will keep on singing,

Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find. *Refrain*

And on that day when my strength is failing,

The end draws near and my time has come,

Soon my soul will sing your praise unending,

Ten thousand years and then forever more. *Refrain*

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Profession of Faith: *Psalm 111:2-10*

Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them.

Full of splendor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever.

He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered; the LORD is gracious and merciful.

He provides food for those who fear him; he remembers his covenant forever.

He has shown his people the power of his works, in giving them the inheritance of the nations.

The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy;

they are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.

He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever.

Holy and awesome is his name!

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding.

His praise endures forever!

Offering

Evening Prayer

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Come, thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's redeeming love.

Here I find my greatest treasure; hither by thy help I've come;
And I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger, bought me with his precious blood.

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Scripture: *Ecclesiastes 12:8-14 (ESV)*

⁸ *Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher; all is vanity.*

⁹ *Besides being wise, the Preacher also taught the people knowledge, weighing and studying and arranging many proverbs with great care.* ¹⁰ *The Preacher sought to find words of delight, and uprightly he wrote words of truth.*

¹¹ *The words of the wise are like goads, and like nails firmly fixed are the collected sayings; they are given by one Shepherd.* ¹² *My son, beware of anything beyond these. Of making many books there is no end, and much study is a weariness of the flesh.*

¹³ *The end of the matter; all has been heard. Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man.* ¹⁴ *For God will bring every deed into judgment, with every secret thing, whether good or evil.*

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: *The End of the Matter, Fear God*

O Give The LORD Wholehearted Praise

O give the LORD wholehearted praise. To him thanksgiving I will bring;
With all his people I will raise my voice and of his glory sing.

His works are true and just indeed; His precepts are forever sure.
In truth and righteousness decreed, they shall forevermore endure.

In reverence and in godly fear we find the key to wisdom's ways;
The wise his holy name revere. Through endless ages sound his praise!

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God's Blessing

To God Be the Glory

To God be the glory, to God be the glory,
To God be the glory for the things he has done:
With his blood he has saved me; with his power he has raised me.
To God be the glory for the things he has done.

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