

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
January 22, 2023 ~ 10:30 AM Worship Service

Call to Worship: *Psalm 97:12, 145:1-3*

*Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous, and give thanks to his holy name!
I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever.
Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever.
Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable.*

God's Greeting

One Generation Will Call to the Next

We will extol you, God and King and bless your holy name.
Day after day we'll sing your praise; forever and forever.

Refrain: One generation will call to the next: "Our God is good, and his hand is strong!"
All of the world sings his marvelous acts, and our voice will join with theirs in the song.

Great is the Lord! In all his ways He's greatly to be praised.
Were we to search for endless days, His greatness none could fathom. *Refrain*

We contemplate the splendor of the world your hand has made.
Far greater still the majesty we see in the Creator! *Refrain*

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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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Jesus Loves Me, This I Know

Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so;
Little ones to Him belong, they are weak but He is strong.

Refrain: Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus love me, the Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me, he who died heaven's gate to open wide.
He will wash away my sin, let his little child come in. *Refrain*

Jesus loves me, this I know, as he loved so long ago,
Taking children on his knee, saying, "Let them come to me." *Refrain*

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Call to Confession: *Psalm 139:23-24*

Prayer of Confession

**O Lord, You have examined our hearts and know everything about us.
You know when we sit down or stand up. You know our thoughts from afar.
You see when we walk or lie down, You know every detail of our conduct.
You even know what we are going to say before we say it.
Such knowledge is too wonderful for us, too great for us to understand.
Cleanse us from hidden faults. Keep us from deliberate sins. Don't let them control us.
Then we will be free of guilt, and innocent of serious wrong-doing.
Instead, let the words of our mouths and the meditation of our hearts be acceptable in Your sight,
O LORD, our rock and our redeemer.**

Assurance: *Psalm 139:13-18*

Every Promise

From the breaking of the dawn to the setting of the sun, I will stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.
Words of power, strong to save, that will never pass away, I will stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.
For Your covenant is sure, and on this I am secure, I can stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.

When I stumble and I sin, condemnation pressing in, I will stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.
You are faithful to forgive that in freedom I might live, so I stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.
Guilt to innocence restored, You remember sins no more, so I'll stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.

Hope that lifts me from despair, love that casts out ev'ry fear, as I stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.
Not forsaken, not alone, for the Comforter has come, and I stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.
Grace sufficient, grace for me, grace for all who will believe, we will stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.

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Offertory Prayer & Offering: Lynden Human Life

Morning Prayer

Scripture: Psalm 71:9, 17-18 (ESV)

⁹ Do not cast me off in the time of old age; forsake me not when my strength is spent.

¹⁷ O God, from my youth you have taught me, and I still proclaim your wondrous deeds.

¹⁸ So even to old age and gray hairs, O God, do not forsake me,
until I proclaim your might to another generation, your power to all those to come.

Psalm 92:12-15 (ESV)

¹² The righteous flourish like the palm tree and grow like a cedar in Lebanon.

¹³ They are planted in the house of the LORD; they flourish in the courts of our God.

¹⁴ They still bear fruit in old age; they are ever full of sap and green,

¹⁵ to declare that the LORD is upright; he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.

Isaiah 46:4 (ESV)

Even to your old age I am he, and to gray hairs I will carry you. I have made, and I will bear; I will carry and will save.

II Corinthians 4:16-18 (ESV)

¹⁶ So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day.

¹⁷ For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, ¹⁸ as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: Sanctity of Old Age, Growing Old to the Glory of God

Rejoice, O Pure in Heart

Rejoice, O pure in heart, rejoice, give thanks, and sing; your festal banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing!

Bright youth and snow-crowned age, both men and women, raise
On high your free, exulting song, declare God's wondrous praise. Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing!

Still lift your standard high, still chanting as you go, from youth to age, by night and day, in gladness and in woe.

Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing!

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God's Blessing

Rejoice, O Pure in Heart

Praise God, who reigns on high, the Lord whom we adore: the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, one God forevermore.

Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing!

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