

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
January 22, 2023 ~ 6:00 PM Worship Service

Call to Worship: *Psalm 134:1-3*

*Come, bless the LORD, all you servants of the LORD, who stand by night in the house of the LORD!
Lift up your hands to the holy place and bless the LORD!
May the LORD bless you from Zion, he who made heaven and earth!*

Opening Prayer

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father!
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not:
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

Refrain: Great is Thy faithfulness, great is Thy faithfulness,
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided.
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. *Refrain*

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In Christ Alone

In Christ alone, my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song,
This Cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
My Comforter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ, I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God, in helpless Babe.
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save.
'Til on the cross, as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied.
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid, here in the death of Christ I live.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ in me.
From life's first cry, to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from His hand.
'Til He returns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

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How Deep the Father's Love for Us

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss; the Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.

Behold the Man upon the cross, my sin upon His shoulders.
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life. I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything; no gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom.
But I will boast in Jesus Christ: His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer.
But this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ransom.

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Profession of Faith: Nicene Creed

**I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
and of all things visible and invisible.**
**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only begotten of the Father before all worlds,
God from God,
Light from light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made;
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made.**
**Who, for us and for our salvation came down from heaven;
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried;
the third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures.
and ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
and he will come again, with glory,
to judge the living and the dead;
whose kingdom shall have no end.**
**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together
is worshiped and glorified;
who spoke by the prophets.**
**And I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
I acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins;
and I look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Offering: Lynden Human Life

Evening Prayer

How Shall the Young Direct Their Way

O blessed Lord, teach me your law, Your righteous judgments I declare;
Your testimonies make me glad, for they are wealth beyond compare.

Upon your precepts and your ways my heart will meditate with awe;
Your Word shall be my chief delight, and I will not forget your law.

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Scripture: Exodus 20:1-3

¹ And God spoke all these words, saying,

² "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

³ "You shall have no other gods before me.

I John 5:21

²¹ Little children, keep yourselves from idols.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: *No Fake God*

Jesus Calls Us; O'er the Tumult

In our joys and in our sorrows, days of work and hours of ease,
Still he calls, in cares and pleasures, "Christian, love me more than these."

Jesus calls us! By your mercy, Savior, may we hear your call,
Give our hearts to your obedience, serve and love you best of all.

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God's Blessing

Our God Reigns

How lovely on the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, good news
Announcing peace, proclaiming news of happiness. Our God reigns; our God reigns!
Our God reigns; our God reigns! Our God reigns; our God reigns!

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Music: Sharon A

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