

First Christian Reformed Church  
Lynden, Washington  
January 29, 2023 ~ 6:00 PM Worship Service

**Call to Worship:** *Psalm 96:1-4*

*Oh sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth!  
Sing to the LORD, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.  
Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!  
For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; he is to be feared above all gods.*

**Opening Prayer**

***Now With Joyful Exultation***

Now with joyful exultation let us sing to God our praise;  
To the Rock of our salvation loud hosannas let us raise.  
Thankful tribute gladly bringing, let us come before him now,  
And, with psalms his praises singing, joyful in his presence bow.

For how great a God, and glorious, is the Lord of whom we sing;  
Over idol gods victorious, great is he, our God and King.  
In his hand are earth's deep places, also his are all the hills;  
His the sea whose bounds he traces, his the land his bounty fills.

To the Lord, such might revealing, let us come with reverence meet,  
And, before our Maker kneeling, let us worship at his feet.  
He is our own God who leads us, we the people of his care;  
With a shepherd's hand he feeds us as his flock in pastures fair.

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***God's Glory Fills the Heavens***

God's perfect law revives the soul; its precepts make the simple wise.  
Its just commands rejoice the heart; its truth gives light unto the eyes.  
Forever shall this law endure: unblemished, righteous, true, complete.  
No gold was ever found so fine, no honey in the comb more sweet.

God's servant may I ever be: this world my joy, that word my guide.  
O cleanse me, LORD, from secret sin; deliver me from selfish pride.  
Accept my thoughts and words and deeds; let them find favor in your sight.  
For you alone can make me whole, O LORD, my refuge and my might.

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***O God, You Are My God***

O God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you.  
O God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you.  
I will seek you in the morning, and I will learn to walk in your ways.  
And step by step you'll lead me, and I will follow you all of my days. *Repeat All*

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**Profession of Faith:** Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 94, 95

What does the Lord require in the first commandment?

**That I, not wanting to endanger my very salvation,  
avoid and shun all idolatry, magic, superstitious rites,  
and prayer to saints or to other creatures.**

**That I sincerely acknowledge the only true God, trust him alone,  
look to him for every good thing humbly and patiently,  
love him, fear him, and honor him with all my heart.**

**In short, that I give up anything rather than go against his will in any way.**

What is idolatry?

**Idolatry is having or inventing something in which one trusts  
in place of or alongside of the only true God, who has revealed himself in his Word.**

**Offering:** Jeff & Melissa

***Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying***

Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place;  
Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us power, send us grace!

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**Evening Prayer**

***Your Word Sheds Light Upon My Path***

Your word sheds light upon my path; a shining light, it guides my feet.  
Your righteous judgments to observe, my solemn vow I now repeat.

In my distress I plead with you; send help according to your word.  
Accept my sacrifice of praise and make known your judgments Lord.

When danger brings me close to death, your law stays with me night and day.

The wicked lay a snare for me, yet from your truth I will not stray.

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**Scripture:** *Exodus 20:1-3*

<sup>1</sup> *And God spoke all these words, saying,* <sup>2</sup> *"I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.* <sup>3</sup> *"You shall have no other gods before me.*

*Deuteronomy 6:5*

<sup>5</sup> *You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.*

*I Chronicles 28:9*

<sup>9</sup> *"And you, Solomon my son, know the God of your father and serve him with a whole heart and with a willing mind, for the LORD searches all hearts and understands every plan and thought. If you seek him, he will be found by you, but if you forsake him, he will cast you off forever.*

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Message:** *Only One True God*

***Blessed Jesus, at Your Word***

Blessed Jesus, at your word we are gathered all to hear you.  
Let our hearts and souls be stirred now to seek and love and fear you.  
By your gospel pure and holy, teach us, Lord, to love You solely.

Glorious Lord, yourself impart; light of Light, from God proceeding,  
Open lips and ears and heart; help us by your Spirit's leading.  
Hear the cry your church now raises; Lord, accept our prayers and praises.

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**God's Blessing**

***The Heavens Declare Your Glory***

All heaven on high rejoices to do its Maker's will;  
The stars with solemn voices resound your praises still.  
So let my whole behavior; each thought, each deed I do,  
Be, Lord, my strength, my Savior, a ceaseless song to you.

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