

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
February 5, 2023 ~ 6:00 PM 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

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee.

Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye made blind by sin Thy glory may not see.
Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
Perfect in power, in love, in purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth, and sky, and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity.

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Praise to the Lord the Almighty

Praise to the Lord! The Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is your health and salvation!
Come, all who hear, brothers and sisters, draw near, join me in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning,
Sheltering you under his wings, oh, so gently sustaining.
Have you not seen all that is needful has been sent by his gracious ordaining?

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before Him!
Let the Amen sound from His people again, gladly forever adore Him!

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How Blest Are They Who, Fearing God

How blest are they who make God's law their treasure and delight,
And meditate upon that word with gladness day and night.

Their lives are nourished like a tree set by the river's side
Its leaf is green, its fruit is sure: so all their works abide.

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Profession of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 96, 97, 98

What does God require in the second commandment?

**That we in no wise make any image of God,
nor worship Him in any other way than He has commanded us in His Word.**

May we not make any image at all?

**God may not and cannot be imaged in any way; as for creatures, though they may indeed be imaged,
yet God forbids the making or keeping any likeness of them, either to worship them, or to serve God by them.**

But may not images be tolerated in churches as books for the people?

**No, for we should not be wiser than God, who will not have His people taught by dumb idols,
but by the lively preaching of His word.**

Offering: First CRC Cadets

Evening Prayer

Keep What You Have Believed

Keep what you have believed, continue what you learned,
Because you know from whom you learned the Holy Word of God.
That Word will make you wise through faith in Jesus Christ;
Salvation comes to those who trust in God with steadfast hope.

All Scripture is God-breathed, and useful for our lives
To teach, rebuke, correct, and train in righteousness and faith,
So that the church may grow, God's people be equipped
For all good work to serve our God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

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Scripture: *Exodus 20:4-6 (ESV)*

⁴ “You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ⁵ You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, ⁶ but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: *Worship and the Will of God, Part I*

When We Walk With the Lord

When we walk with the Lord in the light of his Word,
What a glory he sheds on our way!
While we do his good will he abides with us still,
And with all who will trust and obey.

Refrain: Trust and obey, for there's no other way
To be happy in Jesus but to trust and obey.

But we never can prove the delights of his love
Until all on the altar we lay;
For the favor he shows and the joy he bestows
Are for those who will trust and obey. *Refrain*

Then in fellowship sweet we will sit at his feet,
Or we'll walk by his side in the way;
What he says we will do, where he sends we will go,
Never fear, only trust and obey. *Refrain*

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God's Blessing

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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Pastors: Mike B, Robert W
Music: Nancy Z

Offering will be received for the First CRC Cadets, a ministry for 1st–8th grade boys and is led by Brian Stokes and assisted by several other men in the congregation. For more information, talk to Brian, or any other Cadet leader or visit www.calvinistcadets.org.

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