

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
February 12, 2023 ~ 10:30 AM Worship Service

Call to Worship: *Psalm 148:1-2, 13*

*Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights!
Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his hosts!
Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted;
his majesty is above earth and heaven. Praise the LORD.*

God's Greeting

Praise the Lord, Sing Hallelujah

Praise the Lord, sing hallelujah, from the heavens praise his name;
Praise the Lord, our great Creator; all his angels, praise proclaim.
All his hosts, together praise him, sun and moon and stars on high;
Praise the Lord, O heavens of heavens, and the floods above the sky.

Let them praise the Lord their Maker: they were made at his command.
God established them forever; his decree shall ever stand.
Let the earth sing hallelujah: raging seas, you monsters all,
Fire and hail and snow and vapors, stormy winds hear that his call.

All you fruitful trees and cedars, every hill and mountain high,
Creeping things and beasts and cattle, birds that in the heavens fly,
Kings of earth and all you people, princes great, earth's judges all;
Praise his name, young men and maidens, aged men, and children small.

Refrain: Praise the Lord, sing hallelujah, for his name alone is high,
And his glory is exalted, and his glory is exalted,
And his glory is exalted, far above the earth and sky.

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Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days. Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.

To all, life Thou givest, to both great and small; in all life Thou livest, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree, and wither and perish – but naught changeth Thee.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light, Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;
All praise we would render: O help us to see 'tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee.

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Search Me, O God

Search me, O God, and know my heart today; try me, O Savior, know my thoughts, I pray.
See if there be some wicked way in me; cleanse me from every sin, and set me free.

Lord, take my life, and make it wholly Thine; fill my poor heart with Thy great love divine,
Take all my will, my passion, self and pride, I now surrender, Lord – in me abide.

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Call to Confession: *Isaiah 30:15, 18*

*For thus said the Lord GOD, the Holy One of Israel,
"In returning and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and in trust shall be your strength."
But you were unwilling.
Therefore the LORD waits to be gracious to you, and therefore he exalts himself to show mercy to you.
For the LORD is a God of justice; blessed are all those who wait for him.*

Prayer of Confession

Assurance: *Isaiah 42:6*

*"I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness; I will take you by the hand and keep you;
I will give you as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations."*

He Will Hold Me Fast

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;
When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast.
I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path;
For my love is often cold; He must hold me fast.

Refrain: He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;
For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

Those He saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast;
Precious in His holy sight, He will hold me fast.
He'll not let my soul be lost; His promises shall last;
Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast. *Refrain*

For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;
Justice has been satisfied, He will hold me fast.
Raised with Him to endless life; He will hold me fast.
Till our faith is turned to sight, when He comes at last. *Refrain*

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Offertory Prayer & Offering: Christian School Tuition Assistance

Morning Prayer

Christ the Eternal Lord

Christ the unchanging Word to every passing age,
Whose timeless teachings still are heard set forth on Scripture's page;
Transform our thought and mind, enlighten all who read,
Within your word by faith to find the bread of life indeed.

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Scripture: *Romans 1:1-2 (ESV)*

¹ Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God,
² which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy Scriptures.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: *Paul, A Slave of Christ*

Have Thine Own Way, Lord

Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way! Thou art the potter, I am the clay!
Mold me and make me after Thy will, while I am waiting, yielded and still.

Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way! Hold o'er my being absolute sway!
Fill with Thy Spirit 'til all shall see Christ only, always, living in me!

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God's Blessing

Now Blessed Be the Lord Our God

Now blessed be the Lord our God, the God of Israel,
For He alone does wondrous works: His glorious deeds excel;
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And blessed be His glorious name through all eternity;
The whole earth let His glory fill: Amen! so shall it be;
The whole earth let His glory fill: Amen! so shall it be.

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Offering will be received for Christian School Tuition Assistance, a fund used to help cover tuition cost of First church families who send their children to Christian schools.

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