

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
March 5, 2023 ~ 6:00 PM Worship Service

Call to Worship: *Psalm 92 - A Song for the Sabbath*

*It is good to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praises to your name, O Most High;
to declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your faithfulness by night,
to the music of the lute and the harp, to the melody of the lyre.*

For you, O LORD, have made me glad by your work; at the works of your hands I sing for joy.

Opening Prayer

The Church's One Foundation

The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord
She is His new creation by water and the word;
From heaven He came and sought her to be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her, and for her life He died.

Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation, one Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.

Yet she on earth hath union with God, the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won;
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we
Like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with Thee.

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My Soul Finds Rest In God Alone (to the tune *How Vast the Benefits Divine*)

My soul finds rest in God alone; on Him my help depends.
He is my fortress and my rock; salvation sure He sends.
My foes conspire to bring me down; they scorn my troubled state.
Their lips are quick to sound my praise, but in their hearts they hate.

Find rest, my soul in God alone; on Him my hope depends.
He is my fortress and my rock; salvation sure He sends.
My aid and honor come from God, my refuge strong and sure.
Let all God's servants trust the Lord; in Him we are secure.

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Like a River Glorious

Like a river glorious is God's perfect peace, over all victorious in its bright increase;
Perfect, yet it floweth fuller every day; perfect, yet it groweth deeper all the way.

Refrain: Trusting in the Father, hearts are fully blest,
Finding, as he promised, perfect peace and rest.

Every joy or testing comes from God above, given to His children as an act of love;
We may trust Him fully all for us to do, those who trust Him wholly find Him wholly true. *Refrain*

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Profession of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism Q & A #103

What is God's will for you in the fourth commandment?

First,

**that the gospel ministry and education for it be maintained,
and that, especially on the festive day of rest,
I regularly attend the assembly of God's people to learn what God's Word teaches,
to participate in the sacraments, to pray to God publicly,
and to bring Christian offerings for the poor.**

Second,

**that every day of my life I rest from my evil ways,
let the Lord work in me through his Spirit,
and so begin already in this life the eternal Sabbath.**

Offering: Christian School Tuition Assistance

Evening Prayer

Nearer, Still Nearer

Nearer, still nearer, close to Thy heart, draw me, my Savior, so precious Thou art;
Fold me, O fold me close to Thy breast, shelter me safe in that "Haven of Rest,"
Shelter me safe in that "Haven of Rest."

Nearer, still nearer, while life shall last, 'til safe in glory my anchor is cast;
Through endless ages, ever to be, nearer, my Savior, still nearer to Thee,
Nearer, my Savior, still nearer to Thee.

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Scripture: *Exodus 20:8-11; 23:12 (ESV)*

⁸ "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. ⁹ Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, ¹⁰ but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. ¹¹ For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

¹² "Six days you shall do your work, but on the seventh day you shall rest; that your ox and your donkey may have rest, and the son of your servant woman, and the alien, may be refreshed.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: *The Fourth Commandment: Eat Your Vegetables*

O Day of Rest and Gladness

O day of rest and gladness, O day of joy and light.
O balm of care and sadness, most beautiful, most bright.
On Thee the high and lowly, through ages joined in tune.
Sing, "Holy, holy, holy," to the great God Triune.

On thee, at the creation, the light first had its birth;
On thee, for our salvation Christ rose from depths of earth;
On thee our Lord victorious the Spirit sent from heaven,
And thus on thee, most glorious a triple light was given.

New graces ever gaining, from this our day of rest.
We reach the rest remaining, to spirits of the blest.
To Holy Ghost be praises, to Father and to Son.
The Church her voice upraises, to Thee blest Three in One.

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God's Blessing

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

Sent forth by God's blessing our true faith confessing, the people of God from this dwelling take leave.

The service is ended, O now be extended the fruits of our worship in all who believe.

The seed of the teaching, receptive souls reaching, shall blossom in action for God and for all.

God's grace did invite us, and love shall unite us to work for God's kingdom and answer the call.

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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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