First Christian Reformed Church

Lynden, Washington March 19, 2023 ~ 6:00 PM Worship Service

Call to Worship: Psalm 27:4, 6b

One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his temple. I will sing and make melody to the LORD.

Opening Prayer

I Will Enter His Gates with Thanksgiving

I will enter His gates with thanksgiving in my heart. I will enter His courts with praise. I will say, "This is the day that the Lord has made." I will rejoice for He has made me glad. He has made me glad, He has made me glad. He has made me glad. He has made me glad, He has made me glad,

I will rejoice for He has made me glad. Repeat all

Trust and Obey

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.

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*

Take Time to Be Holy

Take time to be holy, speak oft with thy Lord; abide in Him always and feed on His Word. Make friends with God's children, help those who are weak; forgetting in nothing His blessing to seek.

Take time to be holy, the world rushes on; spend much time in secret with Jesus alone. By looking to Jesus, like Him thou shalt be; Thy friends in thy conduct His likeness shall see.

Take time to be holy, let Him be thy Guide, and run not before Him, whatever betide. In joy or in sorrow still follow thy Lord, and looking to Jesus, still trust in His Word. ("Tale Time to Be Holy" words William D. Longstaff and music by George C. Stebbins, © Public Domain, CCLI #358926, Streaming License #20317932)

Profession of Faith: Psalm 1

Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers. The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away. Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous; for the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

Offering: Samaritan's Purse – Earthquake Relief Turkey

Evening Prayer

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love; The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

Before our Father's throne we pour our ardent prayers;

Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.

We share our mutual woes, our mutual burdens bear, And often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.

Scripture: Exodus 20:8-11 (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.

Deuteronomy 5:15

¹⁵ You shall remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the LORD your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm. Therefore the LORD your God commanded you to keep the Sabbath day.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: The Fourth Commandment: Enjoy Your Chocolate

I Am Thine, O Lord

I am Thine, O Lord; I have heard Thy voice, and it told Thy love to me; But I long to rise in the arms of faith and be closer drawn to Thee.

Refrain: Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord, to the cross where Thou hast died;

Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord to Thy precious, bleeding side.

Consecrate me now to Thy service, Lord, by the power of grace divine;

Let my soul look up with a steadfast hope and my will be lost in Thine. Refrain

O the pure delight of a single hour that before Thy throne I spend,

When I kneel in prayer and with Thee, my God, I commune as friend with friend. Refrain

God's Blessing

Take the Name of Jesus With You

Take the name of Jesus ever, as protection everywhere;

If temptations round you gather, breathe that holy name in prayer.

Refrain: Precious name, O how sweet! Hope of earth and joy of heaven.

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Pastors: David W, Robert W

Music: Sharon A

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