First Christian Reformed Church

Lynden, Washington April 23, 2023 ~ 6:00 PM Worship Service

Call to Worship: Psalm 92:1-2

It is good to praise the LORD and make music to your name, O Most High, to proclaim your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night.

Opening Prayer

God is Here

God is here! As we, your people, meet to offer praise and prayer, May we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share: Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts Wait the coming of His Spirit into open minds and hearts

Here are symbols to remind us of our lifelong need of grace; Here are table, font and pulpit; here the Word has central place. Here in honesty of preaching, here in silence, as in speech, Here in newness and renewal God the Spirit comes to each.

Lord of all, of Church and Kingdom, in an age of change and doubt, Keep us faithful to the gospel, help us work your purpose out. Here, in this day's celebration, all we have to give, receive; We who cannot live without you, we adore you! We believe.

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Here I Am to Worship

Light of the world, You stepped down into darkness, opened my eyes let me see. Beauty that made this heart adore You, hope of a life spent with You.

Refrain: So here I am to worship, here I am to bow down

Here I am to say that You're my God.

You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy, altogether wonderful to me.

King of all days, oh so highly exalted, glorious in heaven above.

Humbly You came to the earth You created, all for love's sake became poor. Refrain

He Leadeth Me

He leadeth me! O blessed thought! O words with heavenly comfort fraught! Whate'er I do, where'er I be, still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

Refrain: He leadeth me, He leadeth me; by His own hand He leadeth me: His faithful follower I would be, for by His hand he leadeth me.

Lord, I would clasp Thy hand in mine, nor ever murmur nor repine; Content, whatever lot I see, since 'tis Thy hand that leadeth me. *Refrain* "He Leadeth Me" would be Joseph He Gilbote. music by William Baddury O Public Domain CCLI #558926 Streaming License

Profession of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 105-106

What is God's will for you in the sixth commandment? I am not to belittle, insult, hate, or kill my neighbor—not by my thoughts, my words, my look or gesture, and certainly not by actual deeds—and I am not to be party to this in others;

rather, I am to put away all desire for revenge.

I am not to harm or recklessly endanger myself either.

Prevention of murder is also why government is armed with the sword.

Does this commandment refer only to killing?

By forbidding murder God teaches us

that he hates the root of murder: envy, hatred, anger, vindictiveness.

In God's sight all such are murder.

Offering: Ken & Chris

Evening Prayer

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

O soul, are you weary and troubled? No light in the darkness you see? There's light for a look at the Savior, and life more abundant and free!

Refrain: Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in His wonderful face,

And the things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of His glory and grace.

His word shall not fail you – He promised; believe Him, and all will be well:

Then go to a world that is dying, His perfect salvation to tell! Refrain

Scripture: Exodus 20:13 (ESV) "You shall not murder.

Matthew 5:21-22 (ESV)

²¹ "You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.' ²² But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, 'You fool!' will be liable to the hell of fire.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: You Shall Not Murder, You Shall Do No Harm

My Jesus, I Love Thee

My Jesus, I love Thee, I know Thou art mine;

For Thee all the follies of sin I resign;

My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art Thou:

If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I love Thee because Thou hast first loved me,

And purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree;

I love Thee for wearing the thorns on Thy brow:

If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

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God's Blessing

Lord, Be Glorified

In our lives, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.

In our lives, Lord, be glorified, today.

In our church, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.

In our church, Lord, be glorified, today.

In our world, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.

In our world, Lord, be glorified, today.

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