

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
May 7, 2023 ~ 6:00 PM Worship Service

Call to Worship: *Psalm 100:4-5*

*Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name!
For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.*

Opening Prayer

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father!
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not:
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

Refrain: Great is Thy faithfulness, great is Thy faithfulness,
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! *Refrain*

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O Father, You Are Sovereign

O Father, You are sovereign in all the worlds You made;
Your mighty Word was spoken and light and life obeyed.
Your voice commands the seasons and bounds the ocean's shore,
Set stars within their courses and stills the tempest's roar.

O Father, You are sovereign in all affairs of man;
No powers of death or darkness can thwart Your perfect plan.
All chance and change transcending supreme in time and space,
You hold Your trusting children secure in Your embrace.

O Father, You are sovereign we see You dimly now,
But soon before Your triumph earth's every knee shall bow.
With this glad hope before us our faith springs up anew;
Our Sovereign Lord and Savior, we trust and worship You.

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O Jesus, I Have Promised

O Jesus, I have promised, to serve Thee to the end;
Be Thou forever near me, my Master and my Friend:
I shall not fear the battle if Thou art by my side,
Nor wander from the pathway if Thou wilt be my Guide.

O let me feel Thee near me, the world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear:
My foes are ever near me, around me and within;
But, Jesus, draw Thou nearer, and shield my soul from sin.

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Profession of Faith: *Philippians 2:6-11*

*Who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped,
but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.
And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death,
even death on a cross.
Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*

Offering: GLOW Girls Club

Evening Prayer

Open My Eyes, That I May See

Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth You have for me;
Place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unlock and set me free.
Silently now I wait for You, ready, my God, Your will to do;
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my ears, that I may hear voices of truth so sharp and clear;
And while the message sounds in my ear, everything else will disappear.
Silently now I wait for You, ready, my God, Your will to do;
Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!

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Scripture: *Exodus 20:13 (ESV)*

¹³ "You shall not murder.

Galatians 6:9-10

⁹ Let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. ¹⁰ So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.

1 Thessalonians 5:14-15

¹⁴ We urge you, brothers, admonish the idle, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with them all. ¹⁵ See that no one repays anyone evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to everyone.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: *You Shall Not Murder, You Shall Do Good*

Lord, Speak to Me

Lord, speak to me that I may speak in living echoes of Thy tone.
As Thou hast sought, so let me seek Thy erring children lost and lone.

O teach me, Lord, that I may teach the precious things Thou dost impart;
And wing my words, that they may reach the hidden depths of many a heart.

O use me, Lord, use even me, just as Thou wilt, and when, and where,
Until Thy blessed face I see, Thy rest, Thy joy, Thy glory share.

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God's Blessing

Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise

Grant us Thy peace upon our homeward way;
With Thee began, with Thee shall end the day.
Guard Thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,
That in this house have called upon Thy name.

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