

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
May 21, 2023 ~ 6:00 PM Worship Service

Call to Worship *from Psalm 119*

Praise be to you, O Lord.

You are my portion; I have promised to obey your words.

I rejoice in following your statutes as one rejoices in great riches.

I long for your salvation, O Lord, and your law is my delight.

May your unfailing love come to me, O Lord, Your salvation according to your promise.

To all who love the Lord and delight to do his will:

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Opening Prayer

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.

In mansions of glory and endless delight,

I'll ever adore Thee in heaven so bright;

I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow:

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

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Dwell in Me, O Blessed Spirit

Dwell in me, O blessed Spirit! How I need your help divine!

In the way of life eternal, keep, O keep this heart of mine.

Refrain: Dwell in me, O blessed Spirit, Gracious Teacher, Friend divine!

For the kingdom work that calls me, O prepare this heart mine.

Grant to me Your sacred presence; then my faith will ne'er decline.

Comfort me and help me onward; fill with love this heart of mine. *Refrain*

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O To Be Like Thee

O to be like Thee! Lord, I am coming,

Now to receive the anointing divine;

All that I am and have I am bringing.

Lord, from this moment all shall be Thine.

Refrain: O to be like Thee! O to be like Thee,

Blessed Redeemer, pure as Thou art!

Come in Thy sweetness, come in Thy fullness;

Stamp Thine own image deep on my heart.

O to be like Thee, while I am pleading,

Pour out Thy Spirit; fill with Thy love.

Make me a temple deemed to receive You.

Fit me for life and Heaven above. *Refrain*

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Profession of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 114 & 115

But can those converted to God obey these commandments perfectly?

No.

In this life even the holiest have only a small beginning of this obedience.

Nevertheless, with all seriousness of purpose, they do begin to live according to all, not only some, of God's commandments.

No one in this life can obey the Ten Commandments perfectly:

why then does God want them preached so pointedly?

First, so that the longer we live the more we may come to know our sinfulness and the more eagerly look to Christ for forgiveness of sins and righteousness.

Second, so that, while praying to God for the grace of the Holy Spirit, we may never stop striving to be renewed more and more after God's image, until after this life we reach our goal: perfection

Offering: Lynden SERVE Project at New Way Ministries

Evening Prayer

Cleanse Me

I praise Thee, Lord, for cleansing me from sin;
Fulfill Thy Word and make me pure within.
Fill me with fire, where once I burned with shame;
Grant me desire to magnify Thy name.

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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Scripture: *Exodus 20:14 (ESV)*

¹³ "You shall not commit adultery.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: *Purity and the Will of God, II*

May the Mind of Christ My Savior

May the mind of Christ, my Savior, live in me from day to day,
By His love and power controlling all I do and say.

May the word of God dwell richly in my heart from hour to hour,
So that all may see I triumph only through His power.

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God's Blessing

May the Mind of Christ My Savior

May the love of Jesus fill me as the waters fill the sea.
Him exalting, self abasing: this is victory.

May we run the race before us, strong and brave to face the foe,
Looking only unto Jesus as we onward go.

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Pastors: Mike B

Music: Lisa Q

Offering will be received for the Lynden SERVE Project at New Way Ministries/Christian Hope Association. Lynden SERVE is planning to put in playground equipment at New Way Ministries this summer. This offering will go towards the purchase of that equipment.

Worship services are also broadcast live in the basement and streamed online for anyone unable to worship in the sanctuary.

An assistive listening system is available in the sanctuary; to use this system, switch hearing aids to "T".

On the bulletin, bold font is a response by the congregation. You are invited to join if you feel comfortable.

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