

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
June 18, 2023 ~ 6:00 PM Worship Service

Call to Worship: *adapted from Psalm 19*

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;
the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple;
the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart;
The commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes;
the fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever;
the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.
More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold;
sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.
And by them we are warned;
for in keeping them there is great reward.
Come let us worship God.

Opening Prayer

God of Grace and God of Glory

God of grace and God of glory, on your people pour your power;
Crown your ancient church's story, bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.

Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn the Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days, for the living of these days.

Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;
Let the gift of your salvation be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving you whom we adore, serving you whom we adore.

("God of Grace and God of Glory" words by Harry E. Fosdick and music by John Hughes, © 1969 Concordia Publishing House, CCLI #358926, Streaming License 20317932)

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.

("O Day of Rest and Gladness" words by Christopher Wordsworth, tune arranged by Lowell Mason © Public Domain CCLI #358926 Streaming License #20317932)

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.

There are depths of love that I cannot know 'til I cross the narrow sea;
There are heights of joy that I may not reach 'til I rest in peace with Thee. *Refrain*

("I Am Thine, O Lord, words by Fanny Crosby, music by William Doane © words and music Public Domain, CCLI #358926, Streaming 20317932)

Profession of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism #112

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

God's will is that I never give false testimony against anyone, twist no one's words, not gossip or slander, nor join in condemning anyone without a hearing or without a just cause.

Rather, in court and everywhere else, I should avoid lying and deceit of every kind;

these are devices the devil himself uses, and they would call down on me God's intense anger.

I should love the truth, speak it candidly, and openly acknowledge it.

And I should do what I can to guard and advance my neighbor's good name.

For God So Loved the World

For God so loved the world, He gave His only Son to die on Calvary's tree, from sin to set me free;

Some day He's coming back; what glory that will be! Wonderful His love to me. *Repeat All*

Offering: Lighthouse Mission Building Project

Evening Prayer

O Jesus, I Have Promised

O let me hear you speaking, in accents clear and still,
Above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will.

O speak to reassure me, to hasten or control;
And speak to make me listen, O Guardian of my soul.

O Jesus, you have promised to all who follow you,
That where you are in glory, your servants shall be too;
O guide me, call me, draw me, uphold me to the end,
When you in glory take me, my Savior and my Friend.

("O Jesus, I Have Promised" words by John E. Bode, music by Arthur H. Mann © Public Domain CCLI #358926 Streaming License #20317932)

Scripture: *Exodus 20:16; 23:1-3*

¹⁶ "You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

¹ "You shall not spread a false report. You shall not join hands with a wicked man to be a malicious witness.

² You shall not fall in with the many to do evil, nor shall you bear witness in a lawsuit, siding with the many, so as to pervert justice, ³ nor shall you be partial to a poor man in his lawsuit.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: *The Truth, The Whole Truth, and Nothing But the Truth*

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 fill me with Thy fullness, Lord, until my very heart o'erflow
In kindling thought and glowing word, Thy love to tell, Thy praise to show.

("Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak" text Frances R. Havergal (1872), tune Robert A. Schumann (1839), Public Domain, CCLI #358926, Streaming License 20317932)

God's Blessing

All Praise to You, My God, This Night

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below.

Praise him above, you heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

("All Praise to You, My God, This Night" words by Thomas Ken music by Thomas Tallis Public Domain CCLI #358926 Streaming License #20317932)

Pastors: Mike B, Robert W

Music: Sharon A

Offering will be received for the Light House Mission Building Project. The Lighthouse Mission is currently building a new facility in Bellingham. Demolition of the building began on March 14 to make way for construction of our new Mission building. So far, \$18.5 million has been raised out of the \$23.5 million needed. For more information, visit www.lighthousebuilds.org.