

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
July 16, 2023 ~ 6:00 PM Worship Service

Call to Worship: *John 7:37-38*

On the last and greatest day of the festival, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them." Come let us worship.

Opening Prayer

Amid the Thronging Worshipers

Amid the thronging worshipers the Lord, our God, I bless;
Before His people gathered here His name will I confess.
Come, praise him, all who fear the Lord, the children of His grace;
With reverence sound His glories forth and bow before His face.

The burden of the sorrowful the Lord will not despise;
He has not turned from those who mourn, He listens to their cries.
His goodness makes me join the throng where saints His praise proclaim,
And there will I fulfill my vows with those who fear His name.

He feeds with good the humble soul and satisfies the meek,
And they shall live and praise the Lord who for His mercy seek.
The ends of all the earth will hear, the nations seek the Lord;
They worship Him, the King of kings, in earth and heaven adored.

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God, Our Father, We Adore Thee

God, our Father, we adore Thee! We, Thy children, bless Thy name!
Chosen in the Christ before Thee, we are "holy, without blame"
We adore Thee! We adore Thee! Abba's praises we proclaim!
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Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, three in One! We give Thee praise!
For the riches we inherit, heart and voice to Thee we raise!
We adore Thee! We adore Thee! Thee we bless thro' endless days!
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(*God, Our Father, We Adore Thee*, words George W. Frazier, Alfred S. Loizeaux, tune John Zundel, CCLI #358926 Streaming License #20317932)

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

Breathe on me, breath of God, fill me with life anew,
That I may love what Thou dost love, and do what Thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, breath of God, until my heart is pure,
Until with Thee I will one will, to do and to endure.

Breathe on me, breath of God, till I am wholly Thine,
Until this earthly part of me glows with Thy fire divine.

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Profession of Faith: Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary;
suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead
he ascended to heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from there he shall come to judge the living and the dead.**

I believe in the Holy Spirit.

**I believe in a holy catholic church, the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Offering: Mission and Outreach Fund

Evening Prayer

We Praise Thee, O God, Our Redeemer

We praise Thee, O God, our Redeemer, Creator
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring;
We lay it before Thee, we kneel and adore Thee,
We bless Thy holy name, glad praises we sing.

We worship Thee, God of our fathers, we bless Thee
Thru life's storm and tempest, our guide hast Thou been;
When perils o'er take us, Thou wilt not forsake us,
And with Thy help, O Lord, life's battles we win.

With voices united our praises we offer
And gladly our song of true worship we raise.
Thy strong arm will guide us, our God is beside us,
To Thee, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!

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Scripture: Isaiah 55:1-6

¹ *"Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.*

² *Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy?
Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.*

³ *Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live;
and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.*

⁴ *Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples.*

⁵ *Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know, and a nation that did not know you shall run to you,
because of the LORD your God, and of the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.*

⁶ *"Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near.*

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: *Would You Like a Drink?*

Jesus Calls Us, O'er the Tumult

Jesus calls us, o'er the tumult of our life's wild, restless sea,
Day by day his voice is sounding, saying, "Christian, follow me."

In our joys and in our sorrows, days of work and hours of ease,
Still he calls, in cares and pleasures, "Christian, love me more than these."

Jesus calls us, by your mercies, Savior, may we hear your call,
Give our hearts to your obedience, serve and love you best of all.

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God's Blessing

Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing

Lord, dismiss us with Your blessing; fill our hearts with joy and peace.
Let us each, Your love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace.
O refresh us, O refresh us, traveling through this wilderness.

Thanks we give and adoration for Your gospel's joyful sound.
May the fruits of Your salvation in our hearts and lives abound.
Ever faithful, ever faithful to the truth may we be found.

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Pastors: Austin M, Robert W

Music: Mike H

Offering will be received for the Mission and Outreach Fund, used to help organizations that fall outside of the realm of our benevolence fund but still need support. This fund allows the church to help organizations when our offering schedule is full.

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