

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
August 13, 2023 ~ 6:00 PM Worship Service

Call to Worship: *Psalm 34:1-2*

*I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.
My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad.*

Opening Prayer

Bless His Holy Name

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name.
He has done great things, He has done great things, He has done great things, bless His holy name.
Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name.

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O Lord, Our Lord

O Lord, our Lord, we praise You for Your mercy; O Lord, our Lord, we praise You for Your love;
For every grace Your kindness has provided, to every soul who calls upon Your name.
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O Lord, our Lord, enthroned in highest heaven; O Lord, our Lord, enthroned in grateful hearts;
Your love extends to every generation with joyful news of Your redemption plan.
Your love extends to every generation to every soul who calls upon Your name.

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How Deep the Father's Love for Us

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss; the Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.

Behold the Man upon the cross, my sin upon His shoulders.
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life; I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything; no gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom.
But I will boast in Jesus Christ: His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer.
But this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ransom.

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Profession of Faith

**God—the great creator of all things—
upholds, directs, disposes, and governs all creatures, actions, and things, from the greatest even to the least.
He exercises this most wise and holy providence according to his infallible foreknowledge
and the free and unchangeable counsel of his own will,
to the praise of the glory of his wisdom, power, justice, goodness, and mercy.**

Offering: Northwest Seafarers

Offertory Ministry of Music: *Psalm 19, sung by Acapella*

Evening Prayer

The Heavens Declare Your Glory

The heavens declare your glory, the firmament your power; day unto day the story repeats from hour to hour.
Night unto night replying, proclaims in every land, O Lord, with voice undying, the wonders of your hand.

The sun with royal splendor goes forth to chant your praise, and moonbeams soft and tender their gentler anthem raise.
O'er every tribe and nation the music is outpoured, the song of all creation to you, creation's Lord.

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Scripture: Psalm 19

- ¹ *The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.*
² *Day to day pours out speech, and night to night reveals knowledge.*
³ *There is no speech, nor are there words, whose voice is not heard.*
⁴ *Their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.*
In them he has set a tent for the sun,
⁵ *which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his chamber, and, like a strong man, runs its course with joy.*
⁶ *Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them, and there is nothing hidden from its heat.*
⁷ *The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul;*
the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple;
⁸ *the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart;*
the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes;
⁹ *the fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever;*
the rules of the LORD are true, and righteous altogether.
¹⁰ *More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold;*
sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.
¹¹ *Moreover, by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.*
¹² *Who can discern his errors? Declare me innocent from hidden faults.*
¹³ *Keep back your servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me!*
Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.
¹⁴ *Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight,*
O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: Seeing and Hearing God

This is My Father's World

This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears; all nature sings and round me rings the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world; I rest me in the thought of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world; the birds their carols raise. The morning light, the lily white, declare their Maker's praise;
This is my Father's world; He shines in all that's fair; in the rustling grass I hear Him pass, He speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world, O let me ne'er forget that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Ruler yet.
This is my Father's world; the battle is not done; Jesus, who died, shall be satisfied, and earth and heaven be one.

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God's Blessing

Jesus Shall Reign

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun does His successive journeys run,
His kingdom spread from shore to shore, 'til moons shall wax and wane no more.

Let every creature rise and bring His grateful honors to our King;
Angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud "Amen!"

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Pastors: Mike B, Robert W

Music: Lee V

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