

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
August 27, 2023 ~ 6:00 PM Worship Service

LOOKING UPWARD

Call to Worship: *from Revelation 15:3-4*

Great and marvelous are your deeds, Lord God Almighty!

Just and true are your ways, King of the ages.

Who will not fear you, O Lord, and bring glory to your name?

For you alone are holy. All nations will come and worship you!

Opening Prayer

Rejoice, the Lord is King

Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore!

Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, and triumph evermore:

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

The Lord, our Savior, reigns, the God of truth and love;

When He had purged our stains, He took His seat above:

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

His kingdom cannot fail, He rules o'er earth and heaven;

The keys of death and hell are to our Jesus given:

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

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Immortal, Invisible, God only Wise

Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,

Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days. Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light, nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;

Thy justice like mountains high soaring above Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light, Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;

All praise we would render: O help us to see 'tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee.

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Call to Confession: *Psalm 32*

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,

whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit. For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found; surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach him.

You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble;

you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go;

I will counsel you with my eye upon you.

Be not like a horse or a mule, without understanding,

which must be curbed with bit and bridle,

or it will not stay near you.

Many are the sorrows of the wicked, but steadfast love

surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD.

Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, O righteous,

and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!

Out of the Depths I Cry

Out of the depths I cry to you on high; Lord, hear my call. Bend down your ear and listen to my sigh, forgiving all. If you should mark our sins, who then could stand? But grace and mercy dwell at your right hand.

I wait for God, I trust his holy word; he hears my sighs. My soul still waits and looks unto the Lord; my prayers arise. I look for him to drive away my night, yes, more than those who watch for morning light.

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Prayer of Repentance

Assurance: *I John 1:9*

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Out of the Depths I Cry

Hope in the Lord: unfailing is his love; in him confide. Mercy and full redemption from above he does provide. From sin and evil, mighty though they seem, His arm almighty will his saints redeem.

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Offering: Building the Future Fund

Scripture: *Matthew 6:5-8*

⁵ "And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. ⁶ But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you. ⁷ "And when you pray, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard for their many words. ⁸ Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

Meditation

We Are God's People

We are God's people, the chosen of the Lord, born of His Spirit, established by His Word.
Our cornerstone is Christ alone, and strong in Him we stand;
O let us live transparently and walk heart to heart and hand in hand.

We are God's loved ones, the Bride of Christ, our Lord, for we have known it, the love of God out-poured.
Now let us learn how to return the gift of love once given;
O let us share each joy and care and live with a zeal that pleases heaven.

We are the Body of which the Lord is Head, called to obey Him, now risen from the dead.
He wills us be a family diverse, yet truly one;
O let us give our gifts to God and so shall His work on earth be done.

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Prayer for the New Church Year

You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim

You servants of God, your Master proclaim, and publish abroad His wonderful name;
The name, all victorious, of Jesus extol: His kingdom is glorious, He rules over all.

God ruleth on high, almighty to save, and still He is nigh, His presence we have;
The great congregation His triumph shall sing, ascribing salvation to Jesus, our King.

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God's Blessing

You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim

Then let us adore and give Him His right: all glory and power, all wisdom and might,
All honor and blessing with angels above and thanks never ceasing and infinite love.

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