

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
October 1, 2023 ~ 6:00 PM Worship Service

Call to Worship: *Psalm 134:1-3*

*Praise the LORD, all you servants of the LORD
who minister by night in the house of the LORD.*

***Lift up your hands in the sanctuary
and praise the LORD.***

*May the LORD bless you from Zion,
he who is the Maker of heaven and earth.*

Opening Prayer

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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Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation,
The God of power, the God of love,
The God of our salvation;
With healing balm my soul he fills,
And ev'ry faithless murmur stills: to God all praise and glory!

What God's almighty power hath made
His gracious mercy keepeth;
By morning glow or evening shade
His watchful eye ne'er sleepeth.
Within the kingdom of his might,
Lo! all is just and all is right: to God all praise and glory!

The Lord is never far away, but through all grief distressing,
An ever present help and stay,
Our peace and joy and blessing; as with a mother's tender hand
He leads his own, his chosen band: to God all praise and glory!

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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.

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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.**

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Evening Prayer

Still My Soul, Be Still

Still, my soul, be still and do not fear
Though winds of change may rage tomorrow.
God is at your side; no longer dread
The fires of unexpected sorrow.

Refrain: God, You are my God,
And I will trust in You and not be shaken.
Lord of peace, renew
A steadfast spirit within me to rest in You alone.

Still, my soul, be still; do not forsake
The truth you learned in the beginning.
Wait upon the Lord, and hope will rise
As stars appear when day is dimming. *Refrain*

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Scripture: *John 5:17-23*

¹⁷ But Jesus answered them, "My Father is working until now, and I am working."

¹⁸ This was why the Jews were seeking all the more to kill him, because not only was he breaking the Sabbath, but he was even calling God his own Father, making himself equal with God.

¹⁹ So Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of his own accord, but only what he sees the Father doing. For whatever the Father does, that the Son does likewise. ²⁰ For the Father loves the Son and shows him all that he himself is doing. And greater works than these will he show him, so that you may marvel. ²¹ For as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, so also the Son gives life to whom he will. ²² For the Father judges no one, but has given all judgment to the Son, ²³ that all may honor the Son, just as they honor the Father. Whoever does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent him.

Matthew 6:9

Pray then like this:

"Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: *Our Father God*

Children of the Heavenly Father

Children of the heavenly Father
Safely in his bosom gather;
Nestling bird nor star in heaven
Such a refuge e'er was given.

God his own shall tend and nourish;
In his holy courts they flourish.
From all evil powers he spares them;
In his mighty arms he bears them.

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God's Blessing

Father, We Love You

Father, we love You, we worship and adore You.
Glorify Thy name in all the earth.
Glorify Thy name, glorify Thy name,
Glorify Thy name in all the earth!

Jesus, we love You, we worship and adore You.
Glorify Thy name in all the earth.
Glorify Thy name, glorify Thy name,
Glorify Thy name in all the earth!

Spirit, we love You, we worship and adore You.
Glorify Thy name in all the earth.
Glorify Thy name, glorify Thy name,
Glorify Thy name in all the earth!

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