

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
October 22, 2023 ~ 6:00 PM Worship Service

Call to Worship: *Psalm 72:18-19*

Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things.

Blessed be his glorious name forever; may the whole earth be filled with his glory!

God's Greeting

Let All Creation Bless the Lord

Let all creation bless the Lord, till heaven with praise is ringing.
Sun, moon, and stars, peal out a chord, stir up the angels' singing.
Sing, wind and rain! Sing, snow and sleet! Make music, day, night, cold and heat!
Exalt the God who made you.

O men and women everywhere, lift up a hymn of glory.
Let all who know God's steadfast care tell out salvation's story.
No tongue be silent--sing your part, you humble souls and meek of heart!
Exalt the God who made you.

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LORD, Our Lord, Your Glorious Name

LORD, our Lord, your glorious name all your wondrous works proclaim;
In the heavens with radiant signs evermore your glory shines.
How great your name!

Refrain: LORD, our Lord, in all the earth, how great your name!
Yours the name of matchless worth,
Excellent in all the earth; how great your name!

Moon and stars in shining height nightly tell their Maker's might;
When I view the heavens afar, then I know how small we are.
How great your name! *Refrain*

Who are we that we should share in your love and tender care
Raised to an exalted height, crowned with honor in your sight!
How great your name! *Refrain*

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Thou Art Worthy

Thou art worthy, Thou art worthy, Thou art worthy, O Lord,
To receive glory, glory and honor, glory and honor and pow'r.
For Thou hast created, hast all things created; Thou hast created all things.
And for Thy pleasure they are created; for Thou art worthy, O Lord.

Profession of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism, Q & A 120

Why did Christ command us to call God "our Father"?

At the very beginning of our prayer

Christ wants to kindle in us what is basic to our prayer—

the childlike awe and trust that God through Christ has become our Father.

Our fathers do not refuse us, the things of this life;

God our Father will even less refuse to give us what we ask in faith.

Offering: Missionary

Evening Prayer

Knowing You

All I once held dear, built my life upon, all this world reveres and wars to own;
All I once thought gain I have counted loss, spent and worthless now compared to this.

Refrain: Knowing You, Jesus, knowing You there is no greater thing.
You're my all, You're the best, You're my joy, my righteousness, and I love You Lord.

Now my heart's desire is to know You more, to be found in You and known as Yours,
To possess by faith what I could not earn, all surpassing gift of righteousness. *Refrain*

Scripture: John 5:17-23

¹⁷ 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 (II)

To God Be the Glory

To God be the glory - Great things he has done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
Who yielded his life an atonement for sin
And opened the life-gate that we may go in.

Refrain: Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice.
Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord, let the people rejoice.
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
And give him the glory; great things he has done.

God's Blessing

Go, My Children, With My Blessing

Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you; you are my own.
In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever.
Go, my children, with my blessing – you are my own.

I, the Lord, will bless and keep you and give you peace;
I, the Lord, will smile upon you and give you peace;
I, the Lord, will be your Father, Savior, Comforter and Brother.
Go, my children, I will keep you and give you peace.

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