

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
October 8, 2023 ~ 6:00 PM Worship Service

Call to Worship: Psalm 66:1-4

*Shout for joy to God, all the earth; sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise!
Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!
So great is your power that your enemies come cringing to you.
All the earth worships you and sings praises to you; they sing praises to your name."*

Opening Prayer

O Worship the King

O worship the King all glorious above, and gratefully sing His wonderful love;
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days, pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of His might and sing of His grace, whose robe is the light, whose canopy space;
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form, and dark is His path on the wings of the storm.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail, in Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail;
Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end, our Maker, Defender, Redeemer and Friend.

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Grace Alone

Every promise we can make, every prayer and step of faith;
Every difference we will make is only by His grace.
Every mountain we will climb, every ray of hope we shine;
Every blessing left behind is only by His grace.

Refrain: Grace alone which God supplies; strength unknown He will provide.
Christ in us, our cornerstone, we will go forth in grace alone.

Every soul we long to reach, every heart we hope to teach;
Everywhere we share His peace is only by His grace.
Every loving word we say, every tear we wipe away;
Every sorrow turned to praise is only by His grace. *Refrain*

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Profession of Faith: Our World Belongs to God

**From the beginning, through all the crisis of our times,
until his kingdom fully comes, God keeps covenant forever.
Our world belongs to him! God is King! Let the earth be glad!
Christ is Victor; his rule has begun. Hallelujah!
The spirit is at work, renewing the creation. Praise the Lord!**

Living for Jesus

Living for Jesus, a life that is true; striving to please Him in all that I do.
Yielding allegiance glad hearted and free; this is the pathway of blessing for me.

Refrain: O Jesus, Lord and Savior, I give myself to Thee.
For Thou in Thy atonement, didst give Thyself for me;
I own no other master, my heart shall be Thy throne;
My life I give henceforth to live, O Christ, for Thee alone.

Living for Jesus who died in my place, bearing on Calvary my sin and disgrace;
Such love constrains me to answer His call, follow His leading and give Him my all. *Refrain*

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Offering: Memli & Luiza

Evening Prayer

Your Word is Everlasting Truth

Your Word is everlasting truth. How pure is every page!
That holy book shall guide my youth and well support my age.
It's like the sun, a heavenly light that guides us all the day,
And through the dangers of the night a lamp to lead the way.

Let all the human writers join to form one perfect book,
Great God, if once compared with Yours, how scant their writings look.
Not one of all the rules they gave could show one sin forgiven,
Nor lead one step beyond the grave. But Yours brings us to heaven!

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Scripture: Hebrews 11:8-16

⁸ By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹ By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰ For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. ¹¹ By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. ¹² Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.

¹³ These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. ¹⁴ For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵ If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶ But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: Looking Forward in Faith

Take Time to Be Holy

Take time to be holy, speak often with God;
Find rest in Him always, and feed on His Word.
Make friends of God's children, help those who are weak;
Forgetting in nothing His blessing to seek.

Take time to be holy, the world rushes on;
Much time spend in secret, with Jesus alone.
By looking to Jesus, like Him Thou shalt be;
Thy friends in thy conduct His likeness shall see.

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God's Blessing

Take Time to be Holy

Take time to be holy, let Him be Thy Guide;
And run not before Him, whatever betide.
In joy or in sorrow, still follow Thy Lord,
And, looking to Jesus, still trust in His word.

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Pastor: Bryan D, Pastor of Bethel CRC

Music: Sharon A

Offering will be received for Memli & Luiza, missionaries in Albania serving with Disciples of Jesus Church. They have been called by God to plant churches among the unreached Muslim villages in southern Albania. For more information about their ministry, talk to Pastor Robert.

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