

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
January 21, 2024 ~ 6:00 PM Worship Service

Call to Worship: *Psalm 62:1-2*

*For God alone my soul waits in silence;
from him comes my salvation.
He alone is my rock and my salvation,
my fortress; I shall not be greatly shaken.*

Opening Prayer

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

I sing the mighty power of God,
That made the mountains rise;
That spread the flowing seas abroad,
And built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained
The sun to rule the day;
The moon shines full at His command,
And all the stars obey.

There's not a plant or flower below
But makes Thy glories known,
And clouds arise and tempests blow,
By order from Thy throne.
While all that borrows life from Thee
Is ever in Thy care;
And everywhere that man can be,
Thou, God, art present there.

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Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

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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Come, Let Us Worship and Bow Down

Come, let us worship and bow down,
Let us kneel before the Lord, our God, our Maker.
Come, let us worship and bow down,
Let us kneel before the Lord, our God, our Maker.
For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture,
And the sheep of his hand, just the sheep of his hand.

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Profession of Faith: from Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 27

What do you understand by the providence of God?

**Providence is
the almighty and ever present power of God
by which he upholds, as with his hand,
heaven and earth and all creatures,
and so rules them that
leaf and blade, rain and drought,
fruitful and lean years, food and drink,
health and sickness,
prosperity and poverty—
all things, in fact, come to us
not by chance but from his fatherly hand.**

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

My faith looks up to Thee,
Thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine!
Now hear me while I pray;
Take all my guilt away.
O let me from this day be wholly Thine!

While life's dark maze I tread,
And griefs around me spread be Thou my Guide.
Bid darkness turn to day;
Wipe sorrow's tears away;
Nor let me ever stray from Thee aside!

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Evening Prayer

Every Promise of Your Word

From the breaking of the dawn to the setting of the sun,
I will stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.
Words of power, strong to save, that will never pass away,
I will stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.
For Your covenant is sure, and on this I am secure—
I can stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.

Hope that lifts me from despair, love that casts out ev'ry fear,
As I stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.
Not forsaken, not alone, for the Comforter has come,
And I stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.
Grace sufficient, grace for me, grace for all who will believe—
We will stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.

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Scripture: *Psalm 71*

- ¹ *In you, O LORD, do I take refuge;
let me never be put to shame!*
- ² *In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me;
incline your ear to me, and save me!*
- ³ *Be to me a rock of refuge,
to which I may continually come;
you have given the command to save me,
for you are my rock and my fortress.*

⁴ *Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked,
from the grasp of the unjust and cruel man.*

⁵ *For you, O Lord, are my hope,
my trust, O LORD, from my youth.*

⁶ *Upon you I have leaned from before my birth;
you are he who took me from my mother's womb.
My praise is continually of you.*

⁷ *I have been as a portent to many,
but you are my strong refuge.*

⁸ *My mouth is filled with your praise,
and with your glory all the day.*

⁹ *Do not cast me off in the time of old age;
forsake me not when my strength is spent.*

¹⁰ *For my enemies speak concerning me;
those who watch for my life consult together*

¹¹ *and say, "God has forsaken him;
pursue and seize him,
for there is none to deliver him."*

¹² *O God, be not far from me;
O my God, make haste to help me!*

¹³ *May my accusers be put to shame and consumed;
with scorn and disgrace may they be covered
who seek my hurt.*

¹⁴ *But I will hope continually
and will praise you yet more and more.*

¹⁵ *My mouth will tell of your righteous acts,
of your deeds of salvation all the day,
for their number is past my knowledge.*

¹⁶ *With the mighty deeds of the Lord GOD I will come;
I will remind them of your righteousness, yours alone.*

¹⁷ *O God, from my youth you have taught me,
and I still proclaim your wondrous deeds.*

¹⁸ *So even to old age and gray hairs,
O God, do not forsake me,
until I proclaim your might to another generation,
your power to all those to come.*

¹⁹ *Your righteousness, O God,
reaches the high heavens.
You who have done great things,
O God, who is like you?*

²⁰ *You who have made me see many troubles and calamities
will revive me again;
from the depths of the earth you will bring me up again.*

²¹ *You will increase my greatness
and comfort me again.*

²² *I will also praise you with the harp
for your faithfulness, O my God;
I will sing praises to you with the lyre, O Holy One of Israel.*

²³ *My lips will shout for joy, when I sing praises to you;
my soul also, which you have redeemed.*

²⁴ *And my tongue will talk of your righteous help all the day long,
for they have been put to shame and disappointed
who sought to do me hurt.*

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: *Our Rock of Refuge*

How Firm a Foundation

How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!
What more can he say than to you he has said,
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

“Fear not, I am with you; O be not dismayed,
For I am your God and will still give you aid;
I’ll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,
My grace all sufficient shall be your supply;
The flame shall not hurt you; I only design
Your dross to consume and your gold to refine.

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God’s Blessing

How Firm a Foundation

The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I’ll never, no never, no never forsake!

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