

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
January 28, 2024 ~ 6:00 PM Worship Service

Call to Worship:

As we are called into worship today, it is sobering to remember that when God appeared on earth in the person of Jesus, most of the world did not recognize him and therefore did not worship him.

Today we ask for the faith that will open our eyes to see Jesus for who he is, that we might worship him in truth.

People of God, behold and see your God!

We open our eyes to see his glory.

We open our ears to hear his wisdom.

We open our hands to offer him gifts.

We open our mouths to sing his praise.

We open our hearts to offer him our love. He is Lord!

Opening Prayer

Here I Am to Worship

Light of the world, You stepped down into darkness, opened my eyes let me see.

Beauty that made this heart adore You, hope of a life spent with You.

Refrain: So here I am to worship, here I am to bow down, here I am to say that You're my God.
You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy, altogether wonderful to me.

King of all days, oh so highly exalted, glorious in heaven above.

Humbly You came to the earth You created, all for love's sake became poor. *Refrain*

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O Magnify The Lord

O magnify, O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together!

O magnify the Lord; O magnify the Lord; and may His name be lifted high forever!

O worship Him; O worship Christ the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together!

O worship Christ the Lord; O worship Christ the Lord; and may His name be lifted high forever!

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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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Profession of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism Q & A 123

What does the second request mean?

"Your kingdom come" means,

Rule us by your Word and Spirit in such a way that more and more we submit to you.

Keep your church strong, and add to it.

Destroy the devil's work;

destroy every force which revolts against you and every conspiracy against your Word.

Do this until your kingdom is so complete and perfect that in it you are all in all.

Offering: Benevolence

Evening Prayer

We Bow Down

You are Lord of creation and Lord of my life, Lord of the land and the sea;
You were Lord of the heavens before there was time, and Lord of all lords You will be.
We bow down and we worship You, Lord.
We bow down and we worship You, Lord.
We bow down and we worship You, Lord.
Lord of all lords You will be.

You are King of creation and King of my life, King of the land and the sea;
You were King of the heavens before there was time, and King of all kings You will be.
We bow down and we crown You the King.
We bow down and we crown You the King.
We bow down and we crown You the King.
King of all kings You will be.

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Scripture: *Matthew 6:9-10*

⁹ *Pray then like this:*

"Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. ¹⁰ Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Daniel 4:34b-35

³⁴ *I blessed the Most High, and praised and honored him who lives forever,
for his dominion is an everlasting dominion, and his kingdom endures from generation to generation;
³⁵ all the inhabitants of the earth are accounted as nothing,
and he does according to his will among the host of heaven and among the inhabitants of the earth;
and none can stay his hand or say to him, "What have you done?"*

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: *Thy Kingdom Come*

O Lord, Our Lord

O Lord, our Lord, we praise You for Your mercy;
O Lord, our Lord, we praise You for Your love;
For every grace Your kindness has provided,
To every soul who calls upon Your name.
For every grace Your kindness has provided,
To every soul who call upon Your name.

O Lord, our Lord, enthroned in highest heaven;
O Lord, our Lord, enthroned in grateful hearts;
Your love extends to every generation
With joyful news of Your redemption plan.
Your love extends to every generation
To every soul who calls upon Your name.

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God's Blessing

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