

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
March 3, 2024 ~ 6:00 PM Worship Service

Call to Worship: *Psalm 147:1,10,11*

Praise the LORD!

*For it is good to sing praises to our God; for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.
His delight is not in the strength of the horse, nor his pleasure in the legs of a man,
but the LORD takes pleasure in those who fear him, in those who hope in his steadfast love.*

Opening Prayer

O Worship the King

O worship the King all glorious above, O gratefully sing his power and his love:
Our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days, pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

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

O measureless Might, unchangeable Love, whom angels delight to worship above!
Your ransomed creation, with glory ablaze, in true adoration shall sing to your praise!

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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!

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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God’s Glory Fills the Heavens

God’s glory fills the heavens with hymns; the domed sky bears the Maker’s mark.
New praises sound from day to day and echo through the knowing dark.
Without a word their songs roll on; into all lands their voices run.
And with a champion’s strength and grace from farthest heaven comes forth the sun.

God’s perfect law revives the soul; its precepts make the simple wise.
Its just commands rejoice the heart; its truth gives light unto the eyes.
Forever shall this law endure: unblemished, righteous, true, complete.
No gold was ever found so fine, no honey in the comb more sweet.

God’s servant may I ever be: this world my joy, that word my guide.
O cleanse me, LORD, from secret sin; deliver me from selfish pride.
Accept my thoughts and words and deeds; let them find favor in your sight.
For you alone can make me whole, O LORD, my refuge and my might.

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Profession of Faith: *Psalm 112:1-2*

*Blessed is the man who fears the LORD, who greatly delights in his commandments!
His offspring will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.*

Offering: Christian School Tuition Assistance

Evening Prayer

Teach Me O Lord, Your Way of Truth

Teach me, O Lord, your way of truth, and from it I will not depart;
That I may steadfastly obey, give me an understanding heart.

Your word sheds light upon my path; a shining light, it guides my feet;
Your righteous judgments to observe, my solemn vow I now repeat.

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Scripture: *Psalm 19*

- ¹ *The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.*
- ² *Day to day pours out speech,
and night to night reveals knowledge.*
- ³ *There is no speech, nor are there words,
whose voice is not heard.*
- ⁴ *Their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.
In them he has set a tent for the sun,*
- ⁵ *which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his chamber,
and, like a strong man, runs its course with joy.*
- ⁶ *Its rising is from the end of the heavens,
and its circuit to the end of them, and there is nothing hidden from its heat.*
- ⁷ *The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul;
the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple;*
- ⁸ *the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart;
the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes;*
- ⁹ *the fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever;
the rules of the LORD are true, and righteous altogether.*
- ¹⁰ *More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold;
sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.*
- ¹¹ *Moreover, by them is your servant warned;
in keeping them there is great reward.*
- ¹² *Who can discern his errors?
Declare me innocent from hidden faults.*
- ¹³ *Keep back your servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me!
Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.*
- ¹⁴ *Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.*

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: *Sweeter Than Honey*

It Is Good to Sing Thy Praises

It is good to sing Thy praises and to thank Thee, O Most High,
Showing forth Thy loving kindness when the morning lights the sky.
It is good when night is falling of Thy faithfulness to tell.
While with sweet, melodious praises songs of adoration swell.

Thou hast filled my heart with gladness through the works Thy hands have wrought;
Thou hast made my life victorious; great Thy works and deep Thy thought.
Thou, O Lord, on high exalted, reignest evermore in might;
All Thy enemies shall perish, sin be banished from Thy sight.

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God's Blessing

It Is Good to Sing Thy Praises

But the good shall live before Thee, planted in Thy dwelling place,
Fruitful trees and ever verdant, nourished by Thy boundless grace.
In his goodness to the righteous God His righteousness displays;
God, my rock, my strength and refuge, just and true are all His ways.

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Offering will be received for Christian School Tuition Assistance, used to help cover tuition cost of First church families who send their children to Christian schools.

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