

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
March 17, 2024 ~ 6:00 PM Worship Service
Missions Celebration

Call to Worship: *from Psalm 89:1-4 (NRSV)*

*I will sing of your steadfast love, O LORD, forever;
with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.
I declare that your steadfast love is established forever;
your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.*

*You said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one, I have sworn to my servant David:
I will establish your descendants forever, and build your throne for all generations."*
Praise the Lord!

Opening Prayer

One Generation Will Call to the Next

We will extol you, God and King and bless your holy name.
Day after day we'll sing your praise; forever and forever.

Refrain: One generation will call to the next: "Our God is good, and his hand is strong!"
All of the world sings his marvelous acts, and our voice will join with theirs in the song.

Now may your name be sung in every tongue in every place.
Singing the fame of your great love in every generation. *Refrain*

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At the Name of Jesus

At the Name of Jesus every knee shall bow,
Every tongue confess Him King of Glory now.
'Tis the Father's pleasure we should call Him Lord,
Who from the beginning was the mighty Word.

In your hearts enthrone Him; there let Him subdue
All that is not holy, all that is not true.
Look to Him, your Captain, in temptation's hour;
Let His will enfold you in its light and power.

Brothers, this Lord Jesus shall return again
With His Father's glory, with His angel-train;
For all wreaths of empire meet upon His brow,
And our hearts confess Him King of Glory now.

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Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father!
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not:
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

Refrain: Great is Thy faithfulness, great is Thy faithfulness,
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. *Refrain*

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Profession of Faith: Our World Belongs to God, Article 6

**We rejoice in the goodness of God, renounce the works of darkness, and dedicate ourselves to holy living.
As covenant partners, called to faithful obedience, and set free for joyful praise,
we offer our hearts and lives to do God's work in his world.
With tempered impatience, eager to see injustice ended, we expect the Day of the Lord.
And we are confident that the light which shines in the present darkness will fill the earth when Christ appears.
Come, Lord Jesus! Our world belongs to you.**

Offering: Envision Mission

Evening Prayer

We All Are One in Mission

We all are one in mission, we all are one in call,
Our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.
A single, great commission compels us from above
To plan and work together that all may know Christ's love.

Now let us be united and let our song be heard.
Now let us be a vessel for God's redeeming Word.
We all are one in mission, we all are one in call,
Our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.

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Scripture: *II Kings 2:1*

Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal.

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Message: *Where Will We Find Prophets?*

Let Children Hear the Mighty Deeds

Let children hear the mighty deeds which God performed of old,
Which in our younger years we heard, and which our parents told.
He bids us make his glories known, his works of power and grace;
And we'll convey his wonders down through every rising race.

Our lips shall tell them to our young, and they again to theirs,
That generations yet unborn may teach them to their heirs;
Thus shall they learn, in God alone their hope securely stands,
That they may not forget his works, but honor his commands.

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God's Blessing

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

Sent forth by God's blessing our true faith confessing, the people of God from this dwelling take leave.
The service is ended, O now be extended the fruits of our worship in all who believe.
The seed of the teaching, receptive souls reaching, shall blossom in action for God and for all.
God's grace did invite us, and love shall unite us to work for God's kingdom and answer the call.

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Pastors: Aaron D, Robert W
Music: Sharon A

Offering will be received for Envision Mission, ministry created to work with the street culture of downtown Bellingham. Their mission is to commune with God in prayer as a group, to make disciples of Jesus who obey all His commands, and to save the lost in Bellingham. For more information, visit www.envisionmission.org.
Worship services are also broadcast live in the basement and streamed online for anyone unable to worship in the sanctuary.
An assistive listening system is available in the sanctuary; to use this system, switch hearing aids to "T".