

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
May 12, 2024 ~ 6:30 PM Worship Service

Call to Worship: *Psalm 66:1-2, 4, NRSV*

*Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth; sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise.
All the earth worships you; they sing praises to you, sing praises to your name.*

Opening Prayer

We Sing the Greatness of Our God

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

We sing the goodness of the Lord that filled the earth with food;
He formed the creatures with His word and then pronounced them good.
Lord, how Thy wonders are displayed where'er we turn our eyes:
In every season of the year, and through the changing skies.

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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Stand Up and Bless the Lord

Stand up and bless the Lord, ye people of His choice;
Stand up and bless the Lord your God with heart and soul and voice.

God is our strength and song, and His salvation ours;
Then be His love in Christ proclaimed with all our ransomed powers.

Stand up and bless the Lord; the Lord your God adore;
Stand up and bless His glorious name, henceforth forevermore.

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'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, just to take Him at His word,
Just to rest upon His promise, just to know, "Thus saith the Lord."

Refrain: Jesus, Jesus how I trust Him! How I've proved Him o'er and o'er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust Him more!

I'm so glad I learned to trust Him, precious Jesus, Savior, Friend;
And I know that He is with me, He'll be with me to the end. *Refrain*

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Profession of Faith: Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary;
suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead
he ascended to heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from there he shall come to judge the living and the dead.**

I believe in the Holy Spirit.

**I believe in a holy catholic church, the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Offering: Christian School Tuition Assistance

Evening Prayer

God Has Spoken by His Prophets

God has spoken by His prophets, spoken His unchanging Word,
Each from age to age proclaiming God, the one, the righteous Lord.
In the world's despair and turmoil one firm anchor holds us fast:
God is King, His throne eternal, God the First and God the Last.

God has spoken by Christ Jesus, Christ, the everlasting Son,
Brightness of the Father's glory, with the Father ever one.
Spoken by the Word incarnate, God of God, ere time was born;
Light of Light, to earth descending, Christ, as God in human form.

God is speaking by His Spirit, speaking to our hearts again;
In the ageless Word expounding God's own message, now as then.
Thro' the rise and fall of nations one sure faith yet standing fast:
God abides, His Word unchanging, God the First and God the Last.

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Scripture: *Genesis 1:1-4*

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. ²The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. ³And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness.

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

Message: *A Walk Thru the Bible - Genesis*

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: He shines in all that's fair;
In rustling grass I hear him pass He speaks to me everywhere.
This is my Father's world: why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is King, let heaven ring! God reigns; let earth be glad.

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God's Blessing

Glory Be to the Father

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost,
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

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Pastor: Robert W

Music: Sharon A

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