

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
June 23, 2024 ~ 10:30 AM Worship Service

Call to Worship: *Psalm 113:1-3*

*Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants of the LORD, praise the name of the LORD!
Blessed be the name of the LORD from this time forth and forevermore!
From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the LORD is to be praised!*

God's Greeting

Days of Elijah

These are the days of Elijah, declaring the Word of the Lord;
And these are the days of Your servant, Moses, righteousness being restored;
And though these are days of great trials, of famine and darkness and sword,
Still we are the voice in the desert crying "Prepare ye the way of the Lord."

Refrain: Behold He comes, riding on the clouds, shining like the sun at the trumpet call;
Lift your voice, it's the year of Jubilee, and out of Zion's hill salvation comes.

And these are the days of Ezekiel, the dry bones becoming as flesh;
And these are the days of Your servant, David, rebuilding a temple of praise;
And these are the days of the harvest, the fields are as white in the world;
And we are the laborers in Your vineyard, declaring the Word of the Lord. *Refrain*

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How Great is Our God

The splendor of the King, and clothed in majesty;
Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice.
He wraps Himself in light, and darkness tries to hide,
And trembles at His voice, and trembles at His voice.

Refrain: How great is our God! Sing with me: how great is our God!
All will see how great, how great is our God!

Age to age He stands, and time is in His hands;
Beginning and the End, Beginning and the End.
The God-head, three in one, and Father, Spirit, Son,
The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb. *Refrain*

Name above all names, worthy of all praise.
My heart will sing: How great is Our God!
Name above all names, worthy of all praise.
My heart will sing: How great is Our God!

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee; how great Thou art, how great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee; how great Thou art, how great Thou art! *Refrain*

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Living Hope

How great the chasm that lay between us; how high the mountain I could not climb.
In desperation, I turned to heaven, and spoke your name into the night.
Then through the darkness, Your loving kindness, tore through the shadows of my soul.
The work is finished, the end is written, Jesus Christ, my living hope.

Refrain: Hallelujah, praise the one who set me free.
Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me.
You have broken every chain, there's salvation in your name,
Jesus Christ, my living hope. *Repeat Refrain*

Who could imagine so great a mercy? What heart could fathom such boundless grace?
The God of ages stepped down from glory, to wear my sin and bear my shame.
The cross has spoken, I am forgiven; the king of kings calls me His own.
Beautiful Savior, I'm yours forever, Jesus Christ, my living hope. *Refrain*

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Call to Confession: *Psalm 139:23-24*

*Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts!
And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!*

Prayer of Confession

Assurance: *Matthew 11:28-30*

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Commissioning of the Lynden SERVE Team

Leader: This week, you will be challenged to examine yourself through the fruit of the Spirit, which is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

Congregation: May we all examine what we fill our hearts and minds with each day.

SERVE Participants: Lord, may we be open to change that will glorify you. Give us the courage to remove things that are not pleasing in your sight and are not useful for building your kingdom.

Congregation: We send you to serve with love and joy.

SERVE Participants: We will serve one another in love. For the entire law of God is fulfilled in keeping this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself."

Congregation: We send you to serve with peace and patience.

SERVE Participants: Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God.

Congregation: We send you to serve with kindness and goodness.

SERVE Participants: Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

Congregation: We send you to serve with faithfulness and gentleness.

SERVE Participants: Since God chose you to be the holy people, he loves, you must clothe yourselves with tenderhearted mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience.

Congregation: We send you to serve with self-control.

SERVE Participants: Better to be patient than powerful; better to have self-control than to conquer a city.

Congregation: Go and share the gospel with boldness and humility.

SERVE Participants: We will proclaim your name to all nations using words and deeds.

Leader: We commission you to go with the blessing of the fruit of the Spirit from this congregation of believers into our community and throughout the world.

Here is Love

Here is love, vast as the ocean, loving-kindness as the flood,
When the Prince of Life, our Ransom, shed for us His precious blood.
Who His love will not remember? Who can cease to sing His praise?
He can never be forgotten throughout heav'n's eternal days.

In Thy truth Thou dost direct me by Thy Spirit through Thy Word;
And Thy grace my need is meeting as I trust in Thee, my Lord.
Of Thy fullness Thou art pouring Thy great love and pow'r on me,
Without measure, full and boundless, drawing out my heart to Thee.

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Offertory Prayer

Offering: Mission and Outreach Fund

Morning Prayer

Scripture: *Galatians 5:22-25*

²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. ²⁴ And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵ If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit.

Romans 7:4

Likewise, my brothers, you also have died to the law through the body of Christ, so that you may belong to another, to him who has been raised from the dead, in order that we may bear fruit for God.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: *That You May Bear Fruit for God*

Fill Thou My Life

Fill thou my life, O Lord my God, in every part with praise,
That my whole being may proclaim Thy being and thy ways.
Not for the lip of praise alone, nor e'en the praising heart
I ask, but for a life made up of praise in every part.

Praise in the common words I speak, life's common looks and tones,
In fellowship enjoyed at home with my beloved ones,
Enduring wrong, reproach, or loss with sweet and steadfast will,
Forgiving freely those who hate, returning good for ill.

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God's Blessing

My Friends, May You Grow in Grace

My friends, may you grow in grace
And in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior.
My friends, may you grow in grace and in the knowledge of Jesus Christ.
To God be the glory, now and forever, now and forever, amen.
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Offering will be received for the Missions and Outreach Fund, used to help organizations that fall outside of the realm of our benevolence fund but still need support. This fund allows the church to help organizations when our offering schedule is full.

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