

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
June 30, 2024 ~ 6:00 PM Worship Service

Call to Worship: *Psalm 19:1-4*

The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.

Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge.

They have no speech, they use no words; no sound is heard from them.

Yet their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world.

Opening Prayer

The Heavens Declare Your Glory

The heavens declare your glory, the firmament your power; day unto day the story repeats from hour to hour.
Night unto night replying, proclaims in every land, O Lord, with voice undying, the wonders of your hand.

The sun with royal splendor goes forth to chant your praise, and moonbeams soft and tender their gentler anthem raise.
O'er every tribe and nation the music is outpoured, the song of all creation to you, creation's Lord.

All heaven on high rejoices to do its Maker's will; the stars with solemn voices resound your praises still.

So let my whole behavior; each thought, each deed I do, be, Lord, my strength, my Savior, a ceaseless song to you.

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For the Beauty of the Earth

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies,
Christ, our Lord, to You we raise this, our hymn of grateful praise.

For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light,
Christ, our Lord, to You we raise this, our hymn of grateful praise.

For Yourself, best gift divine, to the world so freely given,
Agent of God's grand design: peace on earth and joy in heaven.
Christ, our Lord, to You we raise this, our hymn of grateful praise.

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Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Come, thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount – I'm fixed upon it – mount of Thy redeeming love.

O, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to Thee:
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it; seal it for Thy courts above.

("Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing", text by Robert Robinson, 1758, alt., tune J. Wyeth's Repository of Sacred Music, Part II, 1813, CCLI #358926, Streaming License 20317932)

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: Al & Julie, Operation Mobilization

Evening Prayer

Every Promise of Your Word

From the breaking of the dawn to the setting of the sun, I will stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.
Words of power, strong to save, that will never pass away, I will stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.
For Your covenant is sure, and on this I am secure, I can stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.

When I'm faced with anguished choice, I will listen for Your voice, and I'll stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.
Through this dark and troubled land You will guide me with Your hand as I stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.
And You've promised to complete ev'ry work begun in me, so I'll stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.

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Scripture: *Joshua 1:1-9*

After the death of Moses the servant of the LORD, the LORD said to Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' assistant, ² "Moses my servant is dead. Now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, you and all this people, into the land that I am giving to them, to the people of Israel. ³ Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given to you, just as I promised to Moses. ⁴ From the wilderness and this Lebanon as far as the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites to the Great Sea toward the going down of the sun shall be your territory. ⁵ No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life. Just as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave you or forsake you. ⁶ Be strong and courageous, for you shall cause this people to inherit the land that I swore to their fathers to give them. ⁷ Only be strong and very courageous, being careful to do according to all the law that Moses my servant commanded you. Do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may have good success wherever you go. ⁸ This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success. ⁹ Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."

Joshua 11:23

²³ So Joshua took the whole land, according to all that the LORD had spoken to Moses. And Joshua gave it for an inheritance to Israel according to their tribal allotments. And the land had rest from war.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: *A Walk Thru the Bible – Joshua*

We Praise Thee, O God

We worship Thee, God of our fathers, we bless Thee
Thru life's storm and tempest, our guide hast Thou been;
When perils o'er take us, Thou wilt not forsake us,
And with Thy help, O Lord, life's battles we win.

With voices united our praises we offer
And gladly our song of true worship we raise.
Thy strong arm will guide us, our God is beside us,
To Thee, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!

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God's Blessing

All Praise to Thee, My God

Praise, God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

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Pastor: Robert W

Music: Nancy Z

Offering will be received for Al & Julie, working with Operation Mobilization in Belgium, one of the least reached nations in the world. They live in Zaventem Village in the Flemish speaking part of Belgium. Al is the Director of Operations and is involved in building and maintenance, ZavCentre (a 60-bed hospitality and conference center supporting both local and global missions and ministry) and a church plant and Julie is the OM bookkeeper. For more information, visit www.om.org/be/be_en.