

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
July 7, 2024 ~ 6:00 PM Worship Service

Call to Worship: based on Psalm 27; John 4:2

Let us worship God, our light and our salvation.
The Lord is the stronghold of our lives.
We desire to live in God's house
and to seek God in his holy temple.
We have come with shouts of joy,
to sing and to make music to the Lord.

Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

**Teach us your ways and make straight
our paths in this hour of worship and always.**

Opening Prayer

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

Glorious things of Thee are spoken, Zion, city of our God.
He whose word cannot be broken formed you for his own abode.
On the Rock of Ages founded, what can shake your sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded,
You may smile at all your foes.

Round each habitation hovering, see the cloud and fire appear
For a glory and a covering, showing that the Lord is near.
Thus deriving from their banner light by night and shade by day,
Safe they feed upon the manna
Which God gives them on their way.

Savior, since of Zion's city I through grace a member am,
Let the world deride or pity, I will glory in your name.
Fading are the world's best pleasures,
All its boasted pomp and show;
Solid joys and lasting treasures none but Zion's children know.

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We Praise You, O God

We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before you, we kneel and adore you;
We bless your holy name, glad praises we sing.

We worship you, God of our fathers, we bless you;
Through life's storm and tempest our guide you have been.
When perils o'er take us, you never forsake us.
And with your help, O Lord, our battles we win.

With voices united our praises we offer;
Our songs of thanksgiving to you we now raise.
Your strong arm will guide us, our God is beside us.
To you, our great Redeemer, fore'er be praise!

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His Name is Wonderful

His name is Wonderful, His name is Wonderful,
His name is Wonderful, Jesus my Lord;
He is the mighty King, Master of everything,
His name is Wonderful, Jesus my Lord.
He's the great Shepherd, the Rock of all ages,
Almighty God is He;
Bow down before Him, love and adore Him,
His name is Wonderful, Jesus my Lord.

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Profession of Faith: from Westminster Confession

**There is only one living and true God,
who is infinite in being and perfection.
He is a most pure spirit, invisible,
with neither body, parts, nor passive properties.
He is unchangeable, boundless, eternal, and incomprehensible.
He is almighty, most wise, most holy,
most free, and most absolute.
He works all things according to the counsel
of his own unchangeable and most righteous will,
for his own glory.
He is most loving, gracious, merciful, long-suffering,
abundant in goodness and truth, forgiving iniquity,
transgression, and sin, and he is the rewarder of
those who diligently seek him.
He is also most just and terrifying in his judgments,
hating all sin, and will by no means acquit the guilty.**

Offering: Tuition Assistance Fund

Evening Prayer

Blessed Jesus

Blessed Jesus, at your word
We are gathered all to hear you.
Let our hearts and souls be stirred
Now to seek and love and fear you.
By your gospel pure and holy,
Teach us, Lord, to love You solely.

All our knowledge, sense, and sight
Life in deepest darkness shrouded,
Till your Spirit breaks our night
With your beams of truth unclouded.
You alone to God can win us;
You must work all good within us.

Glorious Lord, yourself impart;
Light of Light, from God proceeding,
Open lips and ears and heart;
Help us by your Spirit's leading.
Hear the cry your church now raises;
Lord, accept our prayers and praises.

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* **Scripture:** *Judges 2:10-19; 17:6*

¹⁰ And all that generation also were gathered to their fathers. And there arose another generation after them who did not know the Lord or the work that he had done for Israel.

¹¹ And the people of Israel did what was evil in the sight of the Lord and served the Baals. ¹² And they abandoned the Lord, the God of their fathers, who had brought them out of the land of Egypt. They went after other gods, from among the gods of the peoples who were around them, and bowed down to them. And they provoked the Lord to anger. ¹³ They abandoned the Lord and served the Baals and the Ashtaroth. ¹⁴ So the anger of the Lord was kindled against Israel, and he gave them over to plunderers, who plundered them. And he sold them into the hand of their surrounding enemies, so that they could no longer withstand their enemies. ¹⁵ Whenever they marched out, the hand of the Lord was against them for harm, as the Lord had warned, and as the Lord had sworn to them. And they were in terrible distress.

¹⁶ Then the Lord raised up judges, who saved them out of the hand of those who plundered them. ¹⁷ Yet they did not listen to their judges, for they whored after other gods and bowed down to them. They soon turned aside from the way in which their fathers had walked, who had obeyed the commandments of the Lord, and they did not do so. ¹⁸ Whenever the Lord raised up judges for them, the Lord was with the judge, and he saved them from the hand of their enemies all the days of the judge. For the Lord was moved to pity by their groaning because of those who afflicted and oppressed them. ¹⁹ But whenever the judge died, they turned back and were more corrupt than their fathers, going after other gods, serving them and bowing down to them. They did not drop any of their practices or their stubborn ways.

17:6 In those days there was no king in Israel. Everyone did what was right in his own eyes.

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

Message: *A Walk Thru the Bible – Judges*

Abide With Me

Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide;
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;
Change and decay in all around I see;
O Thou who changest not, abide with me.

I need Thy presence every passing hour;
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's power?
Who like Thyself my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me.

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God's Blessing

Abide With Me

I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless;
Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still if Thou abide with me.

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