

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
July 21, 2024 ~ 6:00 PM Worship Service

Call to Worship

Come to the Lord, who is rich in grace;
approach our God, who is full of mercy.
**We will praise God with all our heart
and glorify the name of the Most High forever.**

Opening Prayer

Come, Thou Almighty King

Come, Thou Almighty King,
Help us Thy name to sing; help us to praise.
Father all glorious, o'er all victorious,
Come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.

Come, Thou Incarnate Word,
Gird on Thy mighty sword; our prayer attend.
Come, and Thy people bless, and give Thy word success.
Spirit of holiness, on us descend.

To Thee, great One in Three,
Eternal praises be hence evermore;
Thy sovereign majesty may we in glory see,
And to eternity love and adore.

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We Are God's People

We are God's people, the chosen of the Lord,
Born of His Spirit, established by His Word.
Our cornerstone is Christ alone, and strong in Him we stand;
O let us live transparently
And walk heart to heart and hand in hand.

We are the Body of which the Lord is Head,
Called to obey Him, now risen from the dead.
He wills us be a family diverse, yet truly one;
O let us give our gifts to God
And so shall His work on earth be done.

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Glorify Thy Name

Father, we love You, we worship and adore You.
Glorify Thy name in all the earth.
Glorify Thy name, glorify Thy name,
Glorify Thy name in all the earth!

Jesus, we love You, we worship and adore You.
Glorify Thy name in all the earth.
Glorify Thy name, glorify Thy name,
Glorify Thy name in all the earth!

Spirit, we love You, we worship and adore You.
Glorify Thy name in all the earth.
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Summary of the Law: *Matthew 22:37-40*

What is the great and first commandment?

**Love the Lord your God with all your heart
and with all your soul and with all your mind.**

What is the second commandment like it?

Love your neighbor as yourself.

What does this mean?

Love is the fulfilling of the law.

To what does this call us?

To a life of faith working through love.

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Evening Prayer

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

My faith looks up to Thee,
Thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine!
Now hear me while I pray;
Take all my guilt away.
O let me from this day be wholly Thine!

While life's dark maze I tread,
And griefs around me spread be Thou my Guide.
Bid darkness turn to day;
Wipe sorrow's tears away;
Nor let me ever stray from Thee aside!

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Scripture: *1 John 2:12-17*

*I am writing to you, dear children,
because your sins have been forgiven on account of his name.
I am writing to you, fathers,
because you know him who is from the beginning.
I am writing to you, young men,
because you have overcome the evil one.
I write to you, dear children,
because you know the Father.
I write to you, fathers,
because you know him who is from the beginning.
I write to you, young men,
because you are strong,
and the word of God lives in you,
and you have overcome the evil one.*

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: *A Reason to Write*

The Love of God

The love of God is greater far
Than tongue or pen can ever tell;
It goes beyond the highest star,
And reaches to the lowest hell;
The guilty pair, bowed down with care,
God gave His Son to win;
His erring child He reconciled,
And pardoned from his sin.

Refrain: O love of God, how rich and pure!
How measureless and strong!
It shall for evermore endure
The saints' and angels' song.

Could we with ink the ocean fill,
And were the skies of parchment made,
Were every stalk on earth a quill,
And every man a scribe by trade,
To write the love of God above,
Would drain the ocean dry.
Nor could the scroll contain the whole,
Though stretched from sky to sky. *Refrain*

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God's Blessing

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

Mortals, join the happy chorus
With the morning stars began;
Father love is reigning o'er us,
Brother love binds man to man.
Ever singing, march we onward,
Victors in the midst of strife,
Joyful music leads us sunward
In the triumph song of life.

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