First Christian Reformed Church Lynden, Washington July 28, 2024 ~ 10:30 AM Worship Service

Call to Worship: Psalm 145:3-5

Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; His greatness no one can fathom. One generation commends your works to another; they tell of your might acts. They speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty and I will meditate on your wonderful works.

God's Greeting

One Generation Will Call to the Next

We will extol you, God and King and bless your holy name. Day after day we'll sing your praise; forever and forever.

Refrain: One generation will call to the next: "Our God is good, and his hand is strong!" All of the world sings his marvelous acts, and our voice will join with theirs in the song.

We contemplate the splendor of the world your hand has made. Far greater still the majesty we see in the Creator! *Refrain* ("One Generation Will Call to the Next" work and music by Greg Schere, © 2006 Faith Alive Christian Resources, CCLI #35926, Streaming #20317921)

Bless the Lord, O My Soul

Refrain: Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul, worship His holy name. Sing like never before, O my soul, I worship your holy name.

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning; it's time to sing your song again. Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me, let me be singing when the evening comes. *Refrain*

You're rich in love and you're slow to anger; your name is great and your heart is kind. For all your goodness, I will keep on singing, ten thousand reasons for my heart to find. *Refrain*

In Christ Alone

In Christ alone, my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song, This Cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease. My Comforter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ, I stand.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ in me. From life's first cry, to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny. No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from His hand. 'Til He returns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

Call to Confession: Psalm 32:5

Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord." And you forgave the guilt of my sin.

Prayer of Confession

Assurance: Heidelberg Catechism, Q & A 1

What is your only comfort in life and in death?

That I am not my own,

but belong — body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood,

and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil.

He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven:

in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.

Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

God of Grace

God of grace, amazing wonder, irresistible and free; Oh, the miracle of mercy, Jesus reaches down to me. God of grace, I stand in wonder, as my God restores my soul. His own blood has paid my ransom; awesome cost to make me whole.

God of grace, who loved and knew me long before the world began; Sent my Savior down from heaven; perfect God and perfect man. God of grace, I trust in Jesus; I'm accepted as His own. Every day new grace sustains me, as I lean on Him alone. (Cod of Grace" world and music by Jonathon Real Real Statistics of Saviety (Cod Publishing) (CCLI #358926 Streaming Leanes #2017932)

Offertory Prayer

Offering: Benevolence

Morning Prayer

Still, My Soul, Be Still

Still, my soul, be still; do not be moved by lesser lights and fleeting shadows. Hold on to His ways, with shield of faith against temptation's flaming arrows.

Refrain: God, You are my God, and I will trust in You and not be shaken. Lord of peace, renew a steadfast spirit within me to rest in You alone.

Still, my soul, be still; do not forsake the truth you learned in the beginning. Wait upon the Lord, and hope will rise as stars appear when day is dimming. *Refrain*

Scripture: Romans 8:12-15

¹² So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. ¹³ For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴ For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!"

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

Message: By the Spirit, Killing Sin

Have Thine Own Way, Lord!

Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way! Thou art the potter, I am the clay! Mold me and make me after Thy will, while I am waiting, yielded and still.

Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way! Search me and try me, Master, today! Open mine eyes, my sin show me now, as in thy presence humbly I bow.

Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way! Hold o'er my being absolute sway! Fill with Thy Spirit 'til all shall see Christ only, always, living in me!

God's Blessing

To God Be the Glory

To God be the glory, to God be the glory, to God be the glory for the things he has done: With his blood he has saved me; with his power he has raised me. To God be the glory for the things he has done.

Pastor: Robert W

Prayer: Mark T, Tim V

Music: Sharon A, Brian K, Dick B, Brad H, Ben K

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