

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
July 28, 2024 ~ 6:00 PM Worship Service

Call to Worship: *Psalm 91:1-6*

*He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.
I will say to the Lord, "My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."
For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence.
He will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge;
his faithfulness is a shield and buckler.
You will not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day,
nor the pestilence that stalks in darkness, nor the destruction that wastes at noonday.*

Opening Prayer

We Will Glorify

We will glorify the King of kings; we will glorify the Lamb.
We will glorify the Lord of lords, who is the great I AM.

Lord Jehovah reigns in majesty; we will bow before His throne.
We will worship Him in righteousness; we will worship Him alone.

He is Lord of heaven, Lord of earth, He is Lord of all who live.
He is Lord above the universe; all praise to Him we give.

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The Wonder of it All

There's a wonder of sunset at evening, the wonder as sunrise I see;
But the wonder of wonders that thrills my soul is the wonder that God loves me.

Refrain: O, the wonder of it all! The wonder of it all! Just to think that God loves me.
O the wonder of it all! The wonder of it all! Just to think that God loves me.

There's a wonder of springtime and harvest, the sky, the stars, the sun;
But the wonder of wonders that thrills my soul is a wonder that's only begun. *Refrain*

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Be Thou My Vision

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that Thou art,
Thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise, Thou mine inheritance, now and always;
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart, High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

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Profession of Faith: *Ephesians 2:4-7*

***But God, being rich in mercy,
because of the great love with which he loved us,
even when we were dead in our trespasses,
made us alive together with Christ—
by grace you have been saved—
and raised us up with him and seated us with him
in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,
so that in the coming ages he might show
the immeasurable riches of his grace
in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.***

Offering: Benevolence

Evening Prayer

Trust and Obey

When we walk with the Lord in the light of His Word, what a glory He sheds on our way!
While we do His good will, He abides with us still, and with all who will trust and obey.

Refrain: Trust and obey, for there's no other way to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

Not a burden we bear, not a sorrow we share, but our toil He doth richly repay;
Not a grief or a loss, not a frown or a cross, but is blest if we trust and obey. *Refrain*

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Scripture: Ruth 1:1-6

¹ In the days when the judges ruled there was a famine in the land, and a man of Bethlehem in Judah went to sojourn in the country of Moab, he and his wife and his two sons. ² The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion. They were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there. ³ But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. ⁴ These took Moabite wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. They lived there about ten years, ⁵ and both Mahlon and Chilion died, so that the woman was left without her two sons and her husband.

⁶ Then she arose with her daughters-in-law to return from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the fields of Moab that the Lord had visited his people and given them food.

Ruth 1:22-2:3

²² So Naomi returned, and Ruth the Moabite her daughter-in-law with her, who returned from the country of Moab. And they came to Bethlehem at the beginning of barley harvest.

^{2:1} Now Naomi had a relative of her husband's, a worthy man of the clan of Elimelech, whose name was Boaz. ² And Ruth the Moabite said to Naomi, "Let me go to the field and glean among the ears of grain after him in whose sight I shall find favor." And she said to her, "Go, my daughter." ³ So she set out and went and gleaned in the field after the reapers, and she happened to come to the part of the field belonging to Boaz, who was of the clan of Elimelech.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: A Walk Thru the Bible – Ruth

'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, just to take Him at His word,
Just to rest upon His promise, just to know, "Thus saith the Lord."

Refrain: Jesus, Jesus how I trust Him! How I've proved Him o'er and o'er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust Him more!

Yes, I've learned to trust in Jesus, and from sin and self to cease;
Now from Jesus simply taking life and rest and joy and peace. *Refrain*

I'm so glad I learned to trust Him, Precious Jesus, Savior, Friend;
And I know that He is with me, He'll be with me to the end. *Refrain*

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God's Blessing

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.

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Pastor: Robert W
Music: Lee V

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