

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
September 22, 2024 ~ 6:00 PM Worship Service

Call to Worship: *Psalm 105:1-4*

Give praise the Lord, proclaim his name; make known among the nations what he has done.

Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts.

Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

Look to the Lord and his strength; seek his face always.

Opening Prayer

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of His grace!

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad the honors of Thy name.

He breaks the power of cancelled sin, He sets the prisoner free:
His blood can make the foulest clean, His blood availed for me.

("O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" words by Charles Wesley and music by Carl G. Glasser, © 1976 Paragon Associates, Inc., CCLI #358926, Streaming License 20317932)

Great is Thy Faithfulness

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father! There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not: as Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

Refrain: Great is Thy faithfulness, great is Thy faithfulness, morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided; great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow – blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! *Refrain*

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Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

Refrain: This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, all is at rest, I in my Savior am happy and blest;
Watching and waiting, looking above, filled with His goodness lost in His love. *Refrain*

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Profession of Faith: Our World Belongs to God, Article 13

God directs and bends to his will all that happens in his world.

**As history unfolds in ways we only know in part, all things—
from crops to grades, from jobs to laws—are under his control.**

God is present in our world by his Word and Spirit.

The faithfulness of our great Provider gives sense to our days and hope to our years.

The future is secure, for our world belongs to God.

Offering: Mission and Outreach

Evening Prayer

How Firm a Foundation

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!
What more can He say than to you He hath said, to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

Fear not, I am with thee: O be not dismayed, for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand, upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.

("How Firm a Foundation" words by J. Rippon's Selection of Hymns and music by J. Funk's A Compilation of Genuine Church Music 1832; harm. Dale Grotenhuis, 1985, Harmonization © 1987 CRC Publication, CCLI #358926, Streaming License #20317932)

Scripture: II Kings 2:9-12a

⁹When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, “Ask what I shall do for you, before I am taken from you.” And Elisha said, “Please let there be a double portion of your spirit on me.” ¹⁰And he said, “You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it shall be so for you, but if you do not see me, it shall not be so.” ¹¹And as they still went on and talked, behold, chariots of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them. And Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven. ¹²And Elisha saw it and he cried, “My father, my father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!” And he saw him no more.

II Kings 17:6-13, 16-20

⁶In the ninth year of Hoshea, the king of Assyria captured Samaria, and he carried the Israelites away to Assyria and placed them in Halah, and on the Habor, the river of Gozan, and in the cities of the Medes.

⁷And this occurred because the people of Israel had sinned against the Lord their God, who had brought them up out of the land of Egypt from under the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt, and had feared other gods ⁸and walked in the customs of the nations whom the Lord drove out before the people of Israel, and in the customs that the kings of Israel had practiced.

⁹And the people of Israel did secretly against the Lord their God things that were not right. They built for themselves high places in all their towns, from watchtower to fortified city. ¹⁰They set up for themselves pillars and Asherim on every high hill and under every green tree, ¹¹and there they made offerings on all the high places, as the nations did whom the Lord carried away before them. And they did wicked things, provoking the Lord to anger, ¹²and they served idols, of which the Lord had said to them, “You shall not do this.” ¹³Yet the Lord warned Israel and Judah by every prophet and every seer, saying, “Turn from your evil ways and keep my commandments and my statutes, in accordance with all the Law that I commanded your fathers, and that I sent to you by my servants the prophets.”

¹⁶And they abandoned all the commandments of the Lord their God, and made for themselves metal images of two calves; and they made an Asherah and worshiped all the host of heaven and served Baal. ¹⁷And they burned their sons and their daughters as offerings and used divination and omens and sold themselves to do evil in the sight of the Lord, provoking him to anger. ¹⁸Therefore the Lord was very angry with Israel and removed them out of his sight. None was left but the tribe of Judah only. ¹⁹Judah also did not keep the commandments of the Lord their God, but walked in the customs that Israel had introduced. ²⁰And the Lord rejected all the descendants of Israel and afflicted them and gave them into the hand of plunderers, until he had cast them out of his sight.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: A Walk Through the Bible – II Kings

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun does His successive journeys run,
His kingdom spread from shore to shore, 'til moons shall wax and wane no more.

To Him shall endless prayer be made, and endless praises crown His head;
His name like sweet perfume shall rise with every morning sacrifice.

People and realms of every tongue dwell on His love with sweetest song;
And infant voices shall proclaim their early blessings on His name.

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God's Blessing

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

Let every creature rise and bring His grateful honors to our King;
Angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud “Amen!”

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Pastor: Robert W

Music: Lisa Q

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