

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
January 12, 2025 ~ 6:00 PM Worship Service

Call to Worship: *Psalm 146: 1-2, 10*

Praise the Lord. Praise the Lord, my soul.

I will praise the Lord all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.

The Lord reigns forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations.

Praise the Lord.

Opening Prayer

O Praise the LORD, for It Is Good

O praise the LORD, for it is good to sing unto our God;

'Tis right and pleasant for his saints to tell his praise abroad.

The LORD our God builds up his church, finds those who draw apart;

He binds their wounds and gently leads, He heals the broken heart.

Our LORD is great: he calls by name and counts the stars of night;

His wisdom is unsearchable, and wondrous is his might.

The LORD upholds the poor and meek but brings the wicked low;

Sing praise to him who sends the rain, whose care the cattle know.

(“Praise the Lord, for It Is Good” words Psalm 147, music by Joh H. Stockton © Public Domain CCLI #358926, Streaming License 20317932)

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates: behold the King of glory waits!

The King of kings is drawing near, the Savior of the world is here.

Redeemer, come! I open wide my heart to Thee: here, Lord, abide!

Let me Thy inner presence feel: Thy grace and love in me reveal.

So come, my Sovereign, enter in! Let new and nobler life begin!

Thy Holy Spirit guide us on, until the glorious crown be won.

(“Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates” text by Georg Weissel, tr. By Catherine Winkworth, tune Psalmody Evangelica, © Public Domain, CCLI #358926, Streaming #20317932)

Every Promise

From the breaking of the dawn to the setting of the sun,

I will stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.

Words of power, strong to save, that will never pass away,

I will stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.

For Your covenant is sure, and on this I am secure—

I can stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.

When I stumble and I sin, condemnation pressing in,

I will stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.

You are faithful to forgive that in freedom I might live,

So I stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.

Guilt to innocence restored, You remember sins no more—

So I'll stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.

Hope that lifts me from despair, love that casts out ev'ry fear,

As I stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.

Not forsaken, not alone, for the Comforter has come,

And I stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.

Grace sufficient, grace for me, grace for all who will believe—

We will stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.

(“Every Promise” words and music by Keith Getty, Stuart Townsends, arr. Ruth Coleman © 2007 Thankyou Music, CCLI #358926, Streaming #20317932)

Profession of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism Q & A 4

What does God's law require of us?

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

And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself.

All the law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.

Offering: Al & Julie, Operation Mobilization

Evening Prayer

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged – take it to the Lord in prayer!
Can we find a friend so faithful, who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness – take it to the Lord in prayer!

("What a Friend We Have in Jesus" words by Joseph M. Scriven music by Charles C. Converse © Public Domain CCLI#358926 Streaming License #20317932)

Scripture: *John 6:1-15*

¹ After this Jesus went away to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, which is the Sea of Tiberias. ² And a large crowd was following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing on the sick. ³ Jesus went up on the mountain, and there he sat down with his disciples. ⁴ Now the Passover, the feast of the Jews, was at hand. ⁵ Lifting up his eyes, then, and seeing that a large crowd was coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread, so that these people may eat?" ⁶ He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he would do. ⁷ Philip answered him, "Two hundred denarii worth of bread would not be enough for each of them to get a little." ⁸ One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, ⁹ "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what are they for so many?" ¹⁰ Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, about five thousand in number. ¹¹ Jesus then took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated. So also the fish, as much as they wanted. ¹² And when they had eaten their fill, he told his disciples, "Gather up the leftover fragments, that nothing may be lost." ¹³ So they gathered them up and filled twelve baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves left by those who had eaten. ¹⁴ When the people saw the sign that he had done, they said, "This is indeed the Prophet who is to come into the world!"

¹⁵ Perceiving then that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, Jesus withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: *Miracle*

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.

("God of Grace" words and music by Jonathan Rea | Keith Getty © 2003 Thankyou Music (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing) CCLI #358926 Streaming License #20317932)

God's Blessing

God of Grace

God of grace, I stand astounded, cleansed forgiven and secure.
All my fears are now confounded and my hope is ever sure.
God of grace, now crowned in glory, where one day I'll see Your face;
And forever I'll adore You in Your everlasting grace.

("God of Grace" words and music by Jonathan Rea | Keith Getty © 2003 Thankyou Music (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing) CCLI #358926 Streaming License #20317932)

Pastors: Chuck K, Robert W

Music: Sharon A

Offering will be received for Al & Julie, working with Operation Mobilization in Belgium, one of the least reached nations in the world. For more information, visit www.om.org/be_en.

An assistive listening system is available in the sanctuary; to use this system, switch hearing aids to "T".