

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
January 19, 2025 ~ 10:30 AM Worship Service

Call to Worship: *Psalm 103:1-2, 20-22, NIV*

Praise the LORD, my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name.

Praise the LORD, my soul, and forget not all his benefits.

Praise the LORD, you his angels, you mighty ones who do his bidding, who obey his word.

Praise the LORD, all his heavenly hosts, you his servants who do his will.

Praise the LORD, all his works everywhere in his dominion. Praise the LORD, my soul.

God's Greeting

Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens Adore Him

Praise the Lord! Ye heavens, adore Him; praise Him, angels, in the height;

Sun and moon, rejoice before Him; praise Him, all ye stars of light.

Praise the Lord! for He hath spoken; worlds His mighty voice obeyed;

Laws which never shall be broken for their guidance hath He made.

Praise the Lord! For He is glorious; never shall His promise fail;

God hath made His saints victorious; sin and death shall not prevail;

Praise the God of our salvation! Hosts on high, His power proclaim;

Heaven and earth, and all creation, laud and magnify His name.

Worship, honor, glory, blessing, Lord we offer unto Thee:

Young and old, Thy praise expressing, in glad homage bend the knee.

All the saints in heav'n adore Thee; we would bow before Thy throne;

As Thine angels serve before Thee, so on earth Thy will be done.

("Praise the LORD! Ye Heavens Adore Him", words st. 1&2 anonymous, st. 3 Edward Osler, music Franz Joseph Haydn, CCLI #558926 Streaming License #20317932)

Like a River Glorious

Like a river glorious is God's perfect peace, over all victorious in its bright increase;

Perfect, yet it floweth fuller every day; perfect, yet it groweth deeper all the way.

Refrain: Trusting in the Father, hearts are fully blest,

 Finding, as he promised, perfect peace and rest.

Hidden in the hollow of His blessed hand, never foe can follow, never traitor stand;

Not a surge of worry, not a shade of care, not a blast of hurry touch the spirit there. *Refrain*

Every joy or testing comes from God above, given to His children as an act of love;

We may trust Him fully all for us to do, those who trust Him wholly find Him wholly true. *Refrain*

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There Is a Redeemer

There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son;

Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.

Refrain: Thank You, O my Father, for giving us Your Son,

 And leaving Your Spirit till the work on earth is done.

Jesus my Redeemer, name above all names,

Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, hope for sinners slain. *Refrain*

When I stand in glory, I will see His face,

And there I'll serve my King forever, in that holy place. *Refrain*

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Call to Confession: *Proverbs 3:5-6*

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding;

in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.

Prayer of Confession

Assurance: *Isaiah 41:10*

So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

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*

Then in fellowship sweet we will sit at His feet, or we'll walk by His side in the way;
What He says we will do, where He sends we will go, never fear, only trust and obey. *Refrain*

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Offertory Prayer and Offering: Lynden Human Life

Congregational Prayer

Scripture: Ruth 3:1-18

¹Then Naomi her mother-in-law said to her, "My daughter, should I not seek rest for you, that it may be well with you?
²Is not Boaz our relative, with whose young women you were? See, he is winnowing barley tonight at the threshing floor.
³Wash therefore and anoint yourself, and put on your cloak and go down to the threshing floor, but do not make yourself known to the man until he has finished eating and drinking. ⁴But when he lies down, observe the place where he lies. Then go and uncover his feet and lie down, and he will tell you what to do." ⁵And she replied, "All that you say I will do."
⁶So she went down to the threshing floor and did just as her mother-in-law had commanded her. ⁷And when Boaz had eaten and drunk, and his heart was merry, he went to lie down at the end of the heap of grain. Then she came softly and uncovered his feet and lay down. ⁸At midnight the man was startled and turned over, and behold, a woman lay at his feet! ⁹He said, "Who are you?" And she answered, "I am Ruth, your servant. Spread your wings over your servant, for you are a redeemer." ¹⁰And he said, "May you be blessed by the Lord, my daughter. You have made this last kindness greater than the first in that you have not gone after young men, whether poor or rich. ¹¹And now, my daughter, do not fear. I will do for you all that you ask, for all my fellow townsmen know that you are a worthy woman. ¹²And now it is true that I am a redeemer. Yet there is a redeemer nearer than I. ¹³Remain tonight, and in the morning, if he will redeem you, good; let him do it. But if he is not willing to redeem you, then, as the Lord lives, I will redeem you. Lie down until the morning."
¹⁴So she lay at his feet until the morning, but arose before one could recognize another. And he said, "Let it not be known that the woman came to the threshing floor." ¹⁵And he said, "Bring the garment you are wearing and hold it out." So she held it, and he measured out six measures of barley and put it on her. Then she went into the city. ¹⁶And when she came to her mother-in-law, she said, "How did you fare, my daughter?" Then she told her all that the man had done for her, ¹⁷saying, "These six measures of barley he gave to me, for he said to me, 'You must not go back empty-handed to your mother-in-law.'" ¹⁸She replied, "Wait, my daughter, until you learn how the matter turns out, for the man will not rest but will settle the matter today."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: *A Redeemer's Heart: Trusting Divine Providence*

Blessed Controller

God is the Blessed Controller of all, and I can trust Him whatever befall;
All things will work together for good, this is His promise to me in His Word.

Refrain: Oh, how I praise Him, Oh how I sing! Blessed Controller of everything,
Trusting His goodness, wisdom and pow'r, knowing He loves me through every hour.

Blessed Controller of all things, safe in His care my rejoicing heart sings;
His mighty pow'r is working for me, trusting His love my spirit is free. *Refrain*

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God's Blessing

God of Grace and God of Glory

God of grace and God of glory, on Thy people pour Thy power;
Crown thine ancient church's story, bring her bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.

Set our feet on lofty places, gird our lives that they may be
Armored with all Christ-like graces in the fight to set men free.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, that we fail not man nor Thee, that we fail not man nor Thee.

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