

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
February 9, 2025 ~ 6:00 PM Worship Service

Call to Worship: *Psalm 117:1-2*

Praise the Lord, all nations! Extol him, all peoples!

For great is his steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever. Praise the Lord!

Opening Prayer

We Sing the Greatness of Our God

We sing the greatness of our God that made the mountains rise,
That spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies,
We sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;
The moon shines full at His command, and all the stars obey.

We sing the goodness of the Lord that filled the earth with food;
He formed the creatures with His word and then pronounced them good.
Lord, how Thy wonders are displayed where'er we turn our eyes:
In every season of the year, and through the changing skies.

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We Praise Thee, O God, Our Redeemer

We praise Thee, O God, our Redeemer, Creator in grateful devotion our tribute we bring;
We lay it before Thee, we kneel and adore Thee, we bless Thy holy name, glad praises we sing.

With voices united our praises we offer and gladly our song of true worship we raise.

Thy strong arm will guide us, our God is beside us, to Thee, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!

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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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Profession of Faith: *Psalm 98:1-3*

Oh sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things!

His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

The Lord has made known his salvation; he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.

He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Offering: Building the Future

Evening Prayer

Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart

Spirit of God, descend upon my heart, wean it from earth, thro' all its pulses move.
Stoop to my weakness, mighty as Thou art, and make me love Thee as I ought to love.

Hast Thou not bid us love Thee, God and King? All, all Thine own – soul, heart, and strength, and mind!
I see Thy cross – there teach my heart to cling; O let me seek Thee, and O let me find!

Teach me to love Thee as Thine angels love, one holy passion filling all my frame;
The baptism of the heav'n descended Dove—my heart an altar, and Thy love the flame.

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Scripture: Psalm 1:1-2

¹ Blessed is the man
who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,
nor stands in the way of sinners,
nor sits in the seat of scoffers;
² but his delight is in the law of the Lord,
and on his law he meditates day and night.

Psalm 16:11

¹¹ You make known to me the path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy;
at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Psalm 19:1-2

¹ The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.
² Day to day pours out speech,
and night to night reveals knowledge.

Psalm 27:1

¹ The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?

Psalm 29:1

¹ Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

Psalm 95:1-3

¹ Oh come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
² Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!
³ For the Lord is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: A Walk Through the Bible - Psalms

O Father, You Are Sovereign

O Father, You are sovereign in all the worlds You made;
Your mighty Word was spoken and light and life obeyed.
Your voice commands the seasons and bounds the ocean's shore,
Set stars within their courses and stills the tempest's roar.

O Father, You are sovereign in all affairs of man;
No powers of death or darkness can thwart Your perfect plan.
All chance and change transcending supreme in time and space,
You hold Your trusting children secure in Your embrace.

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God's Blessing

O Father, You Are Sovereign

O Father, You are sovereign we see You dimly now,
But soon before Your triumph earth's every knee shall bow.
With this glad hope before us our faith springs up anew;
Our Sovereign Lord and Savior, we trust and worship You.

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