

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
June 8, 2025 ~ 6:00 PM Worship Service

Call to Worship: *Psalm 19:1,2*

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

Opening Prayer

The Heavens Declare Your Glory

The heavens declare your glory, the firmament your power;
Day unto day the story repeats from hour to hour.
Night unto night replying, proclaims in every land,
O Lord, with voice undying, the wonders of your hand.

All heaven on high rejoices to do its Maker's will;
The stars with solemn voices resound your praises still.
So let my whole behavior; each thought, each deed I do,
Be, Lord, my strength, my Savior, a ceaseless song to you.

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This is My Father's World

This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears;
All nature sings and round me rings the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world; I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world; the birds their carols raise.
The morning light, the lily white, declare their Maker's praise;
This is my Father's world; He shines in all that's fair;
In the rustling grass I hear Him pass, He speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world, O let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Ruler yet.
This is my Father's world; the battle is not done;
Jesus, who died, shall be satisfied, and earth and heaven be one.

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Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts

Jesus, Thou joy of loving hearts, Thou fount of life, Thou light of men,
From the best bliss that earth imparts we turn unfilled to Thee again.

Thy truth unchanged hath ever stood, Thou savest those that on Thee call;
To them that seek Thee Thou art good, to them that find Thee all in all.

Our restless spirits yearn for Thee, where-e'er our changeful lot is cast:
Glad when Thy gracious smile we see, blest when our faith can hold Thee fast.

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Profession of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 21

What is true faith?

True faith is not only a knowledge and conviction that everything God reveals in his Word is true; it is also a deep-rooted assurance, created in me by the Holy Spirit through the gospel, that, out of sheer grace earned for us by Christ, not only others, but I too, have had my sins forgiven, have been made forever right with God, and have been granted salvation.

Offering: Eric & Penny, Pacific Island Ministries

Evening Prayer

Take Time to Be Holy

Take time to be holy, speak often with God;
Find rest in Him always, and feed on His Word.
Make friends of God's children, help those who are weak;
Forgetting in nothing His blessing to seek.

Take time to be holy, let Him be Thy Guide;
And run not before Him, whatever betide.
In joy or in sorrow, still follow Thy Lord,
And, looking to Jesus, still trust in His word.

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Scripture: Jeremiah 1:1-10

¹ *The words of Jeremiah, the son of Hilkiah, one of the priests who were in Anathoth in the land of Benjamin, ² to whom the word of the Lord came in the days of Josiah the son of Amon, king of Judah, in the thirteenth year of his reign. ³ It came also in the days of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, and until the end of the eleventh year of Zedekiah, the son of Josiah, king of Judah, until the captivity of Jerusalem in the fifth month.*

⁴ *Now the word of the Lord came to me, saying,*

⁵ *"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations."*

⁶ *Then I said, "Ah, Lord God! Behold, I do not know how to speak, for I am only a youth." ⁷ But the Lord said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a youth'; for to all to whom I send you, you shall go, and whatever I command you, you shall speak.*

⁸ *Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, declares the Lord."*

⁹ *Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth. And the Lord said to me, "Behold, I have put my words in your mouth.*

¹⁰ *See, I have set you this day over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to break down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant."*

Jeremiah 29:10-11

¹⁰ *"For thus says the Lord: When seventy years are completed for Babylon, I will visit you, and I will fulfill to you my promise and bring you back to this place. ¹¹ For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.*

Jeremiah 31:33

³³ *For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people.*

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: A Walk Through the Bible – Jeremiah

I Sought the Lord, and Afterward I Knew

I sought the Lord, and afterward I knew He moved my soul to seek him, seeking me;
It was not I that found, O Savior true; no, I was found, was found of thee.
It was not I that found, O Savior true; no, I was found, was found of thee.

Thou didst reach forth thy hand and mine enfold; I walked and sank not on the storm-vexed sea;

'Twas not so much that I on thee took hold, as thou, dear Lord, took hold on me.

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God's Blessing

Lead On, O King Eternal

Lead on, O King Eternal, we follow, not with fears;
For gladness breaks like morning where'er your face appears.
Your cross is lifted o'er us; we journey in its light.
The crown awaits the conquest; lead on, O God of might.

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Pastors: Zac H, Robert W

Music: Mike H

Offering will be received for Eric & Penny S, missionaries working with Pacific Island Ministry in Papua New Guinea, helping train pastors and write resource materials for pastors in the Melanesian Pidgin language. They spend part of the year in Papua New Guinea and part of the year in Kalamazoo, Michigan, where Eric focuses on writing materials. For more information, visit www.piministries.com.

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