

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
August 3, 2025 ~ 6:00 p.m. Worship Service

Call to Worship: *Psalm 138:4-5*

*All the kings of the earth shall give you thanks, O LORD, for they have heard the words of your mouth,
and they shall sing of the ways of the LORD, for great is the glory of the LORD.*

Opening Prayer

It is Good to Sing Thy Praises

It is good to sing Thy praises and to thank Thee, O Most High,
Showing forth Thy loving kindness when the morning lights the sky.
It is good when night is falling of Thy faithfulness to tell.
While with sweet, melodious praises songs of adoration swell.

Thou hast filled my heart with gladness through the works Thy hands have wrought;
Thou hast made my life victorious; great Thy works and deep Thy thought.
Thou, O Lord, on high exalted, reignest evermore in might;
All Thy enemies shall perish, sin be banished from Thy sight.

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For the Beauty of the Earth

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies;
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For Thyself, best gift divine, to our race so freely given;
For that great, great love of Thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven.
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

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Give Thanks

Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One;
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son.
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Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son.
And now let the weak say, "I am strong;" let the poor say, "I am rich,"
Because of what the Lord has done for us.
And now let the weak say, "I am strong;" let the poor say, "I am rich,"
Because of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks.

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Profession of Faith: Our World Belongs to God, Article 2

**From the beginning, through all the crises of our times,
until his kingdom fully comes, God keeps covenant forever.
Our world belongs to him! God is King! Let the earth be glad!
Christ is Victor; his rule has begun. Hallelujah!
The Spirit is at work, renewing the creation. Praise the Lord!**

Offering: Christian School Tuition Assistance

Evening Prayer

Blessed Assurance

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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Scripture: *Psalm 107:1-3, 43*

¹ *Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever!*

² *Let the redeemed of the Lord say so,
whom he has redeemed from trouble*

³ *and gathered in from the lands,
from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.*

⁴³ *Whoever is wise, let him attend to these things;
let them consider the steadfast love of the Lord.*

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: *Psalms of Thanksgiving*

Let All Things Now Living

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
To God the Creator triumphantly raise,
Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
Who guideth us on to the end of our days.
His banners are o'er us, his light goes before us,
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night,
'Til shadows have vanished and darkness is banished,
As forward we travel from light into light.

His law he enforces; the stars in their courses
The sun in His orbit, obediently shine;
The hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,
The deeps of the ocean proclaim him divine.
We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing;
With glad adoration a song let us raise,
'Til all things now living unite in thanksgiving:
To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!

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God's Blessing

Go, My Children, With My Blessing

Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me;
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.
Here my Spirit's power filled you; here his tender comfort stilled you,
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.

I, the Lord, will bless and keep you and give you peace;
I, the Lord, will smile upon you and give you peace;
I, the Lord, will be your Father, Savior, Comforter and Brother.
Go, my children, I will keep you and give you peace.

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Pastors: Zac H, Nate J

Music: Ken Q

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On the bulletin, bold font is a response by the congregation. You are invited to join if you feel comfortable.

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