

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
November 9, 2025
6:00 p.m. Worship Service

Call to Worship: Psalm 145:1-4

*I will extol you, my God and King,
and bless your name forever and ever.*

***Every day I will bless you
and praise your name forever and ever.***

*Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised,
and his greatness is unsearchable.*

***One generation shall commend your works to another,
and shall declare your mighty acts.***

Opening Prayer

One Generation Will Call to the Next

We will extol you, God and King
And bless your holy name.
Day after day we'll sing your praise;
Forever and forever.

Refrain: One generation will call to the next:
"Our God is good, and his hand is strong!"
All of the world sings his marvelous acts,
And our voice will join with theirs in the song.

Great is the Lord! In all his ways
He's greatly to be praised.
Were we to search for endless days,
His greatness none could fathom. *Refrain*

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Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee,
Opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
Drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness,
Fill us with the light of day.

Thou art giving and forgiving,
Ever blessing, ever blest,
Well-spring of the joy of living,
Ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother –
All who live in love are Thine;
Teach us how to love each other,
Lift us to the joy divine.

Mortals, join the happy chorus
Which the morning stars began;
Father love is reigning o'er us,
Brother love binds man to man.
Ever singing, march we onward,
Victors in the midst of strife,
Joyful music leads us sunward
In the triumph song of life.

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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, 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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Profession of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 32

Why are you called a Christian?

**Because by faith I am a member of Christ
and so I share in his anointing.
I am anointed to confess his name,
to present myself to him as a living sacrifice of thanks,
to strive with a good conscience
against sin and the devil in this life,
and afterward to reign with Christ
over all creation for all eternity.**

Offering: Forged@First

Evening Prayer

I Need Thee Every Hour

I need Thee every hour, most gracious Lord;
No tender voice like Thine can peace afford.
I need Thee, O I need Thee; every hour I need Thee!
O bless me now, my Savior – I come to Thee.

I need Thee every hour, stay Thou near by;
Temptations lose their power when Thou art nigh.
I need Thee, O I need Thee; every hour I need Thee!
O bless me now, my Savior – I come to Thee.

I need Thee every hour, teach me Thy will,
And Thy rich promises in me fulfill.
I need Thee, O I need Thee; every hour I need Thee!
O bless me now, my Savior – I come to Thee.

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Scripture: Haggai 1:1-8

In the second year of Darius the king, in the sixth month, on the first day of the month, the word of the Lord came by the hand of Haggai the prophet to Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest: ² "Thus says the Lord of hosts: These people say the time has not yet come to rebuild the house of

the Lord.”³ Then the word of the Lord came by the hand of Haggai the prophet,⁴ “Is it a time for you yourselves to dwell in your paneled houses, while this house lies in ruins?”⁵ Now, therefore, thus says the Lord of hosts: Consider your ways.⁶ You have sown much, and harvested little. You eat, but you never have enough; you drink, but you never have your fill. You clothe yourselves, but no one is warm. And he who earns wages does so to put them into a bag with holes.⁷ “Thus says the Lord of hosts: Consider your ways.⁸ Go up to the hills and bring wood and build the house, that I may take pleasure in it and that I may be glorified, says the Lord.

Haggai 2:6-9

⁶For thus says the Lord of hosts: Yet once more, in a little while, I will shake the heavens and the earth and the sea and the dry land.⁷ And I will shake all nations, so that the treasures of all nations shall come in, and I will fill this house with glory, says the Lord of hosts.⁸ The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, declares the Lord of hosts.⁹ The latter glory of this house shall be greater than the former, says the Lord of hosts. And in this place I will give peace, declares the Lord of hosts.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: A Walk Through the Bible – Haggai

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah,
Pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but Thou art mighty;
Hold me with Thy powerful hand:
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven,
Feed me ‘til I want no more, feed me ‘til I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain,
Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through:
Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer,
Be Thou still my strength and shield,
Be Thou still my strength and shield.

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God’s Blessing

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

When I reach the river Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside:
Bear me through the swelling current,
Land me safe on Canaan’s side:
Songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to Thee, I will ever give to Thee.

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