

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
August 30, 2026 ~ 6:00 p.m. Prayer and Worship Service

LOOKING UPWARD

Call to Worship: *from Revelation 15:3-4*

Great and marvelous are your deeds, Lord God Almighty!

Just and true are your ways, King of the ages.

Who will not fear you, O Lord, and bring glory to your name?

For you alone are holy. All nations will come and worship you!

Opening Prayer

Rejoice, the Lord is King!

Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore!

Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, and triumph evermore:

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

The Lord, our Savior, reigns, the God of truth and love;

When He had purged our stains, He took His seat above:

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

His kingdom cannot fail, He rules o'er earth and heaven;

The keys of death and hell are to our Jesus given:

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

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Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,

In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,

Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days.

Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,

Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;

Thy justice like mountains high soaring above

Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,

Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;

All praise we would render: O help us to see

'Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee.

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Call to Confession: *Psalm 32:1-6a*

*Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered.*

*Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity,
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.*

*For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away
through my groaning all day long.*

*For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.*

***I acknowledged my sin to you,
and I did not cover my iniquity;***

***I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,"
and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.***

*Therefore let everyone who is godly
offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found.*

Out of the Depths I Cry

Out of the depths I cry to you on high; Lord, hear my call.
Bend down your ear and listen to my sigh, forgiving all.
If you should mark our sins, who then could stand?
But grace and mercy dwell at your right hand.

I wait for God, I trust his holy word; He hears my sighs.
My soul still waits and looks unto the Lord; my prayers arise.
I look for him to drive away my night,
Yes, more than those who watch for morning light.

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Silent Prayer

Assurance: *I John 1:9*

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Out of the Depths I Cry

Hope in the Lord: unfailing is his love; in him confide.
Mercy and full redemption from above he does provide.
From sin and evil, mighty though they seem,
His arm almighty will his saints redeem.

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LOOKING FORWARD

Offering: Dustin & Melissa, Converge

Scripture: *Romans 8:26-28*

²⁶ Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. ²⁷ And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. ²⁸ And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.

Romans 8:31-34

³¹ What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³² He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? ³³ Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.

Meditation: *The Prayer Meeting in Heaven*

We Are God's People

We are God's people, the chosen of the Lord,
Born of His Spirit, established by His Word.
Our cornerstone is Christ alone, and strong in Him we stand;
O let us live transparently and walk heart to heart and hand in hand.

We are God's loved ones, the Bride of Christ, our Lord,
For we have known it, the love of God out-poured.
Now let us learn how to return the gift of love once given;
O let us share each joy and care and live with a zeal that pleases heaven.

We are the Body of which the Lord is Head,
Called to obey Him, now risen from the dead.
He wills us be a family diverse, yet truly one;
O let us give our gifts to God and so shall His work on earth be done.

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Silent Prayer

Prayer for the New Church Year

You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim

You servants of God, your Master proclaim,
And publish abroad His wonderful name;
The name, all victorious, of Jesus extol:
His kingdom is glorious, He rules over all.

God ruleth on high, almighty to save,
And still He is nigh, His presence we have;
The great congregation His triumph shall sing,
Ascribing salvation to Jesus, our King.

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God's Blessing

You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim

Then let us adore and give Him His right:
All glory and power, all wisdom and might,
All honor and blessing with angels above
And thanks never ceasing and infinite love.

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Pastors: Zac H, Robert W

Prayer: Ron D

Music: Lee V

Offering will be received for Dustin & Melissa, serving in Thailand with Converge to train and mobilize indigenous leaders to join them in sharing the Gospel.

Worship services are also broadcast live in the basement and streamed online for anyone unable to worship in the sanctuary.

An assistive listening system is available in the sanctuary; to use this system, switch hearing aids to "T".

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

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