

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
July 12, 2020

* **Call to Worship:** *Isaiah 40:28-31*

²⁸ *Do you not know?*

Have you not heard?

*The Lord is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.*

*He will not grow tired or weary,
and his understanding no one can fathom.*

²⁹ ***He gives strength to the weary
and increases the power of the weak.***

³⁰ *Even youths grow tired and weary,
and young men stumble and fall;*

³¹ ***but those who hope in the Lord
will renew their strength.***

***They will soar on wings like eagles;
they will run and not grow weary,
they will walk and not be faint.***

* **God's Greeting**

* **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.

We contemplate the splendor of the world your hand has made.

Far greater still the majesty we see in the Creator! *Refrain*

Now may your name be sung in every tongue in every place.

Singing the fame of your great love in every generation. *Refrain*

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Call to Confession: *Isaiah 59:12-13*

¹² ***For our transgressions are multiplied before you, and our sins testify against us;
for our transgressions are with us, and we know our iniquities:***

¹³ ***transgressing, and denying the Lord, and turning back from following our God,
speaking oppression and revolt, conceiving and uttering from the heart lying words.***

Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance: *James 1:12*

¹² *Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him.*

Video Scripture

Morning Prayer

* you are invited to join us in standing

*** In the Presence**

In the presence of a holy God there's new meaning now to grace.
You took all my sins upon yourself; I can only stand amazed.

Refrain: And I cry holy, holy, holy God, how awesome is your name.
Holy, holy, holy God, how majestic is your reign;
And I am changed in the presence of a holy God.

In the presence of your infinite might, I'm so small and frail and weak;
When I see your power and wisdom, Lord, I have no words left to speak. *Refrain*

In the presence of your glory all my crowns lie in the dust.
You are righteous in your judgments, Lord; You are faithful, true and just. *Refrain*

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*** Scripture: Ecclesiastes 1:1-3, 12:10-13 (ESV)**

¹ *The words of the Preacher, the son of David, king in Jerusalem.*

² *Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity.*

³ *What does man gain by all the toil at which he toils under the sun?*

¹⁰ *The Preacher sought to find words of delight, and uprightly he wrote words of truth.*

¹¹ *The words of the wise are like goads, and like nails firmly fixed are the collected sayings; they are given by one Shepherd.* ¹² *My son, beware of anything beyond these. Of making many books there is no end, and much study is a weariness of the flesh.*

¹³ *The end of the matter; all has been heard. Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man.*

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: 2020: A Delightful Year

*** Lead On, O King Eternal**

Lead on, O King eternal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,
And holiness shall whisper the sweet amen of peace.
For not with swords' loud clashing or roll of stirring drums
With deeds of love and mercy the heavenly kingdom comes.

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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*** God's Blessing**

Message: David W

Prayer: Gene T

Music: Paul, Sharon, and Emily A

Offering: Al & Julie are serving with Operation Mobilization, a mission organization working in over 100 countries to bring God's word to people who haven't heard it before. Currently Al & Julie are in Arizona for a few months as Al undergoes treatment for cancer. For more information, go to www.om.org.

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