

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
August 30, 2020

Prelude: *It Is Well/Sheep May Safely Graze*

Call to Worship: *Psalm 22:22-25*

*I will declare your name to my people;
in the assembly I will praise you.*

You who fear the Lord, praise him!

All you descendants of Jacob, honor him!

Revere him, all you descendants of Israel!

*For he has not despised or scorned
the suffering of the afflicted one;
he has not hidden his face from him
but has listened to his cry for help.*

***From you comes the theme of my praise in the great assembly;
before those who fear you I will fulfill my vows.***

God's Greeting

Praise Him! Praise Him!

Praise Him! Praise Him! Jesus, our blessed Redeemer!

Sing, O earth, His wonderful love proclaim!

Hail Him! Hail Him! Highest arch angels in glory;

Strength and honor give to His holy name!

Like a shepherd, Jesus will guard His children;

In His arms He carries them all day long.

Refrain: Praise Him! Praise Him! Tell of His excellent greatness;
Praise Him! Praise Him! Ever in joyful song!

Praise Him! Praise Him! Jesus, our blessed Redeemer!

For our sins He suffered, and bled, and died.

He, our Rock, our Hope of eternal salvation.

Hail Him! Hail Him! Jesus, the Crucified.

Sound His praises! Jesus, who bore our sorrows;

Love unbounded, wonderful, deep, and strong. *Refrain*

Praise Him! Praise Him! Jesus, our blessed Redeemer!

Heavenly portals loud with hosannas ring!

Jesus, Savior, reigneth forever and ever.

Crown Him! Crown Him! Prophet, and Priest and King!

Christ is coming, over the world victorious;

Pow'r and glory unto the Lord belong! *Refrain*

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Call to Confession: Acts 3:19

Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord.

Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance: II Timothy 1:12

That is why I am suffering as I am. Yet this is no cause for shame, because I know whom I have believed, and am convinced that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him until that day.

Wonderful, Merciful Savior

Wonderful, merciful Savior, Precious Redeemer and Friend;
Who would have thought that a Lamb could rescue the souls of men?
Oh, You rescue the souls of men.

Refrain: You are the One that we praise,
You are the One we adore.
You give the healing and grace
Our hearts always hunger for,
Oh, our hearts always hunger for.

Counselor, Comforter, Keeper, Spirit we long to embrace;
You offer hope when our hearts have hopelessly lost the way,
Oh, we hopelessly lost the way. *Refrain*

Almighty, infinite Father, faithfully loving Your own;
Here in our weakness You find us falling before Your throne,
Oh, we're falling before Your throne. *Refrain*

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Video Scripture

Morning Prayer

Scripture: Ephesians 1:11-14 (ESV)

¹¹In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, ¹²so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: Rest Assured

Like A River Glorious

Like a river glorious is God's perfect peace,
Over all victorious in its bright increase;
Perfect, yet it floweth fuller every day;
Perfect, yet it groweth deeper all the way.

Refrain: Trusting in the Father, hearts are fully blest,
Finding, as he promised, perfect peace and rest.

Hidden in the hollow of His blessed hand,
Never foe can follow, never traitor stand;
Not a surge of worry, not a shade of care,
Not a blast of hurry touch the spirit there. *Refrain*

Every joy or testing comes from God above,
Given to His children as an act of love;
We may trust Him fully all for us to do –
Those who trust Him wholly find Him wholly true. *Refrain*

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God's Blessing

Onward, Christian Soldiers

Crowns and thrones may perish, kingdoms rise and wane,
But the Church of Jesus constant will remain;
Gates of hell can never 'gainst that Church prevail.
We have Christ's own promise, and that cannot fail.

Refrain: Onward, Christian soldiers, marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus going on before.

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