

* **Call to Worship:** Psalm 63:1-8

You, God, are my God, earnestly I seek you;
I thirst for you, my whole being longs for you,
in a dry and parched land where there is no water.

I have seen you in the sanctuary

and beheld your power and your glory.

Because your love is better than life, my lips will glorify you.

I will praise you as long as I live,
and in your name I will lift up my hands.

I will be fully satisfied as with the richest of foods;
with singing lips my mouth will praise you.

On my bed I remember you;

I think of you through the watches of the night.

Because you are my help, I sing in the shadow of your wings.

I cling to you; your right hand upholds me.

* **Opening Prayer**

* **O Lord, My God, Most Earnestly**

#63:1,2,3 (PH)

O Lord, my God, most earnestly I seek your holy face,
Within your house again to see the glories of your grace.
Apart from you I long and thirst, and naught can satisfy;
I wander in a desert land where all the streams are dry.

The loving kindness of my God is more than life to me,
So I will praise you all my days and pray continually.
In you my soul is satisfied, my darkness turns to light,
And joyful meditations fill the watches of the night.

Beneath the shadow of your wings I sing my joy and praise.
Your right hand is my strong support
Through troubled nights and days.
All those who seek my life will fall; my life is in your hand.
God's king and people will rejoice; in victory they will stand.

* **To God Be the Glory**

#363:1,2,3 (HFG)

To God be the glory, great things He hath done!
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin
And opened the lifegate that all may go in.

Refrain: Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the earth hear His voice.
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice.
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory, great things He hath done.

* join us in standing if able

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
To every believer the promise of God;
The vilest offender who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Refrain: Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the earth hear His voice.
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice.
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory, great things He hath done.

Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
But purer, and higher and greater will be
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. *Refrain*

* **I Will Sing of My Redeemer**

#228:1,2 (HFG)

I will sing of my Redeemer
And His wondrous love to me;
On the cruel cross He suffered
From the curse to set me free.

Refrain: Sing O sing of my Redeemer,
With His blood He purchased me.
On the cross He sealed my pardon,
Paid the debt and made me free.

I will praise my dear Redeemer;
His triumphant power I'll tell,
How the victory He giveth
Over sin and death and hell. *Refrain*

Profession of Faith: Our World Belongs to God #5-6

God holds this world in sovereign love.
He kept his promise, sending Jesus into the world.
He poured out his Spirit and broadcast his news
that sinners who repent and believe in Jesus can live and
breathe and move again as members of the family of God.

**We rejoice in the goodness of God,
renounce the works of darkness,
and dedicate ourselves to holy living.**

As covenant partners, called to faithful obedience,
and set free for joyful praise, we offer our hearts and lives
to do God's work in his world. With tempered impatience,
eager to see injustice ended, we expect the Day of the Lord.

**And we are confident
that the light that shines in the present darkness
will fill the earth when Christ appears.
Come, Lord Jesus! Our world belongs to you.**

Offering: Jeff & Melissa

Evening Prayer

* **Spirit of the Living God**

#155 (HFG)

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

* **Scripture:** Psalm 53 (NIV)

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¹ The fool says in his heart,
“There is no God.”

They are corrupt, and their ways are vile;
there is no one who does good.

² God looks down from heaven
on all mankind

to see if there are any who understand,
any who seek God.

³ Everyone has turned away, all have become corrupt;
there is no one who does good,
not even one.

⁴ Do all these evildoers know nothing?

They devour my people as though eating bread;
they never call on God.

⁵ But there they are, overwhelmed with dread,
where there was nothing to dread.

God scattered the bones of those who attacked you;
you put them to shame, for God despised them.

⁶ Oh, that salvation for Israel would come out of Zion!
When God restores his people,
let Jacob rejoice and Israel be glad!

Ephesians 2:1-11; 3:16-21 (NIV)

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¹ As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins,
² in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this
world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who
is now at work in those who are disobedient. ³ All of us also lived
among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh
and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by
nature deserving of wrath. ⁴ But because of his great love for
us, God, who is rich in mercy, ⁵ made us alive with Christ even
when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have
been saved. ⁶ And God raised us up with Christ and seated us
with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, ⁷ in order that in
the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his

grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. ⁸ For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—⁹ not by works, so that no one can boast. ¹⁰ For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. ¹¹ Therefore, remember that formerly you who are Gentiles by birth and called “uncircumcised” by those who call themselves “the circumcision” (which is done in the body by human hands).

^{3:16} I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷ so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, ¹⁸ may have power, together with all the Lord’s holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, ¹⁹ and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

²⁰ Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: *Understanding Truth and Grace*

Prayer

*** God’s Blessing**

*** Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing**

#320:1,2 (PH)

Lord, dismiss us with Your blessing;
Fill our hearts with joy and peace.
Let us each, Your love possessing,
Triumph in redeeming grace.
O refresh us, O refresh us,
Traveling through this wilderness.

Thanks we give and adoration
For Your gospel’s joyful sound.
May the fruits of Your salvation
In our hearts and lives abound.
Ever faithful, ever faithful
To the truth may we be found.

Understanding Truth and Grace

Psalm 53; Ephesians 2:1-11; 3:16-21

Our Big and Small World:

Missions around the World
and Across the Street



Missions Celebration

First Christian Reformed Church

Lynden, Washington

March 17, 2019

6:00 p.m. Worship Service

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Pastors: Robert W, Mitchell S

Music: Nancy Z

Offering: Jeff & Melissa are missionaries with Resonate Global Mission. They minister primarily to the Muslim population. For more information, visit www.crwm.org

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