

* **Call to Worship:** *Psalm 33:20-22*
We wait in hope for the LORD;
he is our help and our shield.
In him our hearts rejoice,
for we trust in his holy name.
May your unfailing love be with us, LORD,
even as we put our hope in you.

* **Opening Prayer**

* **It Is Good to Sing Thy Praises** #330:1,2 (HFG)
It is good to sing Thy praises
And to thank Thee, O Most High,
Showing forth Thy loving kindness
When the morning lights the sky.
It is good when night is falling
Of Thy faithfulness to tell.
While with sweet, melodious praises
Songs of adoration swell.

Thou hast filled my heart with gladness
Through the works Thy hands have wrought;
Thou hast made my life victorious;
Great Thy works and deep Thy thought.
Thou, O Lord, on high exalted,
Reignest evermore in might;
All Thy enemies shall perish,
Sin be banished from Thy sight.

* **To God Be the Glory** #363:1,2 (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.

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*

* please join us in standing if able

* **I Stand Amazed** #223:1,4,5 (HFG)
I stand amazed in the presence of Jesus the Nazarene.
And wonder how He could love me,
A sinner, condemned, unclean.
Refrain: How marvelous! How wonderful!
And my song shall ever be:
How marvelous, how wonderful
Is my Savior's love for me!

He took my sins and my sorrows;
He made them His very own;
He bore the burden to Calvary,
And suffered and died alone. *Refrain*

When with the ransomed in glory His face I at last shall see,
'Twill be my joy through the ages
To sing of His love for me. *Refrain*

Profession of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 37
What do you understand by the word "suffered"?
That during his whole life on earth,
but especially at the end,
Christ sustained in body and soul
the anger of God against the sin of the whole human race.
This he did in order that,
by his suffering as the only atoning sacrifice,
he might set us free, body and soul,
from eternal condemnation,
and gain for us God's grace, righteousness, and eternal life.

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded #284:1,2 (HFG)
O sacred Head, now wounded
With grief and shame weighed down;
Now scornfully surrounded
With thorns, Thine only crown.
How art Thou pale with anguish,
With sore abuse and scorn;
How does that visage languish,
Which once was bright as morn!

What Thou, my Lord, hast suffered
Was all for sinners' gain;
Mine, mine was the transgression,
But Thine the deadly pain.
Lo, here I fall, my Savior;
'Tis I deserve Thy place.
Look on me with Thy favor;
Vouchsafe to me Thy grace.

Evening Prayer

* **Spirit of the Living God** #155 (HFG)
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
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Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

* **Scripture:** *I Kings 17:8-16 (ESV)* pg. 372
⁸ Then the word of the LORD came to him, ⁹ "Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and dwell there. Behold, I have commanded a widow there to feed you."
¹⁰ So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, a widow was there gathering sticks. And he called to her and said, "Bring me a little water in a vessel, that I may drink."
¹¹ And as she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, "Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand."
¹² And she said, "As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of flour in a jar and a little oil in a jug. And now I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it and die." ¹³ And Elijah said to her, "Do not fear; go and do as you have said. But first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterward make something for yourself and your son. ¹⁴ For thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, 'The jar of flour shall not be spent, and the jug of oil shall not be empty, until the day that the LORD sends rain upon the earth.'"
¹⁵ And she went and did as Elijah said. And she and he and her household ate for many days. ¹⁶ The jar of flour was not spent, neither did the jug of oil become empty, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah.

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Message: *Elijah and the Widow at Zarephath*

Prayer

* **Take My Life and Let It Be** #458:1,2,3 (HFG)

Take my life and let it be consecrated Lord, to Thee;
Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love,
At the impulse of thy love.

Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for Thee;
Take my voice and let me sing always, only for my King.
Always, only for my King.

Take my lips and let them be filled with messages from Thee;
Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold.
Not a mite would I withhold.

* **God's Blessing**

* **Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow** # 638 (PH)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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I Kings 17:8-16

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First Christian Reformed Church

Lynden, Washington

March 15, 2020

6:00 p.m. Worship Service

The sanctuary is equipped with an assistive listening system.
Please switch hearing aids to "T" to use this system.

Pastor: Robert W

Music: Mike H

Offering: The Mission and Outreach Fund is used to help organizations that fall outside of the realm of our benevolence fund but still need support. This fund allows the church to help organizations when our offering schedule is full.

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