

Falls Village Congregational Church

May 17, 2020 -6th Sunday of Easter

Order of Worship

The Rev. Richard W. Reifsnyder, Worship Leader

Welcome and Words of Introduction

Prelude

Call to Worship

This is the day the Lord has made.
We will rejoice and be glad in it.
Our help is in the name of the Lord.
Who made heaven and earth.

Hymn 72 – To God be the Glory

**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 life-gate 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)**

**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)**

Opening Prayer

Prepare our hearts, O God, to accept your word. Silence in us any voice but your own, so that hearing, we may also trust you and commit ourselves to obeying your will. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

O God, we thank you for the eternal love that ever seeks fuller entrance into our hearts; for the grace which is sufficient for all our needs; for the faith which overcomes the world. Lord, forgive us when we have not loved one another as you have loved us. Forgive us when we have resisted your Spirit and neglected your inspiration. Forgive what we have been. Help us to amend what we are. In your Spirit, direct what we shall become. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

Silent Confession
Assurance of Pardon

Responsive Reading – Psalm 67, p. 744

Response: O God, be gracious, come and bless us and on us make your face to shine.

O God, be gracious to us and bless us and make your face to shine upon us.

That your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

**Let the nations be glad and sing for you, for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide the nations upon earth R**

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us.

May God continue to bless us;

Let all the ends of the earth revere God. R

Gloria Patri
Offering of the Peace

Old Testament Scripture –Deuteronomy 4:5-9

New Testament Scripture- John 14:1-14

Sermon – Discomforting Comfort

Prayers of the People
The Lord’s Prayer

Hymn 536 When We Are Living

When we are living, it is in Christ Jesus, and when we’re dying, it is in the Lord.

Both in our living and in our dying, we belong to God, we belong to God.

Through all our living, we our fruits must give. Good works of service are for offering.

When we are giving, or when receiving, we belong to God, we belong to God.

‘Mid times of sorrow and in times of pain, when sensing beauty or in love’s embrace,

Whether we suffer, or sing rejoicing, we belong to God, we belong to God.

Across this wide world, we shall always find those who are crying with no peace of mind,

But when we help them, or when we feed them, we belong to God, we belong to God

Benediction

Postlude “God Be with You till We Meet Again”