

The Falls Village Congregational Church

November 15, 2020 10 a.m.

24th Sunday after Pentecost

The Reverend Richard W. Reifsnyder, Worship Leader

Welcome and Announcements

Ringing of the Bell

Prelude

THE CHURCH GATHERS TO PRAISE

Call to Worship –(Psalm 116:12-17)

What shall I return to the Lord for all God's bounty to me?

I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord

I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all God's people.

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of the faithful.

O Lord, I am your servant, the child of your handmaid. You have loosed my bonds.

I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the Lord.

Opening Hymn: # 276 *We Gather Together*, vv. 1,2

Call to Prayer:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Opening Prayer (Unison):

Give us this day, O Lord, humility to listen to your word, wisdom to understand your word, and strength to obey your word, through Jesus Christ who is the Word, who came to dwell among us, full of grace and truth. Amen.

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

O God, searcher of all hearts and giver of all good gifts: save us from the folly of confessing sins that do not matter while

ignoring ones which are deep and troubling. Keep us from thinking how much others fall short while we whitewash our own failures. Deliver us from the sorrow of imagining that our sin is so strong and deep that it lies beyond your grace and power. Even as we open our lives to your judgment which is searching, help us to know again your mercy, which is everlasting. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

Responsive Reading Psalm 116:1-9, p. 756.

R: I will lift up the cup of salvation, I will call on your name, O God. I will worship you with all the people of faith.

I love the Lord, who has heard my voice and my supplications.

Because you listened to me, I will call on you as long as I live.

The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish.

Then I called on the name of the Lord: "O Lord, I pray, save my life."

Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; our God is merciful.

The Lord protects the simple; when I was brought low, God saved me.

Return, O my soul, to your rest.

For the Lord has dealt bountifully with you.

For you have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling.

I walk before the Lord in the land of the living. R

Gloria Patri

#35 in hymnal

Passing the Peace of Christ:

The Peace of Christ be with you

And also with you

Let us pass the peace

Scripture: Deuteronomy 8:11-18
Matthew 6:19-24, 33-34

Dick Heinz
Rich Reifsnyder

Prayer

Sermon: "The Meaning of Money"
The Rev. Richard W. Reifsnyder

TO RESPOND IN FAITH

The Offertory

Pastoral Prayer
The Lord's Prayer

THE CHURCH DISPENSES TO SERVE

Hymn # 382 *We Give Thee But Thine Own, vv. 1,2,3*

Benediction

Benediction Response

God Be With You Till We Meet Again

DEUTERONOMY 8:11-18

¹¹Take care that you do not forget the LORD your God, by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes, which I am commanding you today. ¹²When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them, ¹³and when your herds and flocks have multiplied, and your silver and gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied, ¹⁴then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, ¹⁵who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid wasteland with poisonous snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock, ¹⁶and fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you, and in the end to do you good. ¹⁷Do not say to yourself, "My power and the might of my own hand have gotten me this wealth." ¹⁸But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today.

1. We gath - er to - geth - er to ask for God's bless - ing,
 2. Be - side us to guide us, O God, we per - ceive you
 3. May all sing your prais - es, Re - deem - er tri - um - phant,

to turn to a wis - dom sur - pass - ing our own;
 or - dain - ing, main - tain - ing the pow - er of life.
 de - fend us, be - friend us, what - ev - er may be.

the pow'rs that op - press us now cease to dis - tress us.
 Yes, yours be the glo - ry; let all tell the sto - ry.
 May your con - gre - ga - tion es - cape trib - u - la - tion.

O God, be pres - ent with us, and make your will known.
 Our God, be ev - er with us, in glad - ness and strife.
 Your name be praised for - ev - er, O God, make us free!

Chords: C, Dm7, G, C, G, C, D, G, Am, D7, G, G7, C, Dm7, G7, C, F, G, C, Dm7, G7, C

WORDS: *Nederlandsche Geschiedenick*, 1626; tr. Theodore Baker, 1894;
 adapt. Ruth Duck, 1934

KREMSER
 arr.

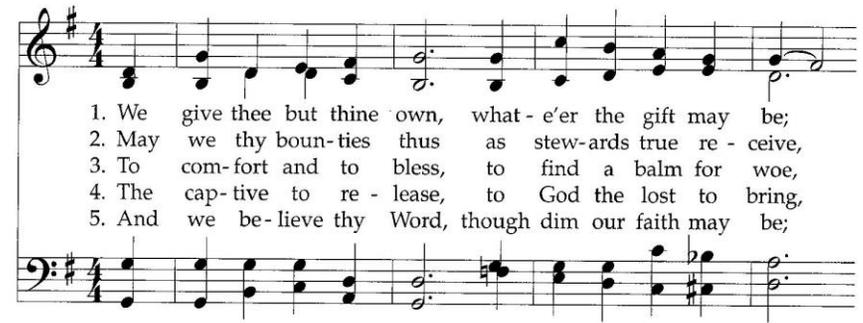
MUSIC: Dutch melody (16th century); arr. Edward Kremser, 1877

MATTHEW 6:19-24, 33-34

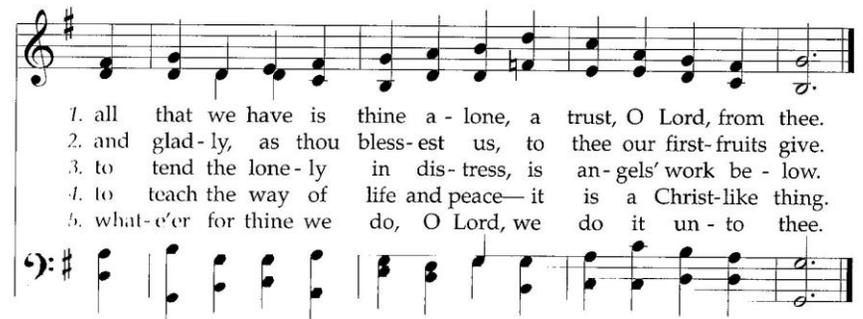
¹⁹“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; ²⁰but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. ²²“The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light; ²³but if your eye is unhealthy, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness! ²⁴“No one can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.

³³But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. ³⁴“So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today’s trouble is enough for today.

We Give Thee but Thine Own 382



1. We give thee but thine own, what-e'er the gift may be;
2. May we thy boun-ties thus as stew-ards true re-ceive,
3. To com-fort and to bless, to find a balm for woe,
4. The cap-tive to re-lease, to God the lost to bring,
5. And we be-lieve thy Word, though dim our faith may be;



1. all that we have is thine a-lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.
2. and glad-ly, as thou bless-est us, to thee our first-fruits give.
3. to tend the lone-ly in dis-tress, is an-gels' work be-low.
4. to teach the way of life and peace—it is a Christ-like thing.
5. what-e'er for thine we do, O Lord, we do it un-to thee.