

The Falls Village Congregational Church

January 10, 2021 10 a.m.

The Baptism of the Lord

The Reverend Richard W. Reifsnyder, Worship Leader

Welcome and Announcements

Ringing of the Bell

Prelude

THE CHURCH GATHERS TO PRAISE

Call to Worship

This is the day that the Lord has made.

We will be glad and rejoice in it.

This is the year that the Lord has begun.

We will rejoice and be glad in it.

God's compassions never fail. They are new every morning.

Great is his faithfulness.

The Lord is good to those whose hope is in him, to those who seek him.

Opening Hymn: # 595 *Be Thou my Vision*, vv. 1,3

Call to Prayer:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Opening Prayer (Unison):

O Lord, our God, we gather together today to give you thanks and praise your greatness. We praise your mighty works to the whole world. Your power is limitless, your wisdom is unparalleled, your grace is overwhelming, your love is never failing. You promised that you will never leave or forsake us. Confident of those truths we come to worship you in spirit and

truth. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Gracious God, we confess that we have too often forgotten that we are yours. Sometimes we carry on our lives as if you do not exist and thus we fall short of being a credible witness to you. For these things we ask for your forgiveness and for strength to be more trustworthy. Give us clear minds and open hearts so we show our determination to follow you. Remind us to be who you would have us to be regardless of what we are doing or who we are with. Strengthen our relationship with you and all your children. Amen

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

Responsive Reading Psalm 98, p. 750.

R: Sing a new song to the Lord, who has done such marvelous things

O Sing to the Lord a new song, for the Lord has done marvelous things. God's right hand and holy arm have gotten the victory.

The Lord has declared victory, and has revealed vindication in the sight of the nations.

The Lord has remembered steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God R.

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;

Break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody.

With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the Lord who reigns. R

Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;

The world and those who live in it.

Let the floods clap their hands;

Let the hills sing together for joy at the presence of the Lord, who

is coming to judge the earth.

The Lord will judge the world with righteousness, and the people with equity. **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: Genesis 1:26-31

Matthew 3:13-17

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Prayer

Sermon: "Do I Really Belong?"

The Rev. Richard W. Reifsnyder

TO RESPOND IN FAITH

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

THE CHURCH DISPERSES TO SERVE

Hymn #536, *When We Ae Living*, vv. 1,3

Benediction

Benediction Response

God Be With You Till We Meet Again

Unison

1. Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2. Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
 3. Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,
 4. Great God of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

naught be all else to me, save that thou art
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

thou my best thought by day or by night,
 thou my re - deem - er, my love thou hast won,
 thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 thou in me dwell - ing, and I with thee one.
 Great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Ru - ler of all.

GENESIS 1: 26-31

²⁶Then God said, “Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.” ²⁷So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. ²⁸God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.”

²⁹God said, “See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. ³⁰And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so.

³¹God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

MATTHEW 3:13-17

¹³Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” ¹⁵But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. ¹⁶And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

Pues Si Vivimos (When We Are Living)

Unísono (Unison)

D Em A7 D

1. Pues si vi - vi - mos, pa - ra Él vi - vi - mos
2. En es - ta vi - da, fru - tos he - mos de dar.

1. When we are liv - ing, it is in Christ Je - sus,
2. Through all our liv - ing, we our fruits must give.

Bm Em A7 D

y si mo - ri - mos pa - ra Él mo - ri - mos.
Las o - bras fue - ras son pa - ra o - fren - dar.

and when we're dy - ing, it is in the Lord.
Good works of ser - vice are for of - fer - ing.

G Em A Fm

Sea que vi - va - mos o que mu - ra - mos,
Ya sea que de - mos o que re - ci - ba - mos,

Both in our liv - ing and in our dy - ing,
When we are giv - ing, or when re - ceiv - ing,

WORDS: St. 1 anonymous, tr. Elise S. Eslinger, 1983;
st. 2, 3, 4 Roberto Escamilla, 1983, tr. George Lockwood, 1987
MUSIC: Traditional Spanish melody; harm. *Colebremos*, 1983, alt.

SOMOS DEL SEÑOR
Irr.

♩=112-120

Estróbulo (Refrain) *1st time to Coda*

Bm Em A7 D

so - mos del Se - ñor, so - mos del Se - ñor.
we be - long to God, we be - long to God.

Coda (Solamente la última vez)

Bm Em A7 D

So - mos del Se - ñor, so - mos del Se - ñor.
We be - long to God, we be - long to God.

3. En la tristeza y en el dolor,
en la belleza y en el amor,
sea que suframos o que gocemos,
Estróbulo
4. En este mundo, hemos de encontrar
gente que llora y sin consolar.
Sea que ayudemos o que alimentemos,
Estróbulo
3. 'Mid times of sorrow and in times of pain,
when sensing beauty or in love's embrace,
whether we suffer, or sing rejoicing,
Refrain
4. 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,
Refrain

