

The Falls Village Congregational Church
January 17, 2021 10 a.m.
2nd Sunday After Epiphany
The Reverend Richard W. Reifsnyder, Worship Leader

Welcome and Announcements

Ringing of the Bell

Prelude *Praise to the Lord* arr. J. Carter

THE CHURCH GATHERS TO PRAISE

Call to Worship

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

Serve the Lord with gladness!

Come into his presence with singing!

Know that the Lord, he is God!

Opening Hymn: # 25 *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* vv. 1,5

Call to Prayer:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Opening Prayer (Unison):

O God, who leads us into mystery no human words can fully express and who invites us to experience a love which knows no bounds: Be presents to us in this time of worship, to bring hope in our hurting, clarity in our confusion, grace in our wrongdoing, belief in our doubt. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

God of healing, God of wholeness, we bring our brokenness, our sinfulness, our fears, our hurts and lay them at your feet. We hold out our hearts and hands, that we may feel your touch, be assured of your forgiveness, and know the peace only you can bring.

Trusting in your mercy, give us boldness to be honest in our confession.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

Responsive Reading Psalm 103: 1-5, 15-18, p. 752.

R: Bless the Lord, o my soul, and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.

Bless the Lord, o my soul, and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all God's benefits--

Who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit,

Who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good as long as you live, so that your youth is renewed like the eagles. R

As for mortals, their days are like grass; they flourish like a flower of the field

For the wind passes over it, and it is gone, and its place knows it no more.

But the steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting to those who are faithful, and God's righteousness to the children's children,

To those who keep God's covenant and remember to do God's commandments. 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: Ecclesiastes 4:7-12
John 2: 1-11

Bruce Anderson
Rich Reifsnyder

Prayer

Sermon: "What Concern is That to Me?"
The Rev. Richard W. Reifsnyder

TO RESPOND IN FAITH

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

THE CHURCH DISPERSES TO SERVE

Hymn #226 *He Lives!*, vv. 1,3

Benediction

Benediction Response

God Be With You Till We Meet Again

ECCLESIASTES 4:7-12

⁷Again, I saw vanity under the sun: ⁸the case of solitary individuals, without sons or brothers; yet there is no end to all their toil, and their eyes are never satisfied with riches. “For whom am I toiling,” they ask, “and depriving myself of pleasure?” This also is vanity and an unhappy business. ⁹Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil. ¹⁰For if they fall, one will lift up the other; but woe to one who is alone and falls and does not have another to help. ¹¹Again, if two lie together, they keep warm; but how can one keep warm alone? ¹²And though one might prevail against another, two will withstand one. A threefold cord is not quickly broken.

JOHN 2:1-11

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ²Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, “They have no wine.” ⁴And Jesus said to her, “Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.” ⁵His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.” ⁶Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷Jesus said to them, “Fill the jars with water.” And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸He said to them, “Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.” So they took it. ⁹When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom ¹⁰and said to him, “Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.” ¹¹Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

Falls Village Congregational Church Warning for Annual Meeting January 31, 2021

Greetings to Members of the Falls Village Congregational Church,
Hear Ye, Hear Ye. The Annual Meeting of the Falls Village Congregational Church will be held on Sunday, January 31, 2021 in the Chapel at the conclusion of our Sunday Service. (Face masks will be worn and Members will remain socially distanced.)

The following business will be conducted:

- Elect officers to the Board of Trustees, the Board of Deacons and the Outreach Board for 2021.
- Review and approve the Annual Budget for 2021.
- Review and approve the Annual Report for 2020.
- Conduct any other business that should come before us.

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Descant

5. Praise to the Lord! O let all of earth's peo- ples and

1. Praise to the Lord, the Al- might- y, who rules all cre -
2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so won- drous- ly
3. Praise to the Lord, who doth pros- per thy work and de -
4. Praise to the Lord, who doth nour- ish thy life and re -
5. Praise to the Lord! O let all of earth's peo- ples and

rac - es, all that hath life and breath, give thanks for man - i - fold

1. a - tion. O my soul, wor- ship the well-spring of health and sal -
2. reign - eth, who, as on wings of an ea - gle up - lift - ed, sus -
3. fend thee. Sure - ly God's good-ness and mer - cy here dai - ly at -
4. store thee, fit - ting thee well for the tasks that are ev - er be -
5. rac - es, all that hath life and breath, give thanks for man - i - fold

grac - es. Let the A - men sound from God's peo - ple a -

1. va - tion. All ye who hear, now to God's tem- ple draw
2. tain - eth. Hast thou not seen? All that is need- ful hath
3. tend thee. Pon - der a - new what the Al- might- y can
4. fore thee. Then to thy need God as a moth- er doth
5. grac - es. Let the A - men sound from God's peo- ple a -

gain. Glad - ly for - ev - er sing prais - es.

1. near. Join me in glad ad - o - ra - tion.
2. been grant - ed in what God or - dain - eth.
3. do, who with great love doth be - friend thee.
4. speed, spread- ing the wings of grace o'er thee.
5. gain. Glad - ly for - ev - er sing prais - es.

He Lives!

1. I serve a ris - en Sav - ior, he's in the world to - day;
 2. In all the world a - round me I see his lov - ing care,
 3. Re - joice, re - joice, O Chris - tian, lift up your voice and sing

I know that he is liv - ing, what - ev - er oth - ers say.
 and though my heart grows wea - ry, I nev - er will de - spair.
 e - ter - nal hal - le - lu - jahs to Je - sus Christ the King!

I see his hand of mer - cy, I hear his voice of cheer,
 I know that he is lead - ing through all the storm - y blast;
 The hope of all who seek him, the help of all who find;

and just the time I need him, he's al - ways near.
 the day of his ap - pear - ing will come at last.
 none oth - er is so lov - ing, so good and kind.

Refrain

He lives, he lives, Christ Je - sus lives to - day!
 (he lives) (he lives)

He walks with me and talks with me a - long life's nar - row way.

He lives, he lives, sal - va - tion to im - part!
 (he lives) (he lives)

You ask me how I know he lives? He lives with - in my heart.