

The Falls Village Congregational Church
January 24, 2021 10 a.m.
3rd Sunday After Epiphany
The Reverend Richard W. Reifsnyder, Worship Leader

Welcome and Announcements

Ringing of the Bell

Prelude *Prelude in C*

Henry Purcell

THE CHURCH GATHERS TO PRAISE

Call to Worship (from Isaiah 55)

Seek the Lord while the Lord may be found.

Call upon God while God is near

Let the wicked forsake their ways and the unrighteous their thoughts.

Let them return to the Lord, so God may have mercy on them.

And to our God who will abundantly pardon.

Opening Hymn: # 5 *O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing*, vv. 1,3

Call to Prayer:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Opening Prayer (Unison):

Gracious God: lead us in our worship today, that our thoughts might glorify you, our lips might praise you, and our lives might bless you. We sing and pray knowing that you always hear us. Help us to be attentive to hearing you. In the name of Jesus, Amen.

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Loving God: we give you thanks when we see your hand at work in the creation around us, when we see you in our

relationships with others and when we experience your comfort in the innermost parts of our being where our deepest needs reside. You have given us so many blessings, and ask only that we be faithful servants. But we confess we are not always good stewards of your blessings. We have not used our gifts in ways which honor you. We have not always been cheerful givers of our time, talent, and resources. Forgive us, renew us, and sustain us in the power of your Holy Spirit. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

Responsive Reading Psalm 16: 5-11, p. 730.

R: Our hearts are glad, our souls rejoice, in God we dwell secure.

The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.

The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; I have a goodly heritage.

I bless the Lord who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me.

I keep the Lord always before me; because God is at my right hand, I shall not be moved. R

Therefore, my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure.

For you do not give me up to Sheol, nor let your faithful one see the pit.

You show me the path of life.

In your presence there is fullness of joy; in your right hand are pleasures forevermore. 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: Jonah 3:1-5, 10
 Mark 1:14-20

Mary Atwood
Rich Reifsnyder

Prayer

Sermon: “Urgent Matters”
 The Rev. Richard W. Reifsnyder

TO RESPOND IN FAITH

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

THE CHURCH DISPERSES TO SERVE

Hymn #452 *Here I Am Lord, vv 1,2*

Benediction

Benediction Response

God Be With You Till We Meet Again

JONAH 3:1-5, 10

The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, ²“Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.” ³So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days’ walk across. ⁴Jonah began to go into the city, going a day’s walk. And he cried out, “Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” ⁵And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.....¹⁰When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

MARK 1:14-20

¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.” ¹⁶As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea – for they were fishermen. ¹⁷And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.” ¹⁸And immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

1. O for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem-er's praise,
2. Je - sus, the name that charms our fears, that bids our sor - rows cease;
3. My lov-ing Sav - ior and my God, as - sist me to pro-claim,
4. Glo-ry to God and praise and love be ev - er, ev - er given

the glo - ries of my God and King, the tri-umphs of God's grace!
'tis mu - sic in the sin-ner's ears, 'tis life, and health, and peace.
to spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy name.
by saints be - low and saints a - bove, the church in earth and heaven.

The musical score is written in 3/8 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of two systems of music. The first system contains the first four lines of lyrics, and the second system contains the remaining lyrics. Each system has a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The melody is primarily in the treble clef, with the bass clef providing harmonic support. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

Here I Am, Lord

Unison

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo-ple cry.
 2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo-ple's pain.
 3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.

All who dwell in deep - est sin my hand will save.
 I have wept for love of them, they turn a - way.
 I will set a feast for them, my hand will save.

I who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.
 I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
 Fin-est bread I will pro- vide till their hearts be sat - is - sified.

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Harmony

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you call-ing in the

night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will

hold your peo-ple in my heart. heart.
 heart, in my heart.