

The Falls Village Congregational Church
January 31, 2021 10 a.m.
4th Sunday After Epiphany
The Reverend Richard W. Reifsnyder, Worship Leader

Welcome and Announcements
Ringling of the Bell
Prelude

THE CHURCH GATHERS TO PRAISE

Call to Worship

This is the day the Lord has made
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Opening Hymn: # 15 Rejoice, You Pure in Heart, vv. 1, 4

Call to Prayer:

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray.

Opening Prayer (Unison):

Gracious and holy God: Give us eyes to perceive you,
diligence to seek you, wisdom to accept your truth, and a life to
proclaim you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

O Lord, have mercy upon us, who fall short of your glory. Spare us,
O God, who confess our faults. Restore us who are penitent;
according to your promises declared unto us in Christ Jesus our
Lord. Grant that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and
sober life; to the glory of his name. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture: Deuteronomy 15:7-11 Lynn Reifsnyder
Mark 1:21-28 Rich Reifsnyder

Prayer

Sermon: "Shaping New Disciples"
The Rev. Richard W. Reifsnyder

TO RESPOND IN FAITH

Pastoral Prayer
The Lord's Prayer

THE CHURCH DISPERSES TO SERVE

Hymn #556 Trust and Obey, vv. 1,4

Benediction

Benediction Response

God Be With You Till We Meet Again

Rejoice, You Pure in Heart

15

1. Re - joice, you pure in heart; lift prais - es to the sky;
 2. Bright youth and snow-crowned age, strong souls and spir - its meek,
 3. With voice as full and strong as o - cean's surg - ing praise,
 4. Yes, on through life's long path, still sing - ing as you go,
 5. Praise God who rules all worlds; the ris - en Christ a - dore.

1. your fes - tive ban - ner wave with joy, the cross of Christ raise high!
 2. raise high your free, ex - ult - ing song, God's won - drous prais - es speak.
 3. send forth the hymns the saints have loved, the psalms of an - cient days.
 4. from youth to age, by night and day, in glad - ness and in woe.
 5. Praise God the Spir - it, Ho - ly Fire, one God for ev - er - more!

Refrain

Re - joice, re - joice, re - joice, give thanks and sing.
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Scripture Lessons for January 31, 2021

Deuteronomy 15:7-11

⁷If there is among you anyone in need, a member of your community in any of your towns within the land that the LORD your God is giving you, do not be hard-hearted or tight-fisted toward your needy neighbor. ⁸You should rather open your hand, willingly lending enough to meet the need, whatever it may be. ⁹Be careful that you do not entertain a mean thought, thinking, “The seventh year, the year of remission, is near,” and therefore view your needy neighbor with hostility and give nothing; your neighbor might cry to the LORD against you, and you would incur guilt. ¹⁰Give liberally and be ungrudging when you do so, for on this account the LORD your God will bless you in all your work and in all that you undertake. ¹¹Since there will never cease to be some in need on the earth, I therefore command you, “Open your hand to the poor and needy neighbor in your land.”

Mark 1:21-28

²¹They went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. ²²They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. ²³Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, ²⁴and he cried out, “What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.” ²⁵But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!” ²⁶And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. ²⁷They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, “What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.” ²⁸At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

Trust and Obey

1. When we walk with the Lord in the light of his word,
 2. Not a bur - den we bear, not a sor - row we share,
 3. But we nev - er can prove the de - lights of his love
 4. Then in fel - low - ship sweet we will sit at his feet,

what a glo - ry he sheds on our way!
 but our toil he will rich - ly re - pay;
 un - til all on the al - tar we lay;
 or we'll walk by his side in the way;

While we do his good will, he a - bides with us still,
 not a grief or a loss, not a frown or a cross,
 for the fa - vor he shows, for the joy he be - stows,
 what he says we will do, where he sends we will go;

and with all who will trust and o - bey.
 but is blest if we trust and o - bey.
 are for them who will trust and o - bey.
 nev - er fear, on - ly trust and o - bey.

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Trust and o - bey, for there's no oth - er way to be

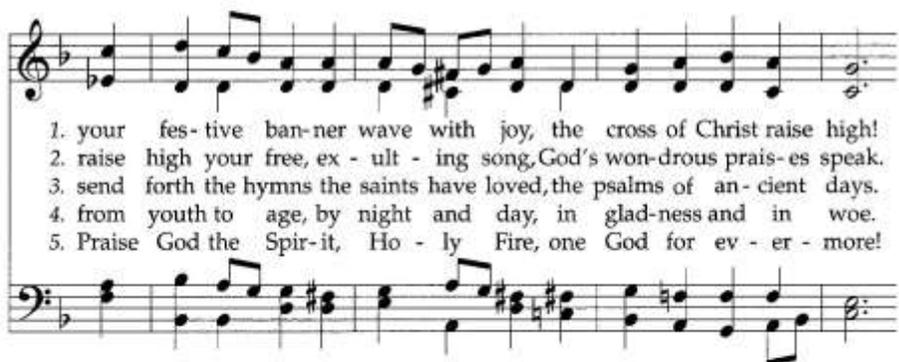
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